

NIH Fellows Committee Agenda

Thursday, March 2nd, 2017

Wilson Hall Third Floor, Building 1

Call-in number: 1 866 772-5230, Passcode: 8168509

1. **Welcome New Members**
2. **Introductions**
3. **Approval of February minutes**
4. **Remarks (10 Minutes):**
 - a. FelCom Officers: Sarah Morgan, Agnes Mwakingwe, Elizabeth Gordon, Katherine Reding
 - b. Office of Intramural Training and Education (OITE): Lori Conlan
 - c. Office of Intramural Research (OIR): Charles Dearolf
5. **New Business (30 minutes)**
 - a. Rusty Mason – Overview of the NIH Health and Wellness Council. (10 minutes)
 - b. Christina Farias – FAES Update: Health Insurance and Other Resources for NIH Fellows (20 minutes)
6. **Subcommittee and Liaison Announcements (15 Minutes)**
7. **Any other business (5 minutes)**

Next meeting: April 6th, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 4:04pm

Remarks

Felcom Officers

- Sarah Morgan – nothing to announce
- Agnes Mwakingwe – nothing to announce
- Elizabeth Gordon – Please email if you attended on the phone
- Katherine Reding – nothing to announce

Office of Intramural Training and Education (OITE): Lori Conlan

- Career Symposium Panel on May 11th, 10 year anniversary - Science Policy Panel is highlighted
- Summer internships are coming up, thank-you for signing up!
- Graduate Student Symposium – thank you for judging!
- Wellness Events on main campus, want to do similar ones off campus - - anyone from Twinbrook interested in coordinating?

Office of Intramural Research (OIR): Charles Dearolf

- Scientific Directors have agreed that we need more transparency on compensation. Recommendation is to supply a 1 page sheet handed out to fellows (e.g. payment tables and how to get advanced pay). We need feedback to see if this is happening.

New Business

- Rusty Mason – Overview of the NIH Health and Wellness Council.
 - a. Fitness & wellbeing –
 - Fitness for You, free classes offered every month
 - Take a Hike Day June 8th
 - b. Bike Subsidy Program, \$20/month for bike maintenance
 - c. Recreation & Welfare association offers Clubs – sailing, biking, etc.

- Christina Farias – FAES Update: Health Insurance and Other Resources for NIH Fellows.
 - a. Insurance Coverage
 - New partnership with CoreSource, a 3rd Party Administrator, to reduce cost to NIH by 3%
 - Aetna is NOT our health care provider, but we use the Aetna providers through CoreSource
 - Questions on finding doctors or primary care physicians can be directed through the FAES office on campus
 - FAES office can add new doctors into the network if there is a need
 - Dental Insurance – New plan is coming up next year
 - b. Tax Services for International Fellows at \$10/pp, Only 250 available
 - c. Online Education pilot classes in FAES
 - d. CoreSource Insurance Cards

Subcommittee and Liaison Announcements

FARE Committee: In need judges for 2018, please sign up!

WSA Liaison: Meeting at 1pm tomorrow, WebEx available.

Other Business

Social Events for FelCom; Randy Schools from R&W gave a brief statement

- Year round opportunities for recreational activities, including group trips
 - Canoe trip with Shenandoah – have done in the past, and can organize with R&W
 - Scavenger Hunt groups
 - Rocky Mt Trail guides in Boulder, CO
 - To setup trips, contact Randy at 301-402-6493, or schoolsr@mail.nih.gov
- Special summer camps for children with cancer with NCI – for kids, parents, siblings, friends – always need volunteers
- Relationship with zip car on campus

Meeting adjourned at 5:14pm

MEMBERSHIP

FelCom Subcommittee	Co-Chairs
Career Development Committee	Jennifer Symonds & Sarah Morgan
Clinical FelCom	Agnes Mwakingwe & Laura Wake
FARE Committee	John Gallagher & Pushpanathan Muthuirulan
Mentoring Committee	Gloria Laryea & Jennifer West
Service and Outreach Subcommittee	Douglas Dluzen & Zelia Worman
Social Committee	Reina Haddad, Marco Craveiro, Luiz Felipe Barella, & Stal Shrestha
Visiting Fellows Committee	Stéphanie Olivier-Van Stichelen & Fatima Ali-Rahmani
Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series (WALS)	Fatima Chowdhry & Salina Gairhe

FelCom Liaison Position	Liaison(s)
American Federation for Medical Research (AFMR)	<i>VACANT</i>
Animal Research Advisory Committee	<i>TO BE ELECTED</i>
Child Care Board	Kimberly LeBlanc & Blake Warner
Committee on Scientific Conduct & Ethics	Andrew Frank-Wilson
Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES)	Anna Pasetto & Eric Refsland
Graduate Medical Education Committee	Alexis Simpkins & Cemre Robinson
Graduate Student Council (GSC)	Sara Kimmich & Jessica Schneller
Human Subjects Research Advisory Committee (HSRAC)	<i>VACANT</i>
Medical Executive Committee	Agnes Mwakingwe & Laura Wake
National Postdoc Association	Didier Chalhoub
Outreach Liaison	Craig Myrum
PRAT Liaison	Dylan Murray
Recreation and Welfare Committee	Stal Shrestha
Training Directors Committee	Valerie Miller & Belinda Hauser
Women Scientist Advisors Committee (WSA)	Fatima Ali-Rahmani & Jessica Petrick

Institute/Center	Representative(s)	Institute/Center	Representative(s)
CCR-FYI (NCI)	Namal Liyanage	NICHD	Suna Gulay
FDA	Narayana Garimella	NIDA	Martin Job
NCATS	Mike Iannotti & <i>TBD</i>	NIDCD	Hui-Tung (Candy) Wong
NCCIH	Eleni Frangos	NIDCR	Belinda Hauser
NCI-CPFP	Claire Meaney (Basic) & Maryam Doroudi (Clinical)	NIDDK	Sarah Morgan
NCI-Shady Grove	Alison Van Dyke	NIEHS	Deirdre Robinson
NEI	Ruchi Sharma	NIGMS	Dylan Murray
NHGRI	Jason Sinclair	NIMH	Kathy Reding
NHLBI	Elizabeth Gordon	NIMHD	<i>VACANT</i>
NIA	Doug Dluzen & Michael Rouse	NINDS	James Park (clinical) & Tatjana Atanasijevic (basic)
NIAAA	Karina Abrahao (Basic) & <i>TBD</i>	NINR	Paule Joseph
NIAID	<i>VACANT</i>	NLM	Amrita Roy Chowdhury & <i>TBD</i>
NIAMS	<i>VACANT</i>	USUHS	Debjani Mandal
NIBIB	Qianping He	VRC (NIAID)	April Killikelly

SUBCOMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

Animal Research Advisory Committee

TO BE ELECTED

Nothing to report.

Career Development Committee

Jennifer Symonds & Sarah Morgan

Our next meeting will be April 6th, 2017 at 3PM in Building 2, Room 2W-15.

Our next panel, "Keeping A Bench Job," will be held on Tuesday, March 21st, 3-5PM in Building 45, Room A.

Childcare Board Liaisons

Kimberly LeBlanc & Blake Warner

Nothing to report.

Clinical FelCom and Medical Executive Committee

Agnes Mwakingwe & Laura Wake

Nothing to report.

Committee on Scientific Conduct and Ethics

Andrew Frank-Wilson

The Committee for Scientific Conduct and Ethics postponed its February meeting to Late March. There is nothing to report.

FAES Liaisons

Anna Pasetto & Eric Refsland

- A full report handout of the FAES Insurance Program Satisfaction Survey is available. Check the table by the door on your way out.
- Be sure to check out the third annual NIH Pi day on March 14th. NIH Pi Day will feature the following activities:
 - 10:00-11:00 AM: Data Center Tours, Building #12A, Room 1100 (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)
 - 11:00 AM-noon: PiCo Lightning Talks by NIH staff, Porter Building, #35A, Room 630
 - Noon-1:00 PM: Poster/Demo Session and Networking, Porter Building, #35A, Foyer
- 1:00-2:00 PM: Data Science Distinguished Seminar Series, Lecture by Simons Professors of Mathematics at MIT, Dr. Bonnie Berger, "The Mathematics of Biomedical Data Science," Porter Building, #35A, Room 620/630

For more information about Pi day visit: <http://nihpiday.nih.gov>

FARE Committee

John Gallagher & Pushpanathan Muthuirulan

The FARE award is now open and will continue to accept submissions until March 16. We encourage all interested and eligible fellows to apply. The success rate is set at 25%, so more applications means more winners. Your help is appreciated for spreading the word about the FARE award: for example if you attend an interest group that is attended by fellows, we would appreciate a one or two sentence mention of the FARE award. Towards our goal of increasing submissions to the FARE award, we have been rolling out fliers in stages across campus, and hope to capture additional interest by email and word of mouth before the application interval closes. We appreciate your help in

posting fliers around the NIH campus, and if you have ideas about where to advertise please contact us, or hang a flier yourself using the files circulated with the February FelCom minutes.

Also, as FelCom members, you have a tradition of serving as judges and chief judges for FARE study sections. We strongly encourage you to register as a judge for the FARE award to help us continue our tradition of a thorough and fair review process.

Graduate Medical Education Committee

Alexis Simpkins & Cemre Robinson

Nothing to report.

Graduate Student Council Liaisons

Jess Schneller & Sara Kimmich

Nothing to report.

Mentoring Committee

Gloria Laryea & Jennifer West

Our committee would like to announce that we have nominated a new co-chair Gloria Laryea to replace Jessica Pierce who has moved on to a new position. This month our Committee established new goals: (1) distributing mentoring related resources to the NIH committee via the FelCom and OITE newsletter; (2) Sending the mentoring Field Guide to all of the training directors and requesting that it be distributed to new fellows; (3) Reviewing the Fellow Handbook to provide suggested changes and write a section on how to succeed at NIH; (4) Organizing small networking events where we can discuss mentoring and meet other fellows. Our first event will be in April; look for our announcement.

As always we welcome new members to our committee. We meet the second Friday of each month at 12pm in the OITE conference room (Building 2; second floor). If you have any questions or would like to be added to our mailing list please email Jennifer West (jennifer.west@nih.gov).

NCI-Shady Grove (DCEG)

Alison Van Dyke

- *Fellows' Survey:* Our annual DCEG fellows' survey is currently underway. Last year's survey led to identification of key areas of improvement and to the development of action items that have been or are being implemented.
- *Upcoming Seminars:* The following seminars will be held in March, 2017:

DCEG Visiting Scholar Seminar

Tuesday, March 7th

1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Shady Grove TE level – Seminar Room 110

Title: Susceptibility to breast cancer, common and rare: How far have we got and where next?

Speaker: Douglas Easton, Ph.D.

Stadtman Lecture

Monday, March 13th

11:00 a.m. to noon

Shady Grove TE level – 406

Title: New insights into environmental radiation exposure and cancer risks

Speaker: Elizabeth Cahoon, P.D.

“You are a stronger force than you realize.”
Francis Collins, Ph.D., National Institutes of Health (NIH) Director
NPA Annual Meeting, March 2010

- **The 2017 NPA annual meeting is in two weeks!**
 - Online registration closes on Friday, March 3rd. You can read about the Keynote and Plenary speakers here: <http://www.nationalpostdoc.org/general/custom.asp?page=2017AnnualMeeting>
 - FelCom poster entitled “The Synergistic Role of Additional Mentoring” is now being finalized.
 - Conference will take place in San Francisco.
 - 25 Things You Probably did not know About San Francisco, [here](#).

- **NPA announcements and updates**
 - NPA celebrates “Black History Month” and “Women’s History Month”. **Highlighted individuals include** [Harold Amos](#), [Mamie Phipps Clark](#), [Edward Alexander Bouchet](#), [Jewel Plummer Cobb](#), [Kenneth Clark](#), [Katherine G. Johnson](#), and [Neil deGrasse Tyson](#).
 - The February issue of the POSTDOCKET is available: <http://ow.ly/Mflr309dFaN>. Melissa Vaught, editor in chief wrote an interesting piece entitled “An Introvert Walks into a Conference.”
 - The NPA board of directors has appointed Kerry Kauffman, B.A. as co-chair elect of the meetings committee.
 - If you would like to receive news from the NPA, please complete the form [here](#). Your contact information [name, email address, phone number] will not be shared outside of the organization.

JOIN the NPA!

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

- Remember to join one or more of the committees listed below:
 - A. Advocacy Committee**
Addresses all advocacy and policy issues relating to and affecting the postdoctoral community (including but not limited to general policy, diversity, and international postdoc issues).
 - B. Outreach Committee**
Promotes the mission, values, goals, and business objectives of the NPA
 - C. Meetings Committee**
Plans and organizes the NPA Annual Meeting
 - D. Resource Development Committee**
Develops tools and resources for the postdoctoral community. New Potential projects are in need of volunteers. Contact me if interested.
 - E. The POSTDOCKET Committee**
Plans and publishes *The POSTDOCKET*, the NPA's quarterly newsletter. POSTDOCKET archives is members-only. However, you might be eligible for a free Affiliate membership.

1. It’s been a while since I’ve submitted anything to the [I am Intramural blog](#), so I need your help to find ideas! 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 *Catalyst* editor was able to find something for the Mar-April Training Page. If you have an idea for the May-June edition, let me know!

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

Postdoctoral Research Associate Training (PRAT) Program

Dylan Murray

Nothing to report.

Recreation and Welfare/Health and Wellness Committees Liaison

Stal Shrestha

This month, the Wellness @ NIH is providing the following fitness classes for FREE!

For more information, please go to <http://wellnessatnih.nih.gov/Pages/default.aspx>
<https://www.ors.od.nih.gov/pes/dats/wellness/Pages/index.aspx>

All classes are free and open to all NIH staff.

Please feel free to email if you have any question or suggestion! stal.shrestha@nih.gov

Social Committee

Reina Haddad, Marco Craveiro, Luiz Felipe Barella, & Stal Shrestha

We are organizing a Fellows' social on either March 9th or March 16th (Thursday). If you have any suggestion for a venue, please let us know.

Service and Outreach Subcommittee

Douglas Dluzen & Zelia Worman

Announcements:

The SOS is looking for a new Baltimore Co-Chair to begin sometime in March 2017. Please email Doug Dluzen (douglas.dluzen@nih.gov) for more information.

Upcoming Events:

- (Bethesda) Joint campus (Bethesda and Baltimore) – Spring/Summer 2017 TBA
- (Baltimore) Baltimore Science Fair Judging – Towson University – March 25th and 26th 2017,
- (D.C.) Montgomery County Science Fair Judging – FDA – March 18th, 2017
- (Baltimore) Helping Up Mission: <https://helpingupmission.org/> . 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.

Recent Events:

(Bethesda) Safra Lodge Brunch - Saturday, February 25th, 2017

Training Directors Committee

Valerie Miller and Belinda Hauser

The Postdoc Subcommittee did not meet in February.

The February Training Directors Committee meeting was held on February 16th. Upcoming events of interest to NIH Trainees and Training Directors include:

- Microbiome Research at the NIH/FDA Symposium, Monday, March 13th.
<https://ncifrederick.cancer.gov/events/Microbiome2017/>
- CTE Seminar/Webcast with Dr. Bennet Omalu on Wednesday, March 22nd.
<https://ncifrederick.cancer.gov/Events/Calendar/View.aspx?EventId=4066>
- Axelrod Symposium, NIMH, Thursday, April 13th.

Presentations at the February Training Directors Committee Meeting:

- Dr. Nicole Morgan (NIBIB) and Andy Mitz (NIMH) presented on the expectations, roles and evaluation of Staff Scientists at NIH.
- Dr. Edda (Floh) Thiels (NSF), presented on funding opportunities for undergraduates, graduate students and postdocs. Opportunities for early-career scientists through NSF in which NIH fellows are eligible include:
 - CAREER program: https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503214
 - EAGER mechanism: https://www.nsf.gov/about/transformative_research/submit.jsp

1. **Teams**

Chairs: Stéphanie OLIVIER-VAN STICHELEN and Fatima ALI-RAHMANI

Secretary: Amir MANZOUR

Social: Reina HADDAD, Dario MARANGONI

Country rep. coordinator: Gulcan Akgul

Sciences Voices from Home (SVH): Martin LANG,

Brown bag: Randi PARKS

Webpage: Sophia JEON, Reina HADDAD, Marco Craveiro

Communication coordinator: Sayantan Chakraborty

OITE advisors: Ella (Ulli) KLENKE, Sharolyn KAWAKAMI-SCHULZ, Lori CONLAN

2. **VFC Social update**

- February 25th: Ice skating event, Georgetown, 2pm, cancelled due to inclement weather the ice rink closed last minute (Sandy Mattijssen)

Upcoming:

- March 2nd: VFC lunch after English course bldg. 35, March 2nd noon to 1pm (Reina, Fatima)
- March: Cherry blossom outing? (Reina)
- April 4th: Tuesday, 7pm Wizards vs Hornets, tickets \$31 including Wizards t-shirt and a group photo on the field at the end (contact Reina for tickets)
- April 20th: Thursday, VFC lunch (Dario)
- Museum outing?

3. **Brown bag seminar:**

We are hosting the next NIH-VFC Brown Bag seminar entitled "**Opportunities for Teaching and Learning through FAES at the NIH**". This lunch and learn will provide advice on how fellows can benefit from courses and teaching through the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES):

What courses and training opportunities are available to me?

Are there scholarships that I am eligible to apply for?

What teaching opportunities are available to me and how do I find out about them?

Is there training to help me gain teaching skills?

Am I able to propose an idea for a course to FAES?

When: Friday, March 17th, 2017

Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm EDT

Where: Building 10 NIH Library Training Room

4. **Immigration symposium**

-DIS/VFC immigration symposium (March 29th, 2017)

- 10:00 - 11:15 - G-7 Program Overview - Katie McLaughlin, Immigration Specialist, Division of International Services
- 11:30 - 12:45 - J to H-1B - Briana Malone, Immigration Specialist, Division of International Services
- 12:45 - 1:45 - Lunch Break: Immigration Specialists available to answer questions
- 1:45 - 3:00 - American Culture: Jordan Lucas, Immigration Specialist, Division of International Services
- 3:15 - 4:30 - Seeking Lawful Permanent Resident Status ("Green Card") – Candelario Zapata, Director, Division of International Services

5. **New positions**

New opportunities for leadership roles are available. If interested, please email Fatima and Stephanie.
stephanie.olivier-vanstichelen@nih.gov; fatima.ali-rahmani@nih.gov

- i) **Secretary:** Attend monthly VFC meetings and take notes and send out minutes at the end of meeting to the group.
- ii) **Social team co-chair:** responsibilities include help organizing social events like hikes, game outings, happy hours etc.

6. **Resources available**

Tumblr page has listed all the country rep as well as linked to important page and information for Fellows.
<http://visitingfellows.tumblr.com/>

7. **Next VFC meeting**

3/8/2017, 12:00
Bldg 2, 2W15 12:00 pm
Call in No: 1-(866)-556-1965
Participant code: 2706089

WALS Subcommittee

Fatima Chowdhry & Salina Gairhe

Upcoming Lectures

Genetics and immunology of alopecia areata

March 1, 2017 - 3:00pm to 4:00pm
Angela Christiano, Ph.D. , Columbia University Medical Center

For the past 20 years, Dr. Christiano's research has focused on understanding the molecular processes that lead to inherited skin and hair disorders in humans. Her research career began with the discovery of genetic mutations associated with epidermolysis bullosa, a skin disease that causes severe blistering. Dr. Christiano's recent work has focused on the investigation of the underlying genetic causes of and identification of potential therapies for alopecia areata, an autoimmune form of hair loss.

Sensors, motion tracking, and data science: the quest to train MD's like elite athletes

March 8, 2017 - 3:00pm to 4:00pm
Carla M. Pugh, M.D. , University of Wisconsin – Madison Department of Surgery

In the SEnSE lab, medical simulation and innovative technology are used to objectively assess clinical, hands-on performance. We are a multidisciplinary lab that includes people from a broad range of specialties. The team is comprised of individuals with backgrounds in engineering, medicine, kinesiology, biostatistics, and others working together towards improving medical education and the way clinical competency is assessed.

Manipulating cells with materials

March 22, 2017 - 3:00pm to 4:00pm
Jennifer West, Ph.D. , Duke University

Our research in biomaterials and tissue engineering involves the synthesis, development, and application of novel, biofunctional materials, and the use of biomaterials and engineering approaches to study biological problems

Unraveling Smell

March 29, 2017 - 3:00pm to 4:00pm Margaret Pittman Lecture
Linda B. Buck, Ph.D., Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

Dr. Linda Buck is a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator, a Full Member of Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, and an Affiliate Professor at the University of Washington. She received a B.S. from the University of Washington and a Ph.D. from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. She was previously Full Professor of Neurobiology at Harvard Medical School.

Women Scientist Advisors Committee

Fatima Ali-Rahmani & Jessica Petrick

7th Annual NIH Women Scientist Advisor (WSA) Scholars Seminar

Friday, March 3rd, 1-2PM
Wilson Hall, Building 1

Please plan to attend to support these WSA Scholars!

- Sarah Deasy, Ph.D.
“A systems genetics approach reveals a novel Rnaseh2c-immune response axis that affects metastasis severity in breast cancer”
NCI-CCR, laboratory of Dr. Kent Hunter
- Shuang Tang, M.D., Ph.D.
“Metabolic and epigenetic regulation of mouse embryonic stem cell maintenance and embryogenesis by SIRT1”
NIEHS, laboratory of Dr. Xiaoling Li

The Symposium will be available by Web Ex. The information is below.

WSA Scholar Symposium

Friday, March 3, 2017

1:00 pm | Eastern Standard Time (New York, GMT-05:00) | 1 hr 30 mins

Meeting number (access code): 625 405 110

Meeting password: JBP6MpiE

Join by phone

1-877-668-4493 Call-in toll-free number (US/Canada)

1-650-479-3208 Call-in toll number (US/Canada)