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**Mamie Bittner,**

*Director Public and Legislative Affairs.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Antarctic Tour Operators Meeting, Notice

The National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Antarctic Tour Operators Meeting.

*Date and Time:* July 16, 1998, 12:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, Room 375, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Nadene G. Kennedy, Polar Coordination Specialist, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: 703/306-1030; Fax: 703/306-0139.

*Purpose of Meeting:* Pursuant to the National Science Foundation's responsibilities under the Antarctic Conservation Act (P.L. 95-541) and the Antarctic Treaty, the U.S. Antarctic Program Managers plan to meet with Antarctic Tour Operators to exchange information concerning dates and procedures for visiting U.S. antarctic stations, review the latest Antarctic Treaty Recommendations concerning the environment and protected sites, and other items designed to protect the Antarctic environment.

#### Agenda

- Introduction and Overview.
- Review of 1997-98 Visits to McMurdo, Palmer and South Pole Stations.
- Tour Operator's Comments on 1997-98 Season Visits.
- 1998-99 Visits to McMurdo, Palmer and South Pole Stations.
- Report from the International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators (IAATO).
- Information Dissemination.
- Yachting Activities in the Antarctic Peninsula.
- Update on Peninsula Site Inventory Project.
- Australian Approach to Tourism Management and Government Activities.
- Other Items.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Polar Coordination Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems (1189).

*Date and Time:* July 22-23, 1998; 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 580, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Fred G. Heineken, Program Director, Biotechnology Engineering, Division of Bioengineering and Environmental Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1318.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate the 1998 Inter-Agency Metabolic Engineering proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences; Committee of Visitors, Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences: Committee of Visitors (1110).

*Date and Time:* July 22-24, 1998; 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. each day.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, Room 330, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Maryanna Henkart, Division Director for Molecular and Cellular Biosciences, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, (703) 306-1440.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To carry out Committee of Visitors (COV) review, including program evaluation, GPRA assessments, and access to privileged materials.

*Type of Meeting:* Part open (see agenda below):

#### Agenda

*Closed:* July 22 (11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.); July 23 (8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.); and July 24 (8:30 a.m.–12:00 a.m.)—To review the merit review processes covering funding decisions made during the immediately preceding three fiscal years of programs in the Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences.

*Open:* July 22 (8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.); July 23 (9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.), and July 24 (1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.)—To assess the results of NSF program investments in the Molecular and Cellular Biosciences Division. This shall involve a discussion and review of results focused on NSF and grantee outputs and related outcomes achieved or realized during the preceding three fiscal years. These results may be based on NSF grants or other investments made in earlier years.

*Reason for Closing:* During the closed session, the Committee will be reviewing proposal actions that will include privileged intellectual property and personal information that could harm individuals if they were disclosed. If discussions were open to the public, these matters that are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act would be improperly disclosed.

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**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Engineering Education and Centers; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel Engineering Education and Centers (173).

*Date and Time:* July 23-24, 1998, 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, Room 585, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Win Aung, Senior Staff Associate, Engineering Education and Centers Division, National Science Foundation, Room 585, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate proposals submitted under the Funding for Research Centers—Small Firms Collaborative R&D.