

**NIH Fellows Committee Agenda**  
**Thursday, March 7, 2013**  
**Wilson Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

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| <b>a. Animal Research Advisory Committee</b>                   | <i>Lara el Touny</i>                                    |
| <b>b. Career Development Committee</b>                         | <i>Sandip De &amp; Elyssa Monzack</i>                   |
| <b>c. Child Care Board Liaison</b>                             | <i>Clara Bodelon &amp; Nirali Shah</i>                  |
| <b>d. Clinical FelCom</b>                                      | <i>Kenneth Remy &amp; Srinivas Vourganti</i>            |
| <b>e. Committee on Scientific Conduct &amp; Ethics Liaison</b> | <i>Peter Winter</i>                                     |
| <b>f. FAES Liaison</b>   | <i>Caroline Jochems</i>                                 |
| <b>g. FARE Committee</b>                                       | <i>Iain Scott &amp; Clarisa Buckner</i>                 |
| <b>h. Graduate Medical Education Committee</b>                 | <i>Joel Stoddard &amp; Ali Abbas Syed</i>               |
| <b>i. Human Subjects Research Advisory Committee Liaison</b>   | <i>Joseph Kim</i>                                       |
| <b>j. IPRWH Liaison</b>  | <i>Remy Brim</i>  |
| <b>k. Job Networking Committee</b>                             | <i>Shekhar Jha &amp; Adeola Makinde</i>                 |
| <b>l. Medical Executive Committee Liaison</b>                  | <i>Srinivas Vourganti &amp; Kenneth Remy</i>            |
| <b>m. National Postdoc Association Liaison</b>                 | <i>Monica Deshpande</i>                                 |
| <b>n. Recreation and Welfare Committee</b>                     | <i>Jeanne Morin-Leisk</i>                               |
| <b>o. Service Outreach Subcommittee</b>                        | <i>Shu Chen &amp; Julien Senac</i>                      |
| <b>p. Social Committee</b>                                     | <i>Anna Sundborger &amp; Christiane Kuschal</i>         |
| <b>q. Training Directors Committee Liaison</b>                 | <i>Cristina Rangel, Kenneth Remy &amp; Julien Senac</i> |
| <b>r. Visiting Fellows Committee</b>                           | <i>Vatsalya Vatsalya &amp; Jithesh Veetil</i>           |
| <b>s. WALs Committee</b>                                       | <i>Shan He &amp; James Keller</i>                       |
| <b>t. Women Scientist Advisors Committee Liaison</b>           | <i>Clarisa Buckner &amp; Aimee Hollander</i>            |

**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 your 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 Hurlle, Ph.D

60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of discovery DNA

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](https://www.training.nih.gov/sas/_20/499)

You can also e-mail Belen Hurlle (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**

## FELCOM March 2013

### SUBCOMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

#### Animal Research Advisory Committee

*Lara el-Touny (NCI)*

##### **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

*Sandip De (NICHD) & Elyssa Monzack (NIDCD)*

**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 (NICHD), 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

*Nirali Shah (NCI), Clara Bodelon (NCI)*

No Report Submitted

#### Clinical FelCom (ClinFelCom)

*Kenneth Remy (CC) & Srinivas Vourganti(NCI)*

Nothing to Report this month

#### Committee on Scientific Conduct & Ethics

*Peter Winter (NIBIB)*

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 case 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 23<sup>rd</sup> instead of February 20<sup>th</sup> due to system logistics. The close date will remain the same, March 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 S nac (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-Newtonian 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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
  - We need dates and times and celebratory ideas to do with the Lodgers.
    - Tentative dates are weekends during March.
  - 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:
  - 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:

<http://science.education.nih.gov/NIHLabChallenge.nsf/index.xsp?page=Home>

## **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 5<sup>th</sup>, Ice Skating at the new Ice Rink in Georgetown Waterfront Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, Happy Hour at Black Finn in Bethesda Feb 20<sup>th</sup>. For March we plan a Happy Hour Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> at Pizzeria da Marco in Bethesda, Bowling at the Naval Medical Center Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> (in conjunction with OITE), and Happy Hour Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> at Black Finn. Change to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

## **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 18<sup>th</sup>). 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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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: [miermonteltenham@mail.nih.gov](mailto:miermonteltenham@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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013, 4.00pm.

## **WALS Committee**

*Shan He (NIDCD) & James Keller (NIDCD)*

*Members: Sally Davis (NIAID), Alikea 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 (FDA-CBER)

Clarisa Buckner (NIAID) & Aimee Hollander

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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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>