

NIH Fellows Committee Agenda

Thursday, January 3rd, 2019
Wilson Hall, 3rd Floor, Building 1
Call-in number: 1 866 772-5230, Passcode: 8168509

1. **Welcome New Members**
2. **Introductions**
3. **Approval of December minutes**
4. **Remarks (10 minutes):**
 - a. FelCom Officers: Katherine Reding, Peter Demaria, Eric Gonzalez, Allison Cross
 - b. Office of Intramural Training and Education (OITE): Lori Conlan
 - c. Office of Intramural Research (OIR): Charles Dearolf
5. **New Business (25 minutes)**
 - a. Discussion of 2019 goals for FelCom
6. **Subcommittee and Liaison Announcements (15 minutes)**
7. **Any other business (5 minutes)**

Next meeting: February 7th, 2019

Meeting called to order at 4:05pm

NOTE: This meeting structure was different than prior meetings and deviated from the agenda, in that, after introductions, everyone provided a FelCom resolution that they envision for the upcoming year. This then took the place of 'New Business'.

Introductions with '2019 FelCom Goals'

- Katherine Reding – has enjoyed the social committee's push for the Facebook page. She wants to increase engagement, and hopefully double the number of users.
- Eric Gonzalez – would like to change from the current call-in system to a WebEx meeting, to facilitate the communication with the representatives at remote locations.
- Lori Conlan – envisions a leadership program for FelCom.
- Atena Farkhondeh-Kalat – proposes a LinkedIn FelCom group (someone stated that it is already in existence, but is not well used), as well as workshops on new technologies.
- Gurmeet Kaur – plans to be a part of additional subcommittees.
- Ulrike Boehm – wants to work more with the social committee.
- Daphnée Villoing – believes a social committee & VFC coalition would be beneficial, and also hopes to find good VFC co-chairs to replace her and Ulrike.
- David Borrego – seconds the leadership program, and would like to bring in speakers from the individuals from the ICs to speak and increase communication and outreach.
- Youngchan Kim – wants FelCom to have a more active online life in Facebook, as opposed to Google and LinkedIn.
- Abhi Subedi – would like to invite new fellows to attend the monthly FelCom at the start of their fellowship to become familiar services/opportunities available to them. Alternatively he also encourages IC reps to volunteer to provide this info to new fellows.
- Suna Gulay – suggests that FelCom subcommittee/liaison announcements be made two months prior to the elections, and seconds the IC rep introductions to the available services, notable banking related solutions, to fellows as they arrive.
- Xin Huang – wants to increase participation in FelCom subcommittee meetings, particularly career development, as attendance is very low.
- Matt Fishl – feels a need to increase the attendance from his IC at FelCom events, and is planning a FelCom trip to a DC United match.
- Cynthia Abou Zeid – would like networking and outreach opportunities with NIH alumni.

- Mona Orr – proposes establishing a Slack group chat (someone stated that IC permission might be a challenge).
- Fei Mo – suggested annual research festival-esq sessions to increase knowledge on what everyone (other ICs) are doing.
- Patrick Wright – wants more invited speakers at the monthly FelCom meeting, such as Francis Collins... Further discussion lead to a suggestion for Michael Gottesman, given that Dr. Collins is so far up the chain of command.
- Sara Young-Baird – stated that the FARE subcommittee’s goal is to increase the diversity of FARE award applicants to include more clinical fellows, grad students, and research fellows.
- Sara Hawes (phone) – sees a need to increase the number co-chairs for the service and outreach subcommittee.
- Jessica Zolton – would like more clinical fellow reps in FelCom for increased bridging between clinical and basic science fellows.
- Helena Farkasova – wants to increase FelCom visibility and suggested that we have an annual report.
- Peter Demaria – has no concept of what goes on in a lab and questions whether basic science fellows understand what goes on in the clinic. As such, he proposed a “bench-bedside exchange program” where clinical and basic science fellows can shadow at the lab/clinic to gain further insight and appreciation for our collective endeavors. Ideas and scientific/clinical foci could be listed on our Google page as a list of lab surfing opportunities.
- Chuck Dearolf – hopes the FelCom resolutions are productive and would like us to have an accomplished list (as in the annual report).
- Andrew Wright (phone) – wants the IC’s fellows to read the FelCom minutes. A suggestion was made to include hidden prizes into the minutes to entice the fellows to look for it.
- Rebecca McPherson (phone) – would like the Baltimore fellows to become more involved.
- Brian Trummer (phone) – asked for the representatives to share what their respective ICs do well for/with their fellows.
- Valerie Darcey (phone) – voiced a need for a few more FelCom driven picks for the WALs speakers.
- Joe Shearer (phone) – seconds having more opportunities to network with NIH alumni, and suggested a standing happy hour.
- Guru Nagarajan (phone) – proposed hands on training for fellows to get them up to speed in the lab quicker.
- Anshika Jain (phone) – wants more to get postdocs involved (*I missed whether this was a general reference or specifically for the mentoring committee*).
- Faith Bloom (phone) – will try to increase participation from her IC (USUHS) at OITE events and outside networking events.
- Craig Myrum (phone) – stated that there is a need for more financial advice for postdocs (e.g. retirement, house purchase).
- Jen Groebner (phone) – suggested a Facebook referral thread (e.g. where to service one’s car, real estate agents). During the discussion it was proposed to post them on the Google group instead.
- Narayana Garimella (phone) – wants to establish more communication between the FDA and NIH fellows.
- Amit Dey (phone) – seconds the idea of integrating the basic science and clinical fellows, and would like to start a system of inviting investigators to give advice and mentor.
- Steve Brooks (phone) – envisions a bi-monthly professional networking event for postdocs, and encourages individual IC reps to get together with the social committee.
- David Crizer (phone) – wants to find out how to have more interactions with FelCom, especially for those who are not on the main campus.

Approval of minutes

New Business:

- Katherine Reding briefly recapped the central themes of the proposed resolutions.
 - Cross pollination across subcommittees is central theme of has been proposed
 - Bringing more engagement within each subcommittee
 - Bringing in outside speakers

Subcommittee and Liaison Announcements:

Training Directors Committee: The harassment workforce survey will be coming out soon. Please encourage the fellows in your ICs to fill out the survey.

Visiting Fellows Committee: We need new people. Please encourage the visiting fellows in your IC to participate. The first meeting of the year will be Jan 9. Co-chair positions will be available and they announcement(s) will be posted on their Facebook page.

NCI-CCR: The Women's Scientific Advisors announces a seminar series. To view the schedule for all upcoming Women Leaders in Biotech and Pharma seminars, please visit: <https://ccrod.cancer.gov/confluence/display/CCRWSA/Home>.

Meeting adjourned

MEMBERSHIP

FelCom Subcommittee	Co-Chairs
Career Development Committee	Suna Gulay & Fany Messanvi
Clinical FelCom	Peter Demaria & Chris Pleyer
FARE Committee	Helen Michael & Sara Young
Mentoring Committee	Fei Mo & Anshika Jain
Public Relations Subcommittee	Alexis Carter
Service and Outreach Subcommittee	Sarah Hawes & Mahamat Babagana
Social Committee	Yingxi Chen & Steven Brooks
Visiting Fellows Committee	Ulrike Boehm & Daphnée Villoing
Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series (WALS)	Salina Gairhe & Valerie Darcey

FelCom Liaison Position	Liaison(s)
American Federation for Medical Research (AFMR)	Amit Dey
Animal Research Advisory Committee	Guru Nagarajan
Child Care Board	Blake Warner & Cynthia Abou Zeid
Committee on Scientific Conduct & Ethics	Christina Fang
Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES)	Patrick Wright & Katherine Reding
Graduate Medical Education Committee	Jessica Zolton & Kannan Kasturi
Graduate Student Council (GSC)	Assaf Magen
Human Subjects Research Advisory Committee (HSRAC)	Rachel Sparks
Medical Executive Committee	Peter Demaria & Chris Pleyer
National Postdoc Association	Helena Farkasova
Outreach Liaison	Craig Myrum
PRAT Liaison	Abhi Subedi
Recreation and Welfare Committee	Nisha Nagarsheth
Training Directors Committee	David Borrego & Belinda Hauser
Women Scientist Advisors Committee (WSA)	Jennifer Groebner & Mona Orr

Institute/Center	Representative(s)	Institute/Center	Representative(s)
CCR-FYI (NCI)	Allison Cross	NICHD	Suna Gulay
FDA	Narayana Garimella	NIDA	Andrew Wright
NCATS	Eric Gonzalez & Atena Farkhondeh Kalat	NIDCD	Matt Fishl
NCCIH	Eleni Frangos	NIDCR	Belinda Hauser
NCI-CPFP	Joe Shearer	NIDDK	Shyamala Jadhav
NCI-Shady Grove	David Borrego	NIEHS	David Crizer
NEI	<i>VACANT</i>	NIGMS	Abhi Subedi
NHGRI	Xin Huang	NIMH	Kathy Reding
NHLBI	Fei Mo	NIMHD	Tingfen Yan
NIA	Christina Banuelos & Rebecca McPherson & Maja Mustapic	NINDS	Brian Trummer (Clinical) & Patrick Wright (Basic)
NIAAA	Carlos Cortes (Clinical) & Chuck Chen (Basic)	NINR	Cassandra Pattinson
NIAID	Steven Brooks	NCBI/NLM	Gurmeet Kaur
NIAMS	<i>VACANT</i>	USUHS	Faith Bloom
NIBIB	Sumit Chaturvedi	VRC (NIAID)	<i>VACANT</i>

COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

American Federation for Medical Research (AFMR)

Amit Dey

Nothing to report.

Animal Research Advisory Committee

Guru Nagarajan

- **Jan 8 to May 18, 2019:** Spring 2019 UAB Online Zebrafish Husbandry Education Course
 - For registration, please follow this link:
<https://prostudies.uab.edu/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do?method=load&courseId=4607518&selectedProgramAreaId=4606933&selectedProgramStreamId=>
 - Contact Lauren Pandolfo here at NIH with questions: lauren.pandolfo@nih.gov or see the attached details (below or in the attachment).
- **January 23, 2019:** AALAS webinar with free CE, "Mouse Anesthesia: Improving the Process," 1-2:30pm, Bldg. 35, room 640.
- **February 11-13, 2019:** MUSC Swine in Biomedical Research Advanced Training Course (lecture + labs), Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC).
 - The course is applicable to veterinarians, technicians and investigators using porcine models. Registration is limited and the course can be personalized for attendees.
 - For more detailed information email: swinotech@hotmail.com or smithac@muscedu.
Registration forms and the course outline will be sent upon request to your business email.
- **February 27, 2019:** AALAS webinar with free CE, "Mice, Mice, Baby: Normal Behavior in the Laboratory Mouse," 1-2:30pm, Bldg. 10, room B1C211 (FAES classroom 1)
- **March 21, 2019:** AALAS webinar with free CE, "Establishing and Maintaining an Effective Ergonomics Program," 1-2:30pm, location tba
- **March 21, 2019:** OLAW webinar, "Superstar Rats Teach Empathy to Researchers," registration information will be found here: <https://olaw.nih.gov/education/online-seminars.htm>

Career Development Committee

Suna Gulay & Fany Messanvi

- Our next meeting will be on February 7th at 3.30PM in Bldg 2 Rm 2W15.
- Our next panel "Careers in Public Health" will take place on Tuesday, February 19th 3-5PM at Bldg 35 Rm 620/630.

Childcare Board Liaisons

Blake Warner & Cynthia Abou Zeid

Nothing to report.

Committee on Scientific Conduct and Ethics

Christina Fang

Nothing to report.

FAES Liaisons

Patrick Wright & Kathy Reding

FAES Board of Directors Meeting coming up on Thursday, January 31st, 2019.

Graduate School:

- Online registration for the Spring 2019 semester of the FAES Graduate School is open until February 1. Classes begin on February 4. Late registration (\$10 late fee per course) runs from February 4th-22nd.
- The FAES Graduate School Spring 2019 Open House on Thursday, January 17 in the FAES Academic Center, Building 10, NIH, Bethesda, MD, 4:00-6:00pm.

- The FAES Graduate School at NIH is seeking instructors for the GENL319 MCAT Review and Test Preparation course (general chemistry and physics sections) during the Spring 2019 semester. Interested applicants, please send a current CV and a brief letter of interest outlining experience to date and interest in teaching to Dean of Graduate School Connie Noguchi, Director of Academic Programming krisztina.miner@nih.gov, and Course Lead Stefan Barisic stefan.barisic@nih.gov.
- FAES Lunch and Learn Leadership Series for NIH Trainees - January 28, 2019 @ 12-1PM. Details to come.

Health Insurance:

- Nothing to report.

FARE Committee

Helen Michael & Sara Young

Nothing to report.

Human Subjects Research Advisory Committee

Rachel Sparks

Nothing to report.

Medical Executive Committee

Peter Demaria & Chris Pleyer

No report submitted.

Mentoring Committee

Fei Mo & Anshika Jain

Nothing to report.

NCI-CCR

Allison Cross

CCR-FYI will be hosting a **Winter Outing** in February - **Ice skating at Cabin John Ice Rink**- details are below but please keep an eye out for announcements with more details, including meeting location inside the ice rink

- **Saturday February 9th, 2019**
- **12-2pm**
- 10610 Westlake Dr. Rockville
- skate rental \$4.00, Admission child (3-4) \$5, child (5-10) \$7, regular (11-up) \$8.00

NCI Shady Grove – DCEG

David Borrego

Nothing to report.

NPA Liaison

Helena Fabryova (Farkasova)

- **2019 NPA Annual Conference is now open! Early bird pricing available for participants registering by January 11.**
 - The Career Fair will take place after the conclusion of the 2019 Annual Conference. Both events will be held at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, FL.
 - Our official 2019 Annual Conference app is here! Download Whova to see the conference agenda, network with other attendees, and more, all for free! <https://lnkd.in/ehJAqNU>
- NIH released the updated 2019 NRSA scale. The stipends at institutions following NRSA are starting at \$50K. NPA continues to advocate for all postdocs to improve the postdoc experience.

The December issue of the POSTDOCKET is now available and includes:

1. ImaginePhD: a career exploration and planning tool for the humanities and social sciences.

2. Scientific Presentations: When Public Speaking is Unavoidable
3. Cura Personalis: The Foundation for Georgetown University's Postdoctoral Association and Office of Postdoctoral Development
4. Selling Your Faculty Advisor on the Value of the NPA Annual Conference
5. Intentionality will launch you into 2019 and beyond...

myPostdoc Monthly featured webinars:

1. To Be (a Postdoc), or Not To Be? Choosing the Next Step After Your PhD

myPDO monthly featured webinars:

1. Mentoring: Postdoc policies

- Featured NPA resource:
 - A quick guide to Visas
 - NPA core competencies reading list
 - How to balance a dual career household
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- POSTDOCKET is open to submissions of articles about various topics concerning postdocs and research.
- <https://careers.nationalpostdoc.org/> continues to serve as a database of international talent. Please join!
- The NPA moved. As of December 10th the new address is "15800 Crabbs Branch Way, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20855"

JOIN the NPA!

Log on to the NPA member community, and engage with other members through blogs, forums, and member search functionality. The NPA Resource Development Committee seeks input for the 2019 hashtag#myPostdoc Monthly webinar series. Vote for topics for hashtag#postdoc personal and professional development or write-in.

Service and Outreach Subcommittee

Sarah Hawes & Mahamat Babagana

Nothing to report.

Outreach Liaison

Craig Myrum

Nothing to report.

Postdoctoral Research Associate Training (PRAT) Program

Abhi Subedi

Nothing to report.

Recreation and Welfare/Health and Wellness Committees Liaison

Nisha Nagarsheth

Nothing to report.

Social Committee

Yingxi Chen & Steven Brooks

Thank you to everyone who has joined the Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/516091315528833/>) and Google Groups (<https://groups.google.com/d/forum/bethesda-postdocs/>)!

Training Directors Committee

David Borrego & Belinda Hauser

The NIH Anti-Harassment and Workforce Climate Survey will be administered in January 2019. This survey is open to all NIH staff **including fellows and trainees**. It is voluntary, confidential, and anonymous. For more information see the FAQs posted here: <https://diversity.nih.gov/building-evidence/harassment-survey>. You can also email any questions to workclimate@od.nih.gov

To report an allegation, visit the NIH Civil Program - <https://hr.nih.gov/working-nih/civil>

Visiting Fellows Committee

Ulrike Boehm & Daphnée Villoing

Co-Chairs: Ulrike Böhm And Daphnée Villoing

Secretary: Amir Manzour

Social Subcommittee: Michael Buch, Maja Buszko, Andrea Conte, Subhasis Ray

Country Rep. Coordinator: Selami Demirci

Sciences Voices From Home (SVH): Charles Bou-Nader, Martin Lang, Fany Messanvi

Brown Bag Seminars: Aude Nicolas

Communication - Webpage: Open Position

OITE Advisor: Ella (Ulli) Klenke

Further Members: Stéphanie Olivier-Van Stichelen

1. VFC Social

- Past events:
 - *Thursday, November 29th, 6-9pm: VFC Social Networking Event* at Rock Bottom, Bethesda [35 attendees]
 - *Friday, December 7th, 6-9pm: DMV postdocs Holiday social networking event*, at The Front page, 1333 New Hampshire Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036. [70-80 attendees]
 - *Saturday, December 8th (Sunday December 9th, depending on weather): Fellows into the Wild!* Visiting US Botanic Garden at National Mall followed by the Ice Rink at Sculpture Garden, National Gallery of Art. [16 attendees]
- Future events:
 - *Saturday, January 13th: Fellows into the Wild!* Visiting the portrait gallery and / or the Renwick Gallery
 - *Thursday, Jan 31st, 6-9 pm: VFC Social Networking Event* at the Barking Dawg, Bethesda
 - *January-March: Basketball Game* at the Verizon Center

2. Science Voices from Home

- January: SVH Poland
- February: SVH Japan
- End of March: EURAXESS North America.

3. DIS/VFC Symposium

- The DIS/VFC symposium will be held on Feb 7th, from 9am to 1pm.
 - The event in February will be a half day event about topics like G7 and 212(e) topics for senior postdocs
- A separate half day event in the second half of 2019 event will include topics like American Culture Discussion and Cross-cultural communication skills for junior postdocs.

4. Brown bag seminars

- Updates about possible upcoming brown bag seminars: “Q&A with PIs” (Date, location, official title: TBA)

5. Country representatives

- The country representatives are going to meet to discuss future roles and responsibilities in January.

6. Open Positions at VFC

- A position is open in the **Communication team**, as the new VFC website admin.
- A position is open as **VFC Secretary**.
- Two positions of **co-chairs** will be available in February/March 2019.
 - **The VFC co-chair** takes a leading role in developing the yearly agenda of the NIH visiting fellows committee and works closely with the individual organizers of the various VFC activities to meet the committee's objectives. Furthermore, the VFC co-chair is presiding over monthly VFC meetings and working with the larger NIH Fellows Committee (FelCom).
 - Applications can be sent to the current co-chairs Daphnée VILLOING (daphnee.villoing@nih.gov) and Ulrike BÖHM (ulrike.boehm@nih.gov) by e-mail. Please provide the following information in your application:
 - Candidate (Name, position, field of research, country)
 - Contact information
 - Institute, Division and Branch
 - Bio
 - Statement of interest
 - Intended length of stay within NIH

7. Next VFC meeting

- 1/9/2019, 1:00 - 2:00 pm; Main campus, Building 2, Room 2W15. Call in No: 1-(866)-556-1965. Participant code: 2706089

WALS Subcommittee

Salina Gairhe & Valerie Darcey

Date	Speaker	Home Institute	Title of the Talk
Jan 9	Lynne E. Maquat, Ph.D.	University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry	Nonsense-mediated mRNA Decay in Health and Disease
Jan 16	Alondra Nelson, Ph.D., M.Phil.	Columbia University	The social life of DNA
Jan 23	Jeffrey A. Hubbell, Ph.D.	University of Chicago Institute for Molecular Engineering	Molecular engineering of immunotherapeutics: from regulation in autoimmunity to immunity to cancer
Jan 30	Gerald M. Rubin, Ph.D.	Howard Hughes Medical Institute	What the fly brain can teach us about the neural mechanisms of complex behaviors

Women Scientist Advisors Committee

Jennifer Groebner & Mona Orr

Nothing to report.