NIH Fellows Committee Agenda
Thursday, March 7, 2013
Wilson Hall, 3rd Floor, Building 1

1. Welcome New Members
2. Introductions of Committee At-Large
3. February minutes- approval
   a. Minutes approved
4. Remarks:
   a. FelCom Officers
   b. Office of Intramural Training and Education (OITE)
   c. Office of Intramural Research (OIR)
5. New Business
   a. Presentation of the Smithsonian/NMNH Exhibition:
      • Genome: Unlocking Life’s Code By Belen Hurle, Ph.D.
6. Subcommittees and Liaison Reports
   a. Animal Research Advisory Committee
   b. Career Development Committee
   c. Child Care Board Liaison
   d. Clinical FelCom
   e. Committee on Scientific Conduct & Ethics Liaison
   f. FAES Liaison
   g. FARE Committee
   h. Graduate Medical Education Committee
   i. Human Subjects Research Advisory Committee Liaison
   j. IPRWH Liaison
   k. Job Networking Committee
   l. Medical Executive Committee Liaison
   m. National Postdoc Association Liaison
   n. Recreation and Welfare Committee
   o. Service Outreach Subcommittee
   p. Social Committee
   q. Training Directors Committee Liaison
   r. Visiting Fellows Committee
   s. WALS Committee
   t. Women Scientist Advisors Committee Liaison

Lara el Touny
Sandip De & Elyssa Monzack
Clara Bodelon & Nirali Shah
Kenneth Remy & Srinivas Vourganti
Peter Winter
Caroline Jochems
Iain Scott & Clarisa Buckner
Joel Stoddard & Ali Abbas Syed
Joseph Kim
Remy Brim
Shekhar Jha & Adeola Makinde
Srinivas Vourganti & Kenneth Remy
Monica Deshpande
Jeanne Morin-Leisk
Shu Chen & Julien Senac
Anna Sundborger & Christiane Kuscal
Cristina Rangel, Kenneth Remy & Julien Senac
Vatsalya Vatsalya & Jithesh Veetil
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7. Adjournment

Next meeting: Thursday, April 4, 2013 in Building 1, Wilson Hall
The OITE was impacted by the sequester.
Their travel funds have been cut so they will not represent the NIH at the National Postdoctoral Association national meeting in March. The limited funds were shifted towards more

OITE missing books:
The OITE office loans out books on career advice to postdocs and graduate students. Unfortunately, fellows are not returning the books and there is a large amount missing so OITE is initiating a book amnesty program – PLEASE send books back via intra office mail. Please check around you lab, the books have an OITE stamp on them – the honesty policy is not working and in the future the books will be checked out via the library.

Update on the funding situation:
Friends in Congress trying to restore the NIH budget but it’s unknown whether that will happen
What will ultimately happen remains to be seen as Congress continues their deliberations.
Each IC will handle the funding cuts differently – it’s a mess

Felcom website:
The felcom website is in the process of being updated. The new logo is up → please check it out.
The list of Felcom members, which was outdated, has been taken down and will be replaced in the near future once a master list of current members is finalized – subcommittee members please update your committee members list and send it to Anna.
A new policy was adopted by the Felcom committee – the Felcom website will be updated the Friday following each Felcom meeting.

Attendance problem at felcom meetings:
Felcom members are only allowed one excused absence per semester (two per year). Members lose voting rights if they do not attend the meetings. See Anna for questions on your attendance as she maintains the master list.

Presentation of the Smithsonian/NMNH Exhibition:
Genome: Unlocking Life’s Code By Belen Hurle, Ph.D
60th anniversary of discovery DNA
10th university of completion of human genome project
The exhibit opens in Natural History Museum from June 2013 – August 2014 next to the hope diamond exhibit
Volunteer opportunities:
The scientists is in – senior scientists and staff scientists only
Thursday commitment
Genomic nerds – for graduate students and postdocs/clinical fellows
Weekend commitment 1-4pm
Bring images, data, and equipment and interact with the visitors to answer questions and model scientific behavior. Can also talk about careers in science and the average amount of time spent in the exhibit by a visitor is 10 minutes so limit your presentation and expect to present it over and over again.
A museum volunteer will come to NIH in May and train the volunteers for one hour
Volunteers are expected to provide a picture and short bio and they will be featured on the museum website
Volunteers should treat this as a professional engagement like a meeting
The exhibit will run weekly for a whole year so there is ample opportunity
Hands-on-activities – for everyone, including you parents and friends outside science
   Located in a section of the museum where kids do hands on activities
   There is a wet lab and a dry lab
   You can volunteer monthly. Same day and time each month
   Saturday June 1st is the one hour training course
   Sign up at OITE website. Its on the home page as number two (will not be there long) and
   the link is below
      https://www.training.nih.gov/sas/_20/499
   You can also e-mail Belen Hurle (bhurle@mail.nih.gov)

New NIH visitor map:
   There was a mixed reception to the idea.
   There are currently four NIH maps – visitors, emergency, deliveries and bikes

Instructions to use the Facebook page:
   The Felcom Facebook page is sort of hidden because there are two Felcom pages; one is the main
   page that you cannot like or post to and the second is a subpage of the main page that you can like
   and post to. To get to this page search for “NIH Felcom page”

   All Felcom members are “required” to register as a judge for FARE
Animal Research Advisory Committee

February 2013 meeting: Cancelled

- ARAC was notified that the 2013 AVMA Euthanasia Guidelines have been released. However, NIH will continue to follow the 2007 version of these guidelines until the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) adopts the new version.
  - No changes to current practices that would be relevant to fellows.

Career Development Committee

Members: Cory Lago (NHLBI), Hui Cheng (NIAID), Lori Conlan (OITE), Chao Jiang (NIAMS), Paul Keller (NIAMS), Ashley Kennedy (NIDA), Adeola Makinde (NCI), Kristina McLinden (NINDS), Amanda Melillo (FDA/CBER), Amarjit Mishra (FDA), J Jairo Montezuma-Rusca (NHLBI), Meghan Mott (NIAAA), Jennifer Plank (NIDDK), Nadine Samara (NIDDK), Christina Schindler (NICH), Pabak Sarkar (NIAAA), Oscar Vidal (NHLBI)
GSC Pathway Members: Vandana Sekhar (NIAID), Wesley Stepp (NIAID)

The Career Development committee last met on 2/7/13 and our next scheduled meeting is on 3/7/13. Our last seminar, “Careers in Industry” (2/11/13) was very well attended. The seminar was videocast and the link to the seminar is available on the OITE website (https://videocast.nih.gov/PastEvents.asp). Our next seminar will be “Careers in Government” on 3/11/13 at Lipsett from 3:00-5:00 pm. There will also be a networking event from 5:30-7.00 pm at BlackFinn in Bethesda.

The “Careers in Government” seminar will be videocast and a link to the video will be provided on the OITE website for those who are unable to attend.

Childcare Board Liaison

No Report Submitted

Clinical FelCom (ClinFelCom)

Nothing to Report this month

Committee on Scientific Conduct & Ethics

Melissa Colbert reported that several research misconduct cases within NIH have been consuming her time recently. The allegations typically come to her attention through Sharon Milgram, in whom individuals confide.

Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) education at NIH is offered via the introductory web course, at orientations for new staff and trainees (through OITE), and once per year thereafter through ethics case discussion sessions. It is assumed that the resources are utilized and the handouts have been read, however, there is no follow up other than by taking attendance.
Venues for RCR education: OITE Orientation for new trainees to include RCR, Web course, Small IC-based 
group discussions of cases created by CSCE works well. 
Additional venues: Clinical grand rounds for ethics, Basic science grand rounds for ethics, NIH Research 
Festival, Seminars by ORI staff, Periodic email announcements, Reminder and link for ORI training video 
“The Lab” and new video concerning a clinical setting. 
Discussion: Large groups in a large auditorium do not work well for discussion. Cynthia Ricard proposed 
base discussion by pre-selected panelists. Incentive for them might be a certificate of appreciation, teaching 
or presentation for their CV, other form of recognition.

**FAES Liaison**

Caroline Jochems (NCI)

No Report Submitted

**FARE Committee**

Iain Scott (NHLBI) & Clarisa Buckner (NIAID)

**Members:** Anastasia Aksyuk (NIAMS); Meghan O'Donoghue Altman (NIAID); Pere Puigbo Avalos 
(NLM/NCBI); Jordan Beach (NHLBI); King Leung Fung (NCI); Leah Matzat (NIDDK); Tiffany Nguyen 
(NHLBI); Jennifer Seedorff (NIAID); Jessica Smith (NCI); Joseph Tiano (NIDDK); Brajendra Tripathi 
(NCI); Janani Varadarajan (NCI).

FARE 2014 opened for application submission on February 23rd instead of February 20th due to system 
logistics. The close date will remain the same, March 20th. Judge registration is also open and emails urging 
PIs, Staff Scientists, previous FARE winners and FelCom members to register are being sent out. Our 
committee has been working to distribute and post fliers, as well as answer emails directed to FARE. OITE 
(Lori Conlan and Steve Alves) have been instrumental in making sure the FARE website and the application 
site were ready for a smooth application opening. **PLEASE REGISTER TO BE A FARE JUDGE.**

**Graduate Medical Education Committee**  
Joel Stoddard and Ali Abbas Syed

**Human Subjects Research Advisory Committee**  
Joseph Kim (NCI)

**IPRWH Liaison**  
Remy Brim (CC)

No meeting this past month.

**Job Networking Committee**  
Shekhar Jha & Adeola Makinde (NCI)

**Members:** Pavlova, Olga (NIDDK); Li, Caiyi (NCI) [E]; Mo, Di (NIDDK); Hogg, Alison (NCI); Roy, 
Soumen (NIDCD); Lahiri, Sujoy (NIDDK); Zhou, Yang (NCI).

**Medical Executive Committee**  
Srinivas Vourganti and Kenneth E. Remy

Nothing to report at this time.

**NPA Liaison**  
Monika Deshpande (NCI)
Recreation and Welfare Committee

Jeanne Morin-Leisk (NIDDK)

Service and Outreach Subcommittee

Shu Hui Chen (NIAID) & Julien Sénac (NHGRI)

Committee Members: Bond, Michelle (NIH/NIDDK); Ash, Jessica (NIH/NIA/IRP); Janelins, Brian (NIH/NIAID; Kuo, Lillian (NIH/NCI), Mariana (NIH/NIAID); Kelly, Priscilla (NIH/NCI); Marino, Natascia (NIH/NCI); Reed, Tiffany (NIH/NCI)

Past Event:
February 22, Girl Scouts visit to NIH campus 1PM-3:30PM
  • We are going to give a short tour of the Nobel Laureate Hall at the Visitor Center (Bldg45) and break out to look at non-Neutonian liquids in conjunction with reading excerpts from “Bartholomew and the Oobleck” by Dr. Seuss.
  • Was a great event enjoyed by the kids and adults.
  • We hope to expand this to an event for “Take your child to work day.”

Next Event:
FelCom SOS Event: Food & Friends Saturday March 9th 9am – noon
The FelCom Service and Outreach Subcommittee (SOS) invites you to join us for a FUN and EXCITING volunteer event with Food & Friends! This is a wonderful outreach opportunity for you to serve your community.

Who: NIH trainees (postdocs, grad students, postbacs) and all members of the greater NIH community.
When: Saturday March 9th, 9am – noon
Where: Food & Friends (219 Riggs Road, NE, Washington DC 20011). Near the Fort Totten Metro Station (Red line). Carpooling will also be available and coordinated amongst volunteers.
What: Volunteers will be helping out in the Food & Friends kitchen to prepare meals and pack groceries.
Why: The mission of Food & Friends is to foster a community caring for men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS, cancer and other life-challenging illnesses by preparing and delivering specialized meals and groceries in conjunction with nutrition counseling.
How: Please email Lillian (kuols@mail.nih.gov) for more information and to SIGN-UP for this event.

Still in the works:
We are looking into having an outreach Girl Scouts science day with the troop we worked with last year. We had a phone conference with Camillea Graham coordinate dates and time.
  • They are also wanting to participate with a hosted event again at the Family Lodge
    o We need dates and times and celebratory ideas to do with the Lodgers.
      ▪ Tentative dates are weekends during March.
    o Alternatively, we are welcome to contact the Clinical Center Events Coordinator to set up the science part before moving over to the lodge for a luncheon.
      ▪ Work with the Girls on DNA extractions
      ▪ Have the girls lead DNA extractions at the clinical center
      ▪ Give a short presentation on genetics and SNPs, etc.
      ▪ Q&A

OSE collaboration
  • Topics brainstormed:
    o Postdoc seminar series for college students. May have found support from an IC for this idea. Still in talks.
      ▪ This might be worthwhile if we can collaborate with a college career center and do on weekends/night seminars
  • We will be contacted to evaluate the “Lab Challenge” when all entries are in. See the link for
more information about this contest: 

Social Committee  
Anna Sundborger (NIDDK) & Christiane Kuschal (NCI)

Members: Shu Hui Chen (NIAID)

We had 3 events in February: Karaoke at Tommy Joe’s in Bethesda Feb 5th, Ice Skating at the new Ice Rink in Georgetown Waterfront Feb 16th, Happy Hour at Black Finn in Bethesda Feb 20th. For March we plan a Happy Hour Wednesday 6th at Pizzeria da Marco in Bethesda, Bowling at the Naval Medical Center Saturday 16th (in conjunction with OITE), and Happy Hour Wednesday 20th at Black Finn. Change to Sunday 17th

Training Directors Committee  
Kenneth Remy (CC) & Julien Senac (NHGRI)

Did not meet this month.

Visiting Fellows Committee  
Vatsalya Vatsalya (NIAAA) and Jithesh Veetil (NIAAA)

VFC held its meeting on 11th Feb 2013. In this meeting, VFC had invited representatives from different country subgroups and discussed the layout of activities mutually benefiting the fellows serving VFC and country subgroups and other fellows.

VFC has developed a VFC LISTSERV to facilitate the communication among members of the VFC, Country Groups at NIH and Visiting Fellows.

VFC and SACNAS have been collaborating to organize an “international night” event at Children’s Inn (tentatively on June 18th). The planning meeting was held on March 4, 2013.

VFC is planning its first brown bag session, hosting DIS administration representatives.

VFC newsletter team had its meeting on Feb 27th. VFC is planning four issues of the newsletter per year, covering a wide range of topics interest to visiting fellows, including but not limited to career development/IDP, tax & immigration issues for visiting fellows country group events both social and educational, report on relevant programs from embassy/consulates and interviews. There are few opening for writers/editors. VFC newsletter offers opportunity for fellows to strengthen writing and editing skills as well as creativity. For more info, please contact VFC newsletter managing editor, Anne M. Miermont: miermonteltejam@mail.nih.gov

In addition to newsletter, VFC is currently recruiting interested visiting fellows to join various projects at VFC like SVH, and webpage development. All visiting fellows who are interested in participating and bringing fresh ideas of activities to promote international community and career development are encourage joining the VFC monthly to be held at Bldg. 2, on 11th March 2013, 4.00pm.

WALS Committee  
Shan He (NIDCD) & James Keller (NIDCD)

Members: Sally Davis (NIAID), Alika Maunakea (OD), Julie Wu (NHLBI), Kristina Lu (NHGRI),

WALS nomination has been finished. We have submitted 9 speakers from postdoc nominations. And the final decisions will be made by WALS office.
Women Scientist Advisors Committee  
Clarisa Buckner (NIAID) & Aimee Hollander 
(FDA-CBER)

Please join us for the NIH 2013 Women’s History Month Program. The national theme for the 2013 Women’s History Month is *Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics*. The theme provides an opportunity for the NIH community to celebrate the achievements of women in STEM and reflect on how we can better equip women and girls to enter and succeed in STEM fields.

Our keynote speaker is Dr. Lydia Villa-Komaroff, an internationally-recognized molecular biologist who has performed groundbreaking research and has held key leadership roles in academia and in the private sector. You can learn more about Dr. Villa-Komaroff’s remarkable story and achievements [here](#). For our program, Dr. Villa-Komaroff will be giving a talk entitled “From Cloning to Cell Therapies: A Life in Science.”

When: Thursday March 21, 2013, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Where: Building 31, C Wing, 6th floor, Conference Room 6
Keynote Speaker: Lydia Villa-Komaroff, Ph.D., Chief Scientific Officer, Cytonome/ST, LLC

Other NIH program participants include Susan Maier, Ph.D., Deputy Director, Office of Research on Women’s Health; Sharon Milgram, Ph.D., Director, Office of Intramural Training & Education; Debra Chew, Director, Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity Management.

For questions, please contact Golda Philip, Esq., NIH Federal Women’s Program Manager, at Golda.Philip@nih.gov.

NIA- Baltimore  
Irene Avila & Peter Sykora

NIEHS-North Carolina  
Sonika Patial & Jim Aloor

1. We had our monthly Brown bag lunch on February 19th. This month’s lunch featured careers in medical writing and we invited two medical writers from the area to talk to our fellows. Our guests were Amber King from Quintiles and Ann Winter-Vann from Whittsell innovations Inc. The event was well attended and the guests provided some very helpful information and tips on medical writing as a career.

2. NIEHS achievements were honored this month at annual awards ceremony. In particular NIEHS recognized service to the Citizen Schools Program at nearby Lowes Grove Elementary School. This group included several of our own fellows among other staff who volunteered and made the first year of the program a resounding success.

NCI-Frederick  
Cristina Rangel

The FYI Career Development Seminar Series presents: Using Project Management Principles to Be More Productive at the Bench. Thomas Turbyville, PhD, MBA, Scientist II, Optical Microscopy and Analysis Laboratory, SAIC-Frederick. Monday, March 11th, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Building 40, Room 1201/1203, Bethesda; Conferenced to Fredrick - Conference Room A/ Bld 549. **FREE Pizza included!**

The FYI Social Subcommittee invites you to a fun networking day: Snow Tubing at the Liberty Mountain Resort. Sunday, March 10th. We will meet at 11am for carpool in the gate of the 7th Avenue, NCI Frederick Campus. The ticket price for snow tubing at the resort is $29/2hours. Detailed information in the website: [http://www.libertymountainresort.com/mountain/snow-tubing/snow-tubing-hours-rates.aspx](http://www.libertymountainresort.com/mountain/snow-tubing/snow-tubing-hours-rates.aspx)