

NIH Fellows Committee Agenda

Thursday, November 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 October minutes
4. Remarks (10 minutes):
 - a. FelCom Officers: Sarah Morgan, Scott Norberg, 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 (5 minutes)
6. Subcommittee and Liaison Announcements (15 minutes)
7. Any other business (5 minutes)

Next meeting: December 7th, 2017

Meeting called to order at 4:03pm

Approval of minutes

Remarks:

Felcom Officers

- Sarah Morgan –
 - Sarah is stepping down from the FelCom Basic Science Co-chair position in December. For those interested in running, the requirement is that the person has been a co-chair, liaison, or IC representative in good standing for at least the past 6th months. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Morgan for information about the position.
 - Also in December, there will also be elections for the Training Directors Committee Liaison, Recreation and Wellness Committee Liaison, and Social Committee Co-chair. Individuals do not have to be previous FelCom members to run for these positions.

Office of Intramural Training and Education (OITE): Phil Ryan

- OITE is recruiting judges for next year's Graduate Research Symposium (February 22nd). Those interested in judging posters (not abstracts) please contact Phil Ryan.
- The Bridges to Biotech pilot program has had one successful session with 14 NIH attendees (Highly recommended by a FelCom member who attended the even). The next session will occur on November 8th with BioReliance. Application are available at: <https://www.training.nih.gov/sas/20/1276/B2B-Bioreliance>

Office of Intramural Research (OIR): Charles Dearolf

- Nothing to announce

New Business:

- Post-doc/Fellows websites:
 - Kirill Gorshkov from NCATS is currently working with his IC to develop webpage that will link to all IC post-doc/fellow with their research and contact information.
 - Created a website template, and shared with FelCom Executive Committee.
 - Katherine Reding from NIMH is working with her IC to develop a similar website.
 - Details of the process are being collected and will be available to any individual wishing to make the same push with their ICs.

Subcommittee and Liaison Announcements:

Visiting Fellows Committee

- VFC Halloween party was a success (163 fellows attended) and the committee is interested in hosting a biannual (every 6th months) event.
- VFC would like to recruit someone from the FAES Insurance office to present a brown bag seminar about the US Health Care system. The FAES liaison representative will work with VFC to find a suitable speaker for a session in November or December.
- Currently working with postdocs from Georgetown, George Washington University, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to host networking event approximately every two months. Any future ideas can be sent to VFC Co-Chairs.
 - First one planned for December 8th, details TBD.
 - Comment from Sarah Morgan – Other postdoc/fellows in the area include those from the FDA and the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences (USUHS).

FAES Liaison – New insurance updates took place yesterday. Information is on the website:

https://faes.org/sites/default/files/FAES_BENEFIT_GUIDE_2017-18.pdf

- Co-pays: \$15 primary care/ \$25 specialist
- Deductible: \$250 individual/ \$500 family

Social Committee Co-chair - Interested in working with VFC to make sure social events are integrated

- Holiday networking and happy hour even on November 16th at Rock Bottom starting at 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm

MEMBERSHIP

FelCom Subcommittee	Co-Chairs
Career Development Committee	Qiong Fu & Shyamala Jadhav
Clinical FelCom	Scott Norberg & Chris Pleyer
FARE Committee	Ying Fu & Carlos Guardia
Mentoring Committee	Gloria Laryea & Nivedita Sengupta
Service and Outreach Subcommittee	Zelia Worman & TBD
Social Committee	Luiz Felipe Barella & Stal Shrestha
Visiting Fellows Committee	Ulrike Boehm & Daphnée Villoing
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	Guru Nagarajan
Child Care Board	Blake Warner & Choon Kiat Sim
Committee on Scientific Conduct & Ethics	Andrew Frank-Wilson
Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES)	Eric Refsland & Simona Rosu
Graduate Medical Education Committee	Devika Kapuria & Kannan Kasturi
Graduate Student Council (GSC)	Sara Kimmich & Laura Gorrell
Human Subjects Research Advisory Committee (HSRAC)	<i>VACANT</i>
Medical Executive Committee	Scott Norberg & Chris Pleyer
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)	Manasi Apte	NICHD	Suna Gulay
FDA	Narayana Garimella	NIDA	Andrew Kesner
NCATS	Eric Gonzalez & Kirill Gorshkov	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	Aaron Rising	NIGMS	Dylan Murray
NHGRI	Jason Sinclair	NIMH	Kathy Reding
NHLBI	Elizabeth Gordon	NIMHD	<i>VACANT</i>
NIA	Christina Banuelos	NINDS	Brian Trummer & Patrick Wright
NIAAA	Karina Abrahao (Basic) & Carlos Cortes (Clinical)	NINR	Joshua Todd
NIAID	Eric Refsland	NCBI/NLM	Gurmeet Kaur
NIAMS	<i>VACANT</i>	USUHS	Debjani Mandal
NIBIB	Qianping He	VRC (NIAID)	<i>VACANT</i>

SUBCOMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

Basic Science Co-Chair

Sarah Morgan

My term as basic science co-chair is up at the end of the year. I have truly enjoyed working with all of you and seeing what a tremendous impact your efforts make around campus.

We will hold the election for a new co-chair **at the next meeting on Thursday, December 7th**. This position is only open to basic science fellows meeting the criteria outlined in the bylaws below. You must have been an active member (IC rep, co-chair, or liaison) of FelCom for at least 6 months. If you are not sure of your eligibility please contact Elizabeth (elizabeth.gordon@nih.gov) to verify. I would also encourage anyone interested to meet with me to discuss the position.

If you would like to stand for election, please send a statement of interest to both co-chairs (sarah.morgan2@nih.gov and scott.norberg@nih.gov) by **5PM on Monday, December 4th**.

From the bylaws:

Article IV. Officers

The officers shall be: two (2) co-chairpersons (one basic science and one clinical), an administrative secretary, and a membership secretary. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee, which shall be responsible for the execution and enforcement of these Bylaws.

Co-chairpersons:

Two co-chairpersons, one basic science and one clinical, will be elected by the membership of the committee. Only IC representatives or at-large members who have been active members of FelCom or ClinFelCom for a minimum of six months are eligible to be elected co-chair. An active member is defined as having attended at least five of the six meetings in the first six months of membership and then abiding by the FelCom attendance policy from that point forward. Clinical co-chair applicants should also have attended at least 2 FelCom meetings prior to election. Members wishing to pursue a co-chair position also need to be active participants in their respective subcommittee, so as to better understand the roles that these play in FelCom.

Once elected, each co-chairperson will serve in that position for a period of 12 months. Should a co-chair choose to leave the position before the term expiration, s/he should notify the committee membership three months ahead of the expected vacancy, or as soon as possible if less than three months are remaining. At the end of the 12 month term, a new election will be held. The current co-chair is eligible for reelection for a maximum of three consecutive terms if s/he desires to continue in the position, but the election will be open for other applications. The winner will be selected from among all candidates by a majority vote of the membership. The election for clinical co-chair will be coordinated to take place as soon as possible following the next Clinical FelCom meeting. If still at the NIH, each past co-chair will remain on the executive board of FelCom for a term of 1 year post-position.

Duties of the Co-Chairpersons are as follows:

- Ensuring that NIH Fellows Committee members are notified of the time and location of monthly meetings.
- Conducting/chairing scheduled monthly meetings of the Fellows Committee in accordance with the guidelines herein.
- Communicating with all levels of the NIH administration involved in policy decisions regarding Fellows.
- Ensuring that information from monthly Fellows Committee meetings is communicated to all NIH Fellows. This includes, but is not limited to the following:
- Attending, if possible, the monthly OITE Fellows orientation every first Tuesday of the month at 9AM in Wilson Hall, (Bldg. 1, 3rd floor), to promote FelCom to the new Fellows and to recruit new members.

Nothing to report.

Career Development Committee

Qiong Fu & Shyamala Jadhav

Our next meeting will be December 7th, 2017 at 3PM in Building 2, Room 2W-15.

Our next panel, "Careers in consulting," will be held on Tuesday, November 14th, 3-5PM in Building 30, 1st floor conference room.

Childcare Board Liaisons

Blake Warner & Choon Kiat Sim

Opening Remarks:

Dr. Collins responds to the NIH Childcare Board Yearly; letter will be forwarded.

- 1) Positive comments on board activities including:
 - a. Success of Back-up Care Program
 - b. Chartering of the Aging and Adult Dependent Care Committee

NWCCC Update – Stephanie Hickson

- A) Facility – June 19th, 2017 Open. Working towards full occupancy
- B) History:
 - a. Initiated in 2003 with \$15M to commitment to childcare.
 - b. Labs Team in July 2014; 95% designed
 - c. Expired contract 4/15/2015; waited till expired to continue
 - d. April 2015 reboot → CFR Engineering moved to construction contract.
 - e. Sept 29th 2015 → construction phase.
- C) Building was opened on 16th June 2017. Notable achievements in constructions are:
 - a. The building won a LEED Silver Certificate for friendly environmental design,
 - b. Construction of a bell tower, parking lot, utility tunnel,
 - c. Improvement of security (e.g. hardening the sides of building exposed to neighboring road).
 - d. Status is close-out phase, with 34 items on punch list remaining to do, including 20 on pest management.
- D) Dr. Richard Wyatt commented on problem solving characteristics of the team including praising Stephanie Hickson for her contributions to the project. Praises ORS and ORF partnership supported the development of this center.

Laura Bardini, CEO Rockville Day Care Association

- A) reported that they had started operating the Northwest Childcare Center.
- B) Notable progress are:
 1. Two year old classrooms would be opened in Nov 2017
 2. All the available daycare spots had been filled and there was no vacancy
 3. Enrollment – 79 children license at capacity. Total will be 172. One room in the process of being credentialed.
 4. About half the ~75 staff had been hired.
 - i. Most employees are have an AA or are working towards a 4-year degree.
 - ii. Push staff to get credentials in ECE.
- C) The needs are:
 1. To advertise positions for staff
 2. To hire a cook to prepare lunches

D) Notes to FelCom:

1. What can we do to help advertise for these positions – maybe there is an early childhood education family member or spouse looking for a position or a change. Could we post through the FelCom, can we mention that NWCCC is hiring qualified individuals....??

Andrew Bremer, Health and Wellness Council

- A) Take a Hike Day – 1512 registered 7% increase, 75% increase in Shady Grove participation.
- B) Safety Health and Wellness Day – Fitness Classes, Health Screenings, ADCHF, and Safety Promotions. This year's sponsor NHLBI
- C) Best Practices and Benchmark Survey – status of the survey and how rolled out and implemented. Plan to implement and next steps
- D) Executive officers asked ORS to do survey of the IC to obtain information about each practices of wellness activities.

Chao Jiang, Aging and Adult Dependent Care Committee

- A) Opening salvo. Marketing and asking for participation
- B) Website, information, resources, AADCC committee charter and meeting dates, Membership Application and Position Description. Plan to meet with their partners on 7th Nov 2017:
 - a. with the NIH Leave Bank,
 - b. NIH Federal Credit Union,
 - c. NIH Backup Care,
 - d. Office of Human Resources, and Resource and Referral, to discuss on future work.
- C) AADC Fair – 65 people attended.

Communication and Outreach Committee Report – Alexandra

- A) NIH Leave Bank Program (3-4 years old).
- B) This program is a leave sharing program – donate to the bank and then recipients draw from the bank for personal medical emergencies or family leave.
- C) Birth and recuperations. Note: Must first be a Leave Bank Member. Hours are provided based on doctors' recommendation and the medical review.
 - a. Max: 480 hours for personal per year, 240 hours is the cap for family combined 720 hours.
- D) Works alongside the VLTP some similarities and some differences
- E) 37% are child care related cases, including 93 cases for birth and 18 cases for care of sick children.
- F) 50% membership, at 42% membership. 40,000 donation hours, need 12,000 more to reach that goal.

Communications and Outreach – Kate Winseck and Olivia Kent

- A) Review and revise, ID additional pops for novels approached for targeted outreach
- B) Established outreach calendar to plan outreach activities
- C) Options for developing tracking tools to collect metrics on outreach activity and record impact of marketing efforts.
- D) Working on print materials improvements.
- E) Improving marketing and outreach to fathers, parents with special needs.
- F) Usage by IC, who is pushing the information or not?
- G) Sustained outreach over the year.
- H) OHR email, monthly. Why don't we add our comms to that.
- I) Analytics, *Olivia Kent*, deriving data from Google Analytics to see what we can learn. Webinars.

NIH Childcare Waitlist Committee – Deeper look at the data. Christine Moretto Wishnoff

- A) 410 immediate need. Total waitlist – 1000.
- B) Number of children and immediate enrollment versus number of children on waitlist.
- C) Decline in enrollment. The number of declines is clogging up the waitlist.
- D) Large majority are in older children are more declines, however 39% were declined for infant slots.
- E) The centers are full and taking longer to fill the slots.
- F) Goals
 - a. Factors to influence individual centers

- b. Q/A current processes and procedures for maintaining the WL centrally and at individual centers
 - c. Plans for addition data mining and analysis and presentation
 - d. Future survey and messaging about the NIH WL to determine accurate assessment of unmet need.
- G) Waitlist is managed by ORS who has a contract.

Notes: Backup care webpage is up. You must register to get access to backup care and download the app.

Dates:

Nov 15, 2017 – Lunch and Learn

Nov 16, 2017 – OHR Benefits Fair

Clinical FelCom and Medical Executive Committee

Scott Norberg & Chris Pleyer

Current Topics:

- **Inpatient Palliative Care Unit**

- o Two beds will open in the 3 SEN Unit. Rooms will undergo refurbishing and will enter service in the coming months.

- **Patient Transport**

- o There is currently a revision of policy ongoing on how patients with MIs and Strokes are transported to another hospital for acute treatment.
- o Currently when there is a code blue or stroke call and there is a need for transporting patients an ambulance from Montgomery County or Suburban Hospital is called to pick them up. This is taking more time than anticipated and there is a push to have the NIH ambulances transport these patients to Suburban or Montgomery County Hospital, however the EMS Fireman only have BLS certification and are thus not qualified to transport critically ill patients. There was an idea to have an ICU nurse and or ICU attending accompany the transport but they are not familiar with ambulance equipment. There will be more discussion ongoing to find a solution to this in breakout sessions.

Committee on Scientific Conduct and Ethics

Andrew Frank-Wilson

The Committee did not meet in October so there is nothing to report.

FAES Liaisons

Eric Refsland & Simona Rosu

1. Insurance

Changes to the health insurance program took effect yesterday, November 1.

Please check by the door for a copy of the summary of benefits. All of the details can also be found at: <https://faes.org/content/health-insurance-services>

If you have further questions the telephone number of the FAES Insurance Office is: 301-496-8063.

2. Music

The National Symphony Orchestra Chamber Group will perform the Brahms Piano Quartet and the Beethoven Spring Sonata on November 9 at 1:30pm in the Clinical Research Center's atrium (Building 10). Future concert dates are:

[Tuesday, December 12, 2017](#)

[Thursday, March 22, 2018](#)

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

[Thursday, June 21, 2018](#)

FARE Committee

Ying Fu & Carlos Guardia

1) We confirmed the participation of 7 other fellows as part of the committee:

Kim, Youngchan (NIAAA) <youngchan.kim3@nih.gov>

Hall, Michael (NCI) <michael.hall@nih.gov>

Nazer, Ezequiel (NIDDK) <ezequiel.nazer@nih.gov>

Saint-Maurice, Pedro (NCI) <pedro.saintmaurice@nih.gov>

Michael, Helen (NCI) <helen.michael@nih.gov>

Young, Sara (NICHD) <sara.young@nih.gov>

Silverstein, Shana (NIAAA) <shana.silverstein@nih.gov>

2) We had a first meeting with Lori to discuss the main activities and a tentative schedule (deadline for some activities: 25th Dec).

3) Most of the committee has access to the OITE website through which we will start managing the entire process of the competition.

4) We plan to have a first meeting with the entire committee in a couple of weeks to discuss the changes (if any) for this year's FARE 2019 award competition, that will be properly announced in the next FelCom meeting (do they require approval from the entire FelCom or do we have independence on them?). We need also to decide dates for the beginning and end of the competition, the final study sections, the possibility of including a graphical abstract and/or a logo for the FARE webpage as special occasion for this edition of the FARE, new study sections and special prizes from NIH Interest Groups (RNA interest group of NIDDK and antibody interest group of NCI agreed to invite awardee to present; we are trying to include the Protein Trafficking interest group too, but we need to keep talking with them), judging conflict of interests, etc.

Mentoring Committee

Gloria Laryea & Nivedita Sengupta

Nothing to report.

NCI Shady Grove – DCEG

Alison Van Dyke

As of December 31, 2017, Alison Van Dyke will be stepping down as FelCom Representative for NCI Shady Grove – DCEG. David Borrego will be taking over as of January 1st. He can be contacted by email at david.borrego@nih.gov.

“You are a stronger force than you realize.”

“Your best story beats your best data.”

Francis Collins, Ph.D., National Institutes of Health (NIH) Director

- **NPA announcements and updates**

- The POSTDOCKET October issue has been published and includes articles about “Strategic Volunteering”, “Preparing for a Faculty career”, “Research Development”, and “Understanding Burnout”. To read about these topics, [click here](#).
- Could postdoc unions be the next big thing in collective bargaining among academics? Figure out [here](#).
- **Mark your calendars for the 2018 NPA Annual Conference in Cleveland, OH from April 6th- 8th. The 2019 NPA Annual Conference will take place in Orlando.**
- **November 21st is the deadline to submit nominations for the 2018 Mentor award**
- **Last month was LGBT history month and NPA shared the biography of many LGBT scientists such as Sally Ride, Alan Turing, Margaret Mead, and others.**
- **Seminars on legal issues for international scholars in the United States can be found here:** <http://www.nationalpostdoc.org/?page=Programs>
- **Follow this link to get The Go-to Presentation Checklist that’ll help You Knock it Out of the Park:** <http://ow.ly/x0TJ30fOF2s>

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.

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 September-October *Catalyst* article was on pedagogy training: <https://irp.nih.gov/catalyst/v25i5/the-training-page>
3. The November-December *Catalyst* article is being taken care of by the editor.

4. The January-February *Catalyst* article, will be about wellness.
5. 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 November, 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

Luiz Felipe Barella & Stal Shrestha

We are holding a Holiday Social Event on November 16 at Rock Bottom, starting at 5:30 pm. All are welcome.

Service and Outreach Subcommittee

Zelia Worman

Casey Trees Tree planting in Washington, D.C. was October 21st 2017. We had 6 volunteers planting trees! Another tree planting event will likely be scheduled for Spring 2018.

Announcements:

1. The SOS is looking for a **new Baltimore Co-Chair** to begin this Summer! Please email Zelia Worman (Zelia.worman@nih.gov) for more information
2. **Science Communication/Education Volunteer Opportunities for Fellows**

Are you interested in practicing your science communication skills with a public audience?

The Capital Area BioSpace (CABS) is a new community/DIY biology lab organization founded here in the DC area dedicated to supporting public engagement with science through public talks, hands-on science, and participation in biology research projects (see attached for more details). Our typical audience is adults, age 20-65 who consider themselves lifelong learners hungry to understand more biology and try it themselves.

We are looking for NIH fellows who would like to volunteer to give a guest talk to our meetup group, help teach or lead a hands-on science workshop or class, or help mentor science projects as they emerge. We typically meet on Sunday afternoons, and we are open to hosting events weekday evenings and other times as needed.

All areas of biology/biomedical research are welcome, and we are especially interested in talks with informatics and computational aspects that could spark new research questions and projects from our participants.

Please contact Beth Tuck, co-founder of CABS, for more information at elizabeth.tuck@gmail.com and visit the CABS [website](#) and [meetup](#) for examples of programs and workshops we've hosted in the past.

3. **Teach STEM Lessons to Middle School Students** - Teen Renaissance hosts an after-school program for Jubilee Housing in DC, and is seeking to provide STEM classes for students. They are seeking someone to come in and teach STEM lesson to middle school students for about 45 min once a week. If you are interested in this opportunity, please email volunteer@dcstemnetwork.org (<https://www.dcstemnetwork.org>) with the subject: Jubilee Housing

Upcoming Events:

- **(Bethesda)** DC Central Kitchen – December event – December 27th 5pm-8pm 10 spots available!
- **(Baltimore)** [SABES](#) – STEM-Achievement in Baltimore Elementary Schools (recruiting for 2016-2017; please contact Zelia Worman (Zelia.worman@nih.gov) for more information
- **(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.

Training Directors Committee

Valerie Miller and Belinda Hauser

The TDC met on Thursday, October 19th, and the following items were discussed:

JoVE: Peer-reviewed scientific video journal presentation: <https://www.jove.com/>

- The mission of JoVE is to advance scientific research and education by increasing productivity, reproducibility, and efficiency of knowledge transfer for scientists, educators, and students worldwide through visual learning solutions.
- Peer-reviewed, indexed in Medline
- Easy to understand video demonstrations
- Publishes novel methods, gold standard protocols, and adaptations of standard methods

If you are a distressed trainee, there are tools and resources are available:

https://www.training.nih.gov/assisting_the_distressed_trainee

Resources to assist Puerto Rico: www.ssend.org

Postdoc subcommittee meeting will be November 8th

Visiting Fellows Committee

Ulrike Boehm & Daphnée Villoing

1. Teams

Co-chairs: Ulrike BOEHM and Daphnée VILLOING

Secretary: Amir MANZOUR

Social: Dario MARANGONI, Ray SUBHASIS, Michael BUCH

Country rep. coordinator: Gulcan AKGUL

Sciences Voices from Home (SVH): Martin LANG, Fany MESSANVI

Brown Bag seminars: Randi PARKS

Webpage: Gulcan AKGUL, Sayantan CHAKRABORTY

Communication coordinator: Sayantan CHAKRABORTY

OITE advisors: Ella (Ulli) KLENKE

Further members: Stéphanie OLIVIER-VAN STICHELEN & Fatima ALI-RAHMANI

2. VFC Social

Past events:

- *Saturday, October 21st: Fellows into the Wild* – bike tour from Bethesda to Georgetown. [8 fellows]
- *Tuesday, October 24th: VFC Lunch*. [7 fellows]
- *Friday, October 27th: VFC Halloween Party*. (Appendix A1) [163 fellows]

Upcoming events:

- *Tuesday, November 21st: VFC Lunch*.
- *Saturday, November 25th: Fellows into the Wild* – tour to the Botanic Garden
- *Thursday, November 30th: VFC Happy Hour* at Rock Bottom, Bethesda.
- *Friday, December 8th: Networking event with GU, GWU and possibly NIST*
- *November / December: Basketball game in Washington, DC*

3. Brown Bag seminar:

Past event:

- *Tuesday, October 10th, 12:00 – 1:00 pm, NIH Library Training Room (Main campus, building 10, 1st floor): NIH-VFC Brown Bag seminar about NIH Library Resources and Services to NIH Fellows.*

Upcoming event:

- *November / December: NIH-VFC Brown Bag seminar about the US health- care system.*

4. Science Voices from Home

Past event:

- *Tuesday, October 17th, 9:00 – 10:00 am, Building 50, Room 1328: VFC Science Voices from Home: INDIA* with NIH Alumni Nitin Gupta at IIT Kanpur and Professor Shashidhara at IISER (Pune)/IndiaBioscience. (more information: Appendix A2) [29 fellows + 29 on the webinar]

Upcoming events:

- *Monday, November 13th, 2:30 – 3:30 pm, Natcher Room F1/F2: Science Voices from Home: TAIWAN*
- *Thursday, December 7th, 9:00 – 10:00 am (most likely), Room TBD: Science Voices from Home: SWEDEN (Webinar)*
- *January, Date/Time and Room TBD: Science Voices from Home: Science Voices from Home: ISRAEL (Speaker from Baltimore)*
- *February, Date/Time and Room TBD: Science Voices from Home: CHINA (Webinar)*

5. New Positions at VFC

- A new position is available in the **VFC Social team**. The mission will be to help organizing the current social events organized by VFC, in collaboration with Dario MARANGONI, Ray SUBHASIS and Michael BUCH. It will include communications to the VFC list, prospection and negotiations with providers and participation to the monthly VFC meetings.
- A new position will open soon in the **Brown Bag seminar team**, to help organizing bimonthly seminars, in collaboration with Randi PARKS. It will include communications to the VFC list, prospection of speakers and participation to the monthly VFC meetings.

6. Webpage

The webpage <http://visitingfellows.tumblr.com/> was updated on November 1st.

7. Next VFC meeting

11/08/2017, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm; Main campus, Building 2, Room 2W15. Call in No: 1-(866)-556-1965. Participant code: 2706089

WALS Subcommittee

Fatima Chowdhry & Salina Gairhe

The NIH Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series (WALS) will host following speaker for the month of November 2017.

Date	Speaker	Home Institute	Title of the Talk
Nov 8, 2017	Morgan Sheng, MBBS, Ph.D.	Genetech, Inc.	From human genetics to therapeutic hypothesis for nervous system disorders: pain and Alzheimer's disease
Nov 14, 2017	Rob Knight, Ph.D.	University of California, San Diego	Establishing causality in microbiome studies
Nov 29, 2017	Thomas A. Waldmann, M.D.	National Cancer Institute	The two faces of the IL-15- Janus Kinase-Stat system: implications for the immunotherapy of autoimmune diseases and cancer

Women Scientist Advisors Committee

Fatima Ali-Rahmani & Jessica Petrick

- WSA Scholar symposia -Thursday March 15, 1 to 3 pm (Wilson Hall)
- Anita Roberts lecture May 17, 11 to noon (Lipsett)