

NIH Fellows Committee Agenda

Thursday, September 3rd, 2019
Wilson Hall, 3rd Floor, Building 1

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1. **Welcome New Members**
2. **Introductions**
3. **Approval of August minutes**
4. **Remarks (10 minutes):**
 - a. FelCom Officers: Katherine Reding, 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. Elections planned for this meeting have been postponed, please share the information regarding open positions with your colleagues and we will plan to hold elections in October
 - 1) Liaison to the NIH Training Directors' Committee
 - 2) Service and Outreach Subcommittee Co-Chair
6. **Subcommittee and Liaison Announcements (15 minutes)**
7. **Any other business (5 minutes)**

Next Meeting – October 3rd

Meeting minutes

1. **Remarks (10 minutes):**
 - a. FelCom Officers: Katherine Reding, Eric Gonzalez, Allison Cross
 - 1) Allison – IC reps and committee liaisons, please remember to send your monthly reports before each meeting. If you have nothing to report, please send an email indicated as such.
 - 2) Eric – He has updated all the membership information and the agenda should have all member information correct. If you see anything that is incorrect, please let him know so that this can be taken care of.
 - b. Office of Intramural Training and Education (OITE): Lori Conlan
 - 1) Lori – Reminder that NPA week is coming, starts Sept 16th
 - Sept 17 – OITE is hosting a seminar “Becoming a Resilient Scientist” at 2 PM in Bldg 40
 - Sept 18 - ICE CREAM SOCIAL- hosted by OITE and the Scientific Directors- 3:30 PM, Bldg 10 FAEWS Terrace. This will also be when the activities fair will be held. Come see all the groups and clubs that make NIH so special.
 - Activities fair is happening at same time as ice cream social (3:30 on Sept 18). If your group would like a table, please email Tiffany at tiffany.zarella@nih.gov
 - FelCom will be hosting a table – Tiffany and Helena have volunteered to main the table.
 - c. Office of Intramural Research (OIR): Charles Dearolf
 - 1) The NIH Research Festival is coming up on Wednesday September 11th, all are encouraged to attend. For more information please see the following link webpage: <https://researchfestival.nih.gov/2019>

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 - 3) Mentoring Committee Co-chair

3. Subcommittee and Liaison Announcements (15 minutes)

- a. NPA liaison – Helena Farkasova
 - 1) The 2020 NPA Meetings Committee is seeking proposals for (a) 75-minute concurrent sessions, and (b) poster presentations to be included in the 2020 Annual Conference that will provide unique training to assist postdoctoral associations (PDAs), and postdoctoral offices (PDOs) in the support and training of their postdoctoral scholars at their home institutions. Proposals will be accepted through Friday, September 13, 2019, at 11:59 p.m. ET.
 - 2) NPA in partnership with Garnett-Powers & Associates, Inc., is calling for nominations for the 2020 NPA Garnett-Powers & Associates, Inc. Mentor Award. Deadline for submission: Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. ET. See meeting minutes for more details
 - 3) NPA week
 - o NPAW awards will be given in the following categories: best new event, most creative event, best collaborative event, and best PDA-led event. Please submit events to NPA webpage or send to Helena so she can submit.
 - o FelCom is organizing a photo exhibition with short bios of our post docs “The Gallery of Us-NIH Fellows”. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR STORY AND PICTURE AND HELP INCREASE THE VISIBILITY OF FelCom.
- b. CCR- FYI Representative - Allison Cross
 - 1) CCR-FYI will be hosting several events for NPA week and all are welcome to participate
 - o On Thursday Sept. 19th, the CCR-FYI will be holding a “What I Wish I Knew” seminar featuring former NIH fellows who will share their experiences and advice they learned when transitioning from a trainee into the next stage of their career. Will be hosted in Bethesda (Bldg. 37 room 2041/2107 - 12-1pm) and in Frederick (549 Aud. - 12-1pm)
 - o CCR-FYI will also be hosting a networking and trivia event at True Respite Brewing Company in Derwood on Thursday the 19th (7-9pm) and a networking event at Rockwell Brewery in Frederick on Friday the 20th (5-7pm).
- c. VFC- Vrushali Agashe & Michael Buch- several upcoming events
 - 1) For NPA week
 - o Saturday, September 21st, Hike on the Glover Archibald Trail near Tenleytown.
 - o Thursday, September 26th, 6-9 pm. VFC Social Networking Event – Location TBD
 - 2) Halloween party – coming up - November 1st, 2019, FAES house. Contact Vrushali or Michael if interested in volunteering. Tickets to go on sale soon, similar to previous years with Early bird, First and Second release and at door.
 - 3) Brown Bag Seminar
 - o Thursday, October 17th, 2.30-4pm, FAES Health Insurance - Location FAES Conference Room, 1N241A, Building 10.
 - o Thursday, November 7th, 12-1pm, Scott Morgan Brown Bag - Topic and Location: TBD
- d. Career development subcommittee - Neha Gupta & Xin Huang
 - 1) We will have a panel for Scientific Support in Academics and/or Industry on September 17, Tuesday, from 3-5pm in Rm 1227, Bldg 50. This is a new panel originated from our subcommittee members, which promises to bring job perspectives on grants administration, training offices, biosafety and ethics.

- 2) On October 18, Friday, from 3-5pm in Rm 1227, Bldg 50, we will have an Industry R&D panel, our traditional panel with high attendance from the fellows.
- e. **Social committee - Yingxi Chen**
 - 1) The social committee is open to coordinating a social networking event during post-doc appreciation week (week of Sept. 16th), and will be coordinating with VFC to set this event up.
 - f. **Recreation and Welfare Committee- Tiffany Zarrella**
 - 1) 36th Annual NIH Institute Challenge Relay will be held on September 18th and Tiffany would like to coordinate postdoc team. She will send out information via email but please reach out to her if interested in getting involved (tiffany.zarrella@nih.gov).
 - g. Andrew Wright from NIDA asked about negotiations for FAES insurance – there is concern that FAES insurance has dropped coverage for partners in civil unions- Lori asked Andrew to email her about this directly so she can follow up and Patrick (FAES liaison) will bring it up at next board meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

FelCom Subcommittee	Co-Chairs
Career Development Committee	Xin Huang & Raturaj Masvekar
Clinical FelCom	Vincent Chau & Anne Martini
FARE Committee	Helen Michael & Sara Young
Mentoring Committee	Fei Mo & Anshika Jain
Service and Outreach Subcommittee	Rosario Jaime & (OPEN)
Social Committee	Yingxi Chen & Steven Brooks
Visiting Fellows Committee	Vrushali Agashe & Michael Buch
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 & Melissa Mazza
Committee on Scientific Conduct & Ethics	Jillian Varonin
Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES)	Patrick Wright & Katherine Reding
Graduate Medical Education Committee	Jessica Zolton
Graduate Student Council (GSC)	Shayan Nazari
Office of Human Subjects Research Protection Committee (OHSRPC)	Emma Kumat-Thomas
Medical Executive Committee	Vincent Chau & Anne Martini
National Postdoc Association	Helena Fabryova
Outreach Liaison	Craig Myrum
PRAT Liaison	Abhi Subedi
Recreation and Welfare Committee	Tiffany Zarrella
Training Directors Committee	Belinda Hauser & (OPEN)
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 (Basic) Jessica Zolton (Clinical)
FDA	Narayana Garimella & Fardokht Abulwerdi	NIDA	Andrew Wright
NCATS	Eric Gonzalez & Atena Farkhondeh Kalat	NIDCD	Matt Fishl & Braulio Pequero
NCCIH	Eleni Frangos	NIDCR	Belinda Hauser
NCI-CPFP	Anne Julian	NIDDK	Shyamala Jadhav
NCI-Shady Grove	André Rose	NIEHS	Salahuddin Syed
NEI	Dinusha Rajapakse	NIGMS	Abhi Subedi
NHGRI	Xin Huang	NIMH	Kathy Reding
NHLBI	Matthew Hannaford	NIMHD	Kristyn Kamke
NIA	Christina Banuelos & Srijita Dhar & Maja Mustapic	NINDS	Farinaz Safavi (Clinical) & Patrick Wright (Basic)
NIAAA	Youngchan Kim	NINR	VACANT
NIAID	Steven Brooks	NCBI/NLM	Gurmeet Kaur
NIAMS	VACANT	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

Below are some upcoming webinars and seminars. Most of them are free. Please share it with other fellows. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Evan Shukan (shukanet@mail.nih.gov)

- **September 10, 2019: OACU training courses:** Rat Workshop: Hands-On Animal Techniques. Still open. Register here: <https://oacutraining.od.nih.gov/>.
- **September 11-12, 2019:** NCAB AALAS Annual Meeting, Turf Valley Resort, Ellicott City, MD
Registration information will be here: <https://www.ncabaalas.org/event-3137118>
- **September 12, 2019:** seminar "The Roles of Water in the Fate and Transport of Diseases and Contaminants," One Health Academy DC.
More details and registration here: <http://www.onehealthacademy.org/>
- **September 12, 2019:** CDC webinar with RACE approved CE credit, "Something to Chew On: A Start to Finish Overview of Foodborne Outbreak Investigations," 12-1pm EDT
Register individually here:
<https://event.on24.com/eventRegistration/EventLobbyServlet?target=reg20.jsp&referrer=&eventid=2058863&sessionid=1&key=A08FFDC14468C2DDA897732BA7380100®Tag=&sourcepage=register>
- **September 26, 2019:** OLAW webinar, "Application of the AVMA Guidelines for the Depopulation of Animals to Biomedical Research", time and location tbd
Enrollment details here: <https://olaw.nih.gov/education/online-seminars.htm>
- **September 27, 2019:** SCAW IACUC Training Workshops, New York City, NY, September 27, 2019. Register here: <https://scaw.com/iacuc-training-workshops/>
- **October 13-17, 2019:** AALAS National Meeting, Denver, CO
Stay tuned here for 2019 info: <https://www.aalas.org/national-meeting>
- **October 8-9, 2019 Beltsville, MD** USDA Animal Welfare Information Center
Meeting the Information Requirements of the Animal Welfare Act: A Workshop
<https://www.nal.usda.gov/awic/awic-workshop>

Career Development Committee

Neha Gupta & Xin Huang

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Childcare Board Liaisons

Melissa Mazza & Eric Gonzalez

There is no update from the NIH Child Care Board. The next meeting is scheduled for September 26th.

The Mom-Dad-Docs group is scheduled to start again in September. The organizer of the group has requested post-doc input for the programming for the year. Please let us know if you have any ideas or would like to participate in the programming planning.

Committee on Scientific Conduct and Ethics

Jillian Varonin

The NIH Committee on Scientific Conduct and Ethics (CSCE) Meeting on 8/23/19. Start of the meeting was a brief review of IC Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Survey results. The survey was conducted out of concern that the ICs are not fully implementing the RCR training requirements and these gaps in training have a negative impact on trainees. The ICs are not having their trainees complete the requisite number of hours and have issues with

tracking/monitoring who is completing training and enforcement if trainees do not complete the training requirements, as well as sharing resources between ICs. It was suggested that intramural RCR training requirements should match the extramural requirements. Next, there was a final look at 2019 Ethics Cases and Facilitator Study Guide before facilitator training begins next month. The bulk of the meeting consisted of reviewing the revised Conduct of Research Guidelines chapters (chapter topic examples: Mentoring, Data Management, Animal Care and Use, Scientific Integrity Policy, and Whistleblower Policy), including the order of the chapters, content, and wording.

FAES Liaisons

Patrick Wright & Kathy Reding

Graduate School Update:

- Fall 2019 semester regular course registration is open through September 6th (late registration until September 20th)
- Classes start on September 9th
- Tuition for the following Fall 2019 classes has been reduced to \$100:
 - o ENGL 105 Fundamental English Conversation I, 3 credits, Mondays, 4:15 – 7:05 PM
 - o GENL 275 Introductory American Sign Language, 3 credits, Thursdays, 5:00 – 8:00 PM
 - o MEDI 311 Principles of Endocrinology, 2 credits, Wednesdays, 5:00 – 7:00 PM
 - o PBHL 500 Introduction to Global Health, 2 credits, Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
 - o TECH 567 International Strategic Partnering and Business Development, 2 credits, Tuesdays, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

FARE Committee

Helen Michael & Sara Young

The FARE committee is wrapping up the FARE2020 awards. The participating special interest groups have selected their winners and we are preparing for the award ceremony on September 11th.

Office of Human Subjects Research Protection Committee Liaison

Emma Kurnat-Thoma

No Report Submitted

Medical Executive Committee

Vincent Chau & Anne Martini

Nothing to report

Mentoring Committee

Fei Mo & Anshika Jain

Nothing to report

NCI Shady Grove – DCEG

André Rose

Nothing to report

NPA Liaison

Helena Fabryova

- **Date of National Postdoc Appreciation Week announced! September 16-20; NPA has partnered with Elsevier to award various NPAW events. Please talk to me and Lori about your event ideas and send me a list of the events you organize so I can submit the list online. Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 11:59 p.m. ET. NPAW awards will be given in the following categories: best new event, most creative event, best collaborative event, and best PDA-led event. There will be two awards per category, based on the size of the office/group at the institution (e.g. small PDOs/PDAs will not compete with larger PDOs). A total of eight awards will be given to organizations to highlight the work they do the postdocs at their respective institutions.**
 - o **FelCom organizes a photo exhibition with short bios of our post docs “The Gallery of Us-NIH Fellows”. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR STORY AND PICTURE AND HELP INCREASE THE VISIBILITY OF FelCom**
- **NPA in partnership with Garnett-Powers & Associates, Inc., would like to announce the call for nominations for the 2020 NPA Garnett-Powers & Associates, Inc. Mentor Award. The award recognizes a faculty member or advisor who has engaged in exceptional mentoring of postdoctoral**

scholars. Only postdocs are eligible to make nominations. Deadline for submission: Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. ET. Please visit

<https://www.nationalpostdoc.org/news/459879/Nominations-Being-Accepted-for-the-2020-Mentor-Award.htm> for more information

- The National Postdoctoral Association (NPA) Distinguished Service Award (DSA) represents appreciation for an individual that has demonstrated either a profound, sustained, or leadership contribution to improving the postdoctoral experience. **Deadline for submission: Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. ET. Please visit** <https://www.nationalpostdoc.org/news/459878/Call-for-Nominations-for-the-2020-Distinguished-Service-Award.htm>
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- Voting for the 2019 Board election will begin on September 9, 2019, and close at 11:59 p.m. ET on September 23, 2019. Continue here to meet the 2019 Board election candidates <http://ow.ly/eRa550vwJG2>

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Immigration & Visa Seminar for International Postdocs and Researchers <http://ow.ly/sCJL50vH950> *

The new POSTDOCKET is now available and includes:

- The POSTDOCKET: Call for Lab Life Photo Essay <http://ow.ly/V5gl50vFZVD>

Hey postdocs! We want to see the community. Do you wear a lucky research shirt? Do you pray to a proverbial PCR god? Or maybe you only write your lab meeting notes with a black pen? Do you host an annual event for the lab (a dinner, a hike, game night?) If so, The POSTDOCKET wants would like you to show these scholarly superstitions, traditions, or habits.

- Employment-Based Immigration—The Extraordinary Ability Category
- Celebrate Postdocs with 2019 Elsevier National Postdoc Appreciation Week Awards
- NPA Accepting Nominations for the 2020 Mentor Award & Distinguished Service Award
- Mentoring: Good for Careers, Good for Research... Good for Life!
- NIH Loan Repayment Programs: Helping Researchers Stay in the Career that they Love
- Postdocs Interested in Entrepreneurship and a Commercialization Path for Innovation in the Life Sciences can use MassBio to Launch Their Ideas
- Should Professionalism be a Priority During Academic Training?
- Becoming A National Maternal Health Advocate while Pursuing a Postdoc: a Story of Transformation

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.

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 Sept-Oct Catalyst Training Page is about an article will be on summer students in NINDS.

3. The July-Aug Catalyst Training Page was about science writing training:
<https://irp.nih.gov/catalyst/v27i4/the-training-page>

4. If you have an idea for a future Catalyst Training Page, let me know!

5. Be sure to join the LinkedIn page! [Fellows at the NIH - FelCom](#)

Postdoctoral Research Associate Training (PRAT) Program

Abhi Subedi

No Report Submitted

Recreation and Welfare/Health and Wellness Committees Liaison

Tiffany Zarrell

No Report Submitted

Service and Outreach Subcommittee

Rosario B. Jaime-Lara & (OPEN)

No Report Submitted

Social Committee

Yingxi Chen & Steven Brooks

The social committee has nothing to report for August. The social committee is open to coordinating a social networking event during post-doc appreciation week (week of Sept. 16th), and we are open to suggestions for which night of the week. Wednesday or Thursday would be good starting options. We are also open to suggestions for location; World of Beer and Tapp'd have both been amenable to happy hours in the past.

Training Directors Committee

Belinda Hauser & (OPEN)

Training Directors Committee Meeting notes:

Updates from (OITE) Sharon Milgrams:

Security and background check issues

- Badging issues for Visiting Fellows (VFs): VFs are advised that when appointed they must obtain their SSN. Note: there is a 15day lag-time for getting the SSN
- There is only a 6-week PIV waiver.
- Background check: HHS stands firm that Marijuana is a schedule 1 drug.

PRAT fellowship: Deadline is October 2019

- NEW PROGRAM: Maximizing opportunities for scientific and academic independent careers (MOSAIC) program: Feb 12th 2020 intramural deadline
K99/R00 to enhance diversity (15 per year – 75 at steady state in 5 years)
Independent funding & path to professoriate (5 years of funding in 2 phases)
 - Mentored research experience as postdoctoral fellow (K99) 1-2 years
 - Independent research support as faculty (R00) (up to 3 years)
- Research focus – within the mission of participating ICs
- **US citizens/permanent residents**
- Enhance the diversity of the biomedical research professoriate (e.g., individuals from underrepresented groups – certain racial/ethnic groups, women, persons with disabilities, institutionally defined, see [NOT-OD-18-210](#))
- Commitment to enhancing diversity, equity and inclusion
- **Intramural postdocs are eligible – first application due date, February 12, 2020**

CCR-FYI

Allison Cross

CCR-FYI will be hosting several events for NPA WEEK, Everyone is Welcome!!!!

- Bethesda

- Thursday Sept. 19th Bldg. 37 room 2041/2107 - 12-1pm – “What I wish I knew”
- Thursday Sept. 19th - Trivia Respite From Lab - Trivia and Networking event at True Respite Brewery from 7-9pm
- Frederick
 - Thursday Sept 19th - 549 Aud. - 12-1pm “What I wish I knew”
 - Friday Sept 20th – Networking event from 5-7pm at Rockwell Brewery

NIAID

Steven Brooks

- The NIAID is excited for the upcoming Fellow’s Annual Workshop on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 on the NIH Main Campus in Natcher Conference Center. [The NIAID Fellow’s Advisory Committee’s next meeting will be Friday, September 13 from 4-5pm ET on the Main Campus](#). Please contact Dr. Sydella Blatch if interested in joining the planning committee or NIAID Fellows Advisory Committee.

Visiting Fellows Committee

Vrushali Agashe & Michael Buch

1. VFC Social

Past events:

- *Friday, August 16th*, Jazz in the Garden, about 10 participants.
- *Thursday, August 29th*, 6-9 pm. **VFC Social Networking Event** – CANCELLED

Future events:

- *Saturday, September 7th*, 12.30pm, Air and Space Museum visit.
- *Saturday, September 21st*, Hike on the Glover Archibald Trail near Tenleytown for Postdoc appreciation day.
- *Thursday, September 26th*, 6-9 pm. **VFC Social Networking Event** – Location TBD

2. Science Voices from Home

Future events:

- Science Voices from Home: Japan; September 5, Building 2, Room 2W15.
- Date and Location TBD Science Voices from Home: Germany, October

3. Brown Bag Seminar

- Thursday, October 17th, 2.30-4pm, FAES Health Insurance Brown Bag - Location FAES Conference Room, 1N241A, **Building 10**.
- Thursday, November 7th, 12-1pm, Scott Morgan Brown Bag - Topic and Location: TBD

4. Country representatives/DIS

- Advertise for NPA in the DIS Newsletter.

5. Open Positions at VFC

- The open position will be advertised in the coming month.
- A position is still open in the **Communication team**, as the new VFC website admin.

7. Halloween party

- November 1st, 2019, FAES house. Details to be discussed at the next VFC meeting.

- Contact Vrushali or Michael if interested in Volunteering.
- Tickets to go on sale soon, similar to previous years with Early bird, First and Second release and At door.

8. Next VFC meeting.

9/11/2019, 1:00 - 2:00 pm; Main campus, Building 2, Room 2W15.

Call in No: 1-(866)-556-1965. Participant code: 2706089

WALS Subcommittee

Nothing to Report

Salina Gairhe & Valerie Darcey

Women Scientist Advisors Committee

Nothing to Report

Jennifer Groebner & Mona Orr