

NIH Fellows Committee Agenda

Thursday, March 7th, 2019
Building 1, Room 151

Join Webex meeting: <https://nih.webex.com/nih/j.php?MTID=m4c82258aac2ded292222b1a559e33f98>
Meeting number (access code): 626 313 617; password: Dbvkdttfh
Join by phone: 1-650-479-3208

1. **Welcome New Members**
2. **Introductions**
3. **Approval of February 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. Social Committee Discussion to solicit input from FelCom re:
 - 1) Fellows' Newsletter
 - 2) Potluck style event: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KSGGKSF>
 - b. Termination of the Public Relations Ad Hoc Subcommittee and merger with the Social Committee
 - 1) Recruitment of a FelCom Webmaster; interested people can contact the social committee chairs (steven.brooks2@nih.gov and yingxi.chen@nih.gov) for more information.
6. **Subcommittee and Liaison Announcements (15 minutes)**
7. **Any other business (5 minutes)**

Next meeting: April 4th, 2019

Minutes

1. **Meeting called to order 4:11pm.**
2. **February meeting minutes approval**
3. **Remarks (10 minutes):**
 - a. FelCom Officers: Katherine Reding, Peter Demaria, Eric Gonzalez, Allison Cross
 - 1) Katherine- If you want to have an outside speaker come in to speak during the FelCom meeting, send Katherine an email--we have someone from NIH Green Labs Programing coming next month, will speak for about 15 minutes
 - 2) Katherine - Reminder to IC reps, you should be participating on one committee
 - b. Office of Intramural Training and Education (OITE): Lori Conlan
 - 1) There is a Town Hall for Trainees regarding the NIH Anti-Harassment Policies and the Workplace Climate and Harassment Survey- Mar 12, 2019 9:00 am - 10:00 am, Building 10, Masur Auditorium- all trainees are encouraged to attend
 - 2) FelCom members are asked to attend the Becoming a Resilient Scientist seminar on 3/15 @ 9AM.
 - o Seminar is to help you get past bumps of life
 - o OITE has made improvements to these programs and will be evaluating the success of the programs, FelCom members are asked to attend and help evaluate the program.
 - c. Office of Intramural Research (OIR): Charles Dearolf

- 1) Dr. Collins approved 3% raise in stipends for all trainees starting May 1st

4. New Business (25 minutes)

a. Social Committee Discussion to solicit input from FelCom re:

- 1) Fellows' Newsletter – Social committee considering starting newsletter that will be sent out to all Fellows through Fellow-L – will be once monthly newsletter, keep it to one page, with few highlights and contact information for people to get in touch
 - Question --Is optout list already implemented? Not yet, policies are still being discussed
 - Discussed having a page attached to FelCom website with a constant link of ongoing events, but it must be 508compliant, and social event can't be posted through the FelCom website
 - Lori- newsletter idea has come up year after year, VFC did this but people never really opened it so might be waste of time, other people spoke about how unlikely it is that people will open and read a newsletter
 - Lori suggests looking at what clubPCR does as far as their emails every month, they include links to their Facebook page and such so that you can go there and find different events
 - Discussed adding the link for our Facebook group and google group in the monthly emails that get sent out to fellows as a part of the FelCom meeting highlights that get distributed
 - a. Maybe change the subject line of the email so people are more likely to open it

2) Potluck style event: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KSGGKSF>

- This is an event the social committee is consider, it would be a potluck style dinner in a public park for FelCom members and their families
- Please fill out the survey so the social committee can gauge the level of interest in the event!

b. Termination of the Public Relations Ad Hoc Subcommittee and merger with the Social Committee

- 1) Katherine - Facebook and google group has been started so we want to dissolve public relations AdHoc group and merge it with the Social Committee → it is now closed
- 2) Recruitment of a FelCom Webmaster; interested people can contact the social committee chairs (steven.brooks2@nih.gov and yingxi.chen@nih.gov) for more information.
 - Steven- we don't need a whole group to manage the google and Facebook person, just need one person– is there anyone with an interest in social media, communication, and/or outreach that might want to do this? If interested in becoming FelCom Webmaster email Steven and Yingxi to be considered

5. Subcommittee and Liaison Announcements (15 minutes)

a. VFC

- 1) Upcoming event - Science Voices from Home hosts “EURAXESS North America” – March 28th, 12-1pm. Location TBD ---if you planning to pursue a career in Europe, would be great event for you
- 2) Both cochairs are stepping down, have two candidates that will be replacing them next time
- 3) Thanks to cochairs for their commitment to FelCom!

b. Career development subcommittee

- 1) Upcoming event - next panel “Careers in Tech Transfer” will take place on March 19th, from 3 to 5pm, in Bldg 45 (Natcher) room G1/G2.
- c. NPA liaison
 - 1) Job database on NPA –<https://careers.nationalpostdoc.org/> continues to serve as a database of international talent. Please join!
 - 2) NPA annual meeting is coming up, talk to Helena if you are interested in going and having a poster highlighting something your subcommittee has done
- d. Katherine – reminder about the FAES health and wellness Fair – March 29, 2019, 11:00-2:00pm, FAES Terrace, Building 10
- e. Childcare board liaison
 - 1) The Childcare board is working on survey about usage of childcare services, if there is anything you want to see covered in the survey let Eric know, this will be NIH wide survey, but looking at specific questions for certain groups
- f. Lori – Reminder that applications for FARE awards close on March 13th (winners announced early July)

6. Any other business (*5 minutes*)

Next meeting: April 4th, 2019

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 Ad Hoc Subcommittee	Steven Brooks
Service and Outreach Subcommittee	Sarah Hawes & Rosario Jaime
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	Eric Gonzalez & 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
Graduate Student Council (GSC)	Assaf Magen
Human Subjects Research Advisory Committee (HSRAC)	Cassie Pattinson
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 & Fardokht Abulwerdi	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	Dinusha Rajapakse	NIGMS	Abhi Subedi
NHGRI	Xin Huang	NIMH	Kathy Reding
NHLBI	Fei Mo	NIMHD	Kristyn Kamke
NIA	Christina Banuelos & Rebecca McPherson & Maja Mustapic	NINDS	Brian Trummer (Clinical) & Patrick Wright (Basic)
NIAAA	Youngchan Kim	NINR	Cassandra Pattinson
NIAID	Steven Brooks	NCBI/NLM	Gurmeet Kaur
NIAMS	<i>VACANT</i>	USUHS	Faith Blum
NIBIB	Sumit Chaturvedi	VRC (NIAID)	Juan Moliva & Kizzmekia Corbett

COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

American Federation for Medical Research (AFMR)

Amit Dey

Nothing to report.

Animal Research Advisory Committee

Guru Nagarajan

- The Animal Research Advisory Committee (ARAC) approved minor changes to the ARAC Guidelines for Pain and Distress in Laboratory Animals: Responsibilities, Recognition and Alleviation. Few changes are also expected in the Guidelines for Egg and Oocyte Harvesting in *Xenopus laevis*, the Guidelines for Toe Clipping for Rodents and the Guidelines for the Establishment and Use of Mouse Breeding Groups. These changes will be updated soon.
- Based upon suggestions from Dr. Kelly Rice, Division of Veterinary Medicine, and a special review subcommittee, the Guidelines for Monoclonal Antibody Production in Mice will not be in use and is archived.
- Dr. Evan Shukan provided information about NIH Animal Programs Emergency Communication Policies including Emergency Operation Plans and Animal Resources Team. For detailed information please send an email to me or to Dr. Shukan.
- Here are some upcoming seminars and webinars. Please feel free to share them with other fellows:
 - **March 21, 2019:** AALAS webinar with free CE, "Establishing and Maintaining an Effective Ergonomics Program," 1-2:30pm, Bldg 10 FAES classroom 3, Dr. Tempora Fisher hosting
 - **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>
 - **April 14-17, 2019:** ACLAM Forum, New Orleans, LA. Information here when it becomes available: <https://www.aclam.org/forum>
 - **April 24, 2019:** AALAS webinar with free CE, "Right Numbers for Animal Protocols," 1-2:30pm, Bldg 10, FAES classroom 4, Kelly Cole (NHLBI) hosting
 - **March 13, 2019:** One Health Academy, "Addressing the Burden of Parasitic Zoonoses of Public Health and Agricultural Importance – One Health in Action!" Begins at 6pm. Details here: <http://www.onehealthacademy.org/>
 - **May 16-18, 2019:** North Carolina Workshop in Laboratory Animal Medicine. More information here: <https://cvm.ncsu.edu/education/continuing-education/forums-lectures-and-labs/wlam/>
 - Target Audience: veterinarians specializing in laboratory animal medicine, especially those preparing for ACLAM board certification.

Career Development Committee

Suna Gulay & Fany Messanvi

- Our next meeting will take place on March 8th in Bldg 10 (North Atrium) at 3.30pm.
- Our next panel "Careers in Tech Transfer" will take place on March 19th, from 3 to 5pm, in Bldg 45 (Natcher) room G1/G2.

Childcare Board Liaisons

Cynthia Abou Zeid & Eric Gonzalez

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 was on Thursday, January 31st, 2019.

Events:

1. FAES Health and Wellness Fair is coming up! March 29, 2019, 11:00-2:00pm, FAES Terrace, Building 10
 - For current FAES health insurance plan members
 - Smoothies/light refreshments will be served
 - Vendors include: CPR demo, Zuma demo (12-1pm), Massage therapist, Mindfulness/Meditation info, Gym membership info/discounts, CoreSource, Metlife, and others
 - RSVP deadline technically has already passed, but can try visiting <https://faeshealthfair.app.rsvpify.com/> or email faesinsurance@mail.nih.gov if interested
2. FAES Lunch and Learn: Tools & Techniques to Manage Resistance to Change. Thursday, March 7, 2019, 12-1 PM, NIH Clinical Center, Building 10, 2C116 second floor (FAES Education and Conference Suite), Bethesda, MD
 - **Mark Crider, Ph.D., RN**, Executive Director and Professor, Nursing at Harrisburg University of Science and Technology and the President, Pennsylvania State Nurses Association (PSNA)
 - **Beverly Magda, Ph.D.**, Associate Provost, Strategic Partnerships at Harrisburg University of Science and Technology (bios attached).
 - Register: send email to christina.farias@faes.org to reserve your seat (on-site only, not available by webcast). The event is FREE and we will be serving lunch. Seating is limited, so registration is first-come-first-serve.

Health Insurance:

- We are submitting a formal letter to Dr. Michael Gottesman, the NIH deputy director of intramural research, with our concerns about the recent loss of infertility treatment coverage. The goal is to have these issues brought up at the next scientific director meeting on the upcoming health insurance plan.

FARE Committee

Helen Michael & Sara Young

The FARE2020 applications opened Feb 13th. Things are running smoothly. Abstract submission and judge recruitment are running smoothly so far. As of March 4th we have >100 abstracts and >150 judge registrations. We expect abstract submissions to pick up over between now and end of submissions on March 13.

Human Subjects Research Advisory Committee

Cassie Pattinson

Nothing to report.

Medical Executive Committee

Peter Demaria & Chris Pleyer

Nothing to report.

Mentoring Committee

Fei Mo & Anshika Jain

Nothing to report.

NCI-CCR

Allison Cross

Nothing to report.

NCI Shady Grove – DCEG

David Borrego

Nothing to report.

Registration for the 2019 NPA Annual Conference is open. Confirm your spot at the largest national conference and networking event dedicated to the postdoctoral community <http://ow.ly/xCVD50kyHyY>

- 2019 Annual Conference attendees: plan your trip to Orlando by visiting our exclusive VisitOrlando page, which includes information on transportation, things to do in Orlando and discounted tickets and events <http://ow.ly/d2uS50k8ywk>
- 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.

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

1. New Insights into the Postdoctoral Experience from a National Survey
2. It's Time to Expand the Clinical Research Workforce

myPostdoc Monthly featured webinars:

1. Empowering Postdoctoral Scholars to Transform the Local Academic Community

myPDO monthly featured webinars:

1. Mentoring: Training, Mentoring and Coaching Postdocs

Featured NPA resource:

- The Advancing Postdoc Women Guidebook captures responses from 46 professional associations and societies about the programs and resources offered to #postdoc women. Hard copies of the guidebook are available for sale <http://ow.ly/CyiQ50l8jmN>
- MSL webinar from SCIENCE to PHARMA
- Huge variations in US postdoc salaries point to undervalued workforce <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-00587-y>
- The ACT program by The American Society for Cell Biology provides cohort-based professional development for URMs to aid transitions into faculty and research roles. Apply today at <http://bit.ly/2CVg2ot>
- Are you junior faculty? Need help writing grants? Consider applying for the FRED Workshop by The American Society for Cell Biology. Apply now at <http://ow.ly/Bhnp50lY2X5>

Updates

- 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!
- Shop at <https://lnkd.in/e9m-Xk6> AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the NPA
- The National Postdoctoral Association (NPA) Board of Directors has appointed Lisa Mustachio, Ph.D., as co-chair elect of the Meetings Committee. Mustachio will join Rajan Chaudhari, Ph.D., in planning the 2020 Annual Conference.

JOIN the NPA!

Log on to the NPA member community, and engage with other members through blogs, forums, and member search functionality.

- If you are interested in volunteering with the NPA, start by joining one of the Committees of the Membership: Advocacy, Meetings, Outreach, The POSTDOCKET, or Resource Development, or working with the NPA Diversity and International Officers <http://ow.ly/XYAw50l8EoN>
- NPA is looking for individuals to help with editing and proofreading on a NPA project. If you can dedicate a few hours or want to learn more, contact Samantha Black, Ph.D., at sblack@nationalpostdoc.org.

Outreach Liaison

Craig Myrum

1. Please send me ideas for the *I am Intramural* blog! If you or someone you know recently published a cool study that others might want to know about, let me know so I can write something up about it. It's a great platform to gain attention to your research! Note that takes a couple weeks between submitting and posting since many people must approve them.
2. The March-April *Catalyst* will be about the upcoming NIH Career Symposium. I co-wrote it with Allison Dennis.
3. The Jan-Feb *Catalyst* had two Training Pages: <https://irp.nih.gov/catalyst/v27i1/the-training-page-breaking-through-the-petri-dish-lid> And <https://irp.nih.gov/catalyst/v27i1/the-training-page-nih-fellows-editorial-board>
4. If you have ideas for the next *Catalyst* article, let me know! The deadline is early March, so it needs to be planned well in advance. If you're interested in writing it yourself, let me know! It should deal with *some* aspect of training that would be useful for trainees to know.
5. Be sure to join the LinkedIn page! [Fellows at the NIH - FelCom](#)

Postdoctoral Research Associate Training (PRAT) Program

Abhi Subedi

Nothing to report.

Recreation and Welfare/Health and Wellness Committees Liaison

Nisha Nagarsheth

The NIH Health and Wellness Council now has a different system. They are electing Voting Members.

Service and Outreach Subcommittee

Sarah Hawes & Rosario Jaime

- SOS will be meeting Thursday March 7th at 5pm. We will meet in the Starbucks in building 10 located just inside the main entrance (North entrance) near the main lobby and piano. If you're interested, just show up!
- DC STEM Fair (Grades 6-12) is soliciting judges, general volunteers, and STEM-organizations to be part of an interactive Expo. The fair will be held March 16 in DC. *More detailed information will be dispersed to Fellow-L and Felcom-L this week.*
- Space for 10 fellows has been reserved to participate in a Tree Inventory at the Kalorama/Unity Park on Saturday, June 1st from 10am to 12:30pm. Detailed information on how to register will be dispersed to Fellow-L and Felcom-L beginning in April.
- Helping Up Mission: <https://helpingupmission.org/> (Baltimore, ongoing) You can volunteer in downtown Baltimore to help at a homeless shelter doing a variety of activities; GED prep, tutoring, and computer skills. Please contact Maria Wetherington (maweth821@gmail.com) at the HUM for further information on training and participation, etc.

Social Committee

Yingxi Chen & Steven Brooks

- The creation of a new position of "FelCom Webmaster". This position would entail monitoring the Facebook and Google Group pages, as well as working with OITE to ensure that the FelCom webpage is updated with current names, contact information, meeting dates/locations, etc.
- Creation of a monthly "Fellows' Newsletter", a one-page monthly document that includes important announcements, dates, and deadlines for fellows (think OITE career seminars, FARE deadline, campus-wide events, WALs schedule, FelCom meeting dates and contact info, K-award deadlines, etc). This document will be separate from the monthly meeting minutes circulated by the membership secretary, but may include highlights from FelCom meetings that will be of interest to all fellows. It will also contain a brief description of Felcom, and a 'contact us' link directing to list of IC reps, Felcom chairs, and information about OITE resources for fellows.

- Discussion of a family potluck style event for Felcom members and their families. We created a survey to gauge interest, date range, and time of day interest: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KSGGKSF>.
 - Event description: The Social Committee would like to plan a pot-luck style picnic for FelCom members and their families. While we see each other at monthly meetings, FelCom meetings aren't a great way to network or socialize with each other, so we thought that a family-oriented picnic at a local park (possibly Rock Creek or Cabin John) would be a great way to really meet each other!
 - Please complete the very brief survey here (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KSGGKSF>) to let us know how many people are interested, when the best time would be, and where we should hold it. Thanks!
- Committee discussed shutting down the google group and creating a specific "Bethesda Postdocs Buy/Sell/Trade" that will offer buy/sell/trade functionality as well as roommate and housing requests.
- Matt Fischl would like to plan a fellows' outing to a DC united soccer game; Matt has pricing package options for weeknight and weekend games and group rates. Matt will present at a future felcom meeting to gauge interest.
- The social committee will coordinate closely with the service and outreach committee to advertise and recruit for service and outreach events in the area.
- The social committee welcome Juan Moliva as our newest member, and we are always happy to have more!
- Yingxi Chen has organized an activity—"Fun in the Sun"—for the NIH Take-Your-Child-To-Work Day. This event will be held on the April 25th at the NIH Shady Grove Campus

Training Directors Committee

David Borrego & Belinda Hauser

Are you aware of the NIH Intramural Loan Repayment Program (ILRP)?

The objective of this program is to recruit and retain outstanding health professionals to the NIH performing research in fields required by the NIH to carry out its mission. Of the new ILRP awardees 90% had educational debt > \$50k and 54% had debt levels exceeding \$200K. For questions about the ILRP and eligibility requirements visit their website (www.lrp.nih.gov) or contact them directly at the LRP information center at 866.849.4047 (Lrp@nih.gov).

Visiting Fellows Committee

Ulrike Boehm & Daphnée Villoing

Co-chairs: Ulrike BÖHM and Daphnée VILLOING

Secretary: Elias PADILHA

Social subcommittee: Michael BUCH, Maja BUSZKO, Andrea CONTE, Subhasis RAY

Country rep. coordinator: Selami DEMIRCI

Sciences Voices from Home (SVH): Fany MESSANVI

Brown Bag seminars: Aude NICOLAS

OITE advisor: Ulli KLENKE

Further member: Charles BOU-NADER

1. VFC Social

Past events:

- *Thursday, Jan 31st, 6-9 pm: VFC Social Networking Event* at the Barking Dog, Bethesda [20 attendees].
- *Friday, Feb 8th, 7pm: Fellows in the Arena* - NBA game: Cavaliers vs Wizards! At the Capitol One Arena, 601 F St NW, Washington, DC [89 attendees]. Group picture was sent to VisitingFellows list serv.
- *Saturday, February 23rd: Fellows into the Wild!* National Portrait Gallery [10 attendees].
- *Thursday, February 28th, 6-9 pm: VFC Social Networking Event* – Location: **Caddie's on Cordell** [25 to 30 attendees].

Future events:

- *Thursday, March 28th, 6-9 pm: VFC Social Networking Event* – Location: TBD
- *Saturday, February 23rd: Fellows into the Wild!* Hike focused on Cherry Blossom - Location/time TBD

2. Science Voices from Home

Past events:

- Science Voices from Home Poland – *Tuesday March 5th, 12-1pm*. With NIH Alumni Justyna McIntyre and Marcin Nowotny. [10 attendees].

Future events:

- Science Voices from Home hosts “EURAXESS North America” – *March 28th, 12-1pm*. – New Marie Curie Action. Location TBD.
- Science Voices from Home Japan - TBD

3. DIS/VFC Symposium

- *Thursday, February 7th, 9am-1pm*: 2019 DIS/VFC symposium, Room: Building 35 Room 640.

- J-1 Status Beyond 5 years: G-7 Program Overview & Other J-1 Topics
- J-1 to H-1B
- Permitted Training & Experience Outside of your NIH Fellowship
- First part (G7 program and other J-1 topics) attended approximately by 20 people in the room and 28 people online. Second part (J-1 to H-1B and outside activities) attended approximately by 30 people in the room and 47 people online. Presentation slides were shared with the attendees who signed up in the room and the webinar attendees. Furthermore, 508 compliant slides will be added on the VFC webpage.
- Information from this symposium might be added on the VFC page.
- Slides were sent to people that attended in the room and via the webinar.

4. Brown bag seminars

Past brown bag seminars:

- *Friday, Feb 1st, 2019, 12:30 AM – 1:30 PM*: “**Seeking a tenure-track position in academia/government as a visiting fellow: advice from NIH alumni**”, Building 10, NIH Library, Training room [14 attendees]
Panelists: Eric Calvo, Ph.D. [Cuba], Ramiro Iglesias-Bartholome, Ph.D. [Argentina], Sherine El-Thoukhy Ph.D. [Egypt]

Upcoming brown bag seminars:

- Panel discussion with K99 laureates. – TBD

5. Country representatives

Past events:

- *Monday, Feb 11th, 2019, 12:30 AM – 1:30 PM*: country representatives meeting to discuss future roles and responsibilities”, Building 40. 10 countries represented. [12 attendees].
- A few outcomes:
 - The country representatives will prepare a document which summarizes their roles and responsibilities at the NIH
 - The visibility of country representatives have to be increased (e.g. by the NIH PIs, a VFC welcome booklet, information within the individual hiring packages and / or specific information by the DIS during the mandatory postdoc orientation)

Future events:

- Next country representative meeting: late summer 2019

6. Open Positions at VFC

- **Elections of the new co-chair position on March 13th, 2019**
 - The elections of one or two new **co-chairs** will be held during March’s monthly VFC meeting.
 - Applications should be sent by **March 11th, 2019** to the current co-chairs Ulrike BÖHM (ulrike.boehm@nih.gov) and Daphnée VILLOING (daphnee.villoing@nih.gov) by email. 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
- As a reminder of the role of the VFC co-chairs, both take a leading role in developing the yearly agenda of the NIH visiting fellows committee and working closely with the individual organizers of the various VFC activities to meet the committee's objectives.
- Furthermore, the VFC co-chairs are presiding over monthly VFC meetings and working with the larger NIH Fellows Committee (FelCom).
- A position is still open in the **Communication team**, as the new VFC website admin.

7. Next VFC meeting

- 3/13/2019, 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
March 6	Sharon Walsh, Ph.D.	University of Kentucky	Leveraging science to change hearts and minds: addressing the opioid crisis
March 13	John P.A. Ioannidis, M.D., D.Sc. (Robert S. Gordon, Jr. Lecture)	Stanford University	In scientific method we don't just trust: or why replication has more value than discovery
March 27	Lauren O. Bakaletz, Ph.D.	The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital	In scientific method we don't just trust: or why replication has more value than discovery

Women Scientist Advisors Committee

Jennifer Groebner & Mona Orr

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Thursday, March 21	11am	549 Auditorium, Frederick campus	CCR's Women Scientist Advisors (WSAs) invite all to attend a brown bag discussion forum about the recently-announced NIH Anti-Harassment Program . Jessica Hawkins, MS, from the NIH Civil Program will be on hand to describe the program and to answer questions such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will confidentiality and anonymity be ensured? • Will there be meaningful consequences? • Who has a role in these processes and who is required to report?
Thursday, March 28	1pm	RM 2014/2107, BLDG 37 (VTC to BLDG 549 Auditorium, Frederick campus)	CCR WSA's Women Leaders in Biotech and Pharma Seminar series will host Dr. Sabina Cosulich, Director, Oncology Research at AstraZeneca . All are invited to attend to hear and ask questions about careers in industry. A reception and open discussion will follow the seminar. Speakers for Celegene and Merck are scheduled for April and June. For more information, please see: https://ccrod.cancer.gov/confluence/display/CCRWSA
Monday, April 8	1-3 pm	Wilson Hall, BLDG 1	9th Annual NIH WSA Scholars Symposium This symposium celebrates the outstanding research achievement of NIH's Intramural Women Fellows and is open to all interested. This year's award winners and speakers are:

			Dr. Aleksandra Iovic, NIAMS Dr. Navdeep Malik, NCI Dr. Yu-Ting Su, NCI
Thursday, May 30	1pm	Lipsett Auditorium, BLDG 10	Dr. Karen Berman, Chief, Clinical & Translational Neuroscience Branch, NIMH , is the honored speaker for the Anita B. Roberts Lecture: Distinguished Women Scientists at NIH . This lecture series highlights the outstanding research achievements of women scientists at the NIH and is dedicated to Dr. Anita B. Roberts, honoring her roles as an exceptional mentor and scientist. All are invited to attend.