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Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than July 19, 2000.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco** (Maria Villanueva, Consumer Regulation Group), 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *Zions Bancorporation*, Salt Lake City, Utah; to acquire Garban-Intercapital plc, London, United Kingdom, and thereby engage in certain brokerage activities, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(7) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, June 28, 2000.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**TIME AND DATE:** 11 a.m., Monday, July 10, 2000.

**PLACE:** Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

**STATUS:** Closed.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: June 30, 2000.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Findings of Scientific Misconduct

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that based on an investigation by the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) and a decision by the Assistant Secretary for Health, the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) has made a final finding of scientific misconduct in the following case:

*Mr. Jin Qian, New Dimensions Research and Instrument, Inc.:* Mr. Qian, Executive Manager for Corporate Planning and Research, New Dimensions Research and Instrument, Inc. (NDRI), committed scientific misconduct by plagiarizing research results and text from other investigators in an application to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), for a Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) award, "Glass-based neurochip system," 1 R43 NS39266-01.

Specifically, based on ORI's analysis, PHS finds that Mr. Qian: (1) Used research images and descriptions posted on the Internet to create seven figures in the application and used that material, its associated text, and text from other publications obtained from the Internet without attribution; (2) misrepresented research results in two of the plagiarized figures as exemplar applications of NDRI's proprietary technology; and (3) misrepresented his research bibliography in that application and to ORI staff during the investigation. These actions constitute falsifications in the proposing of research because their collective effect was to falsify the basis on which NIH reviewers determine whether NDRI could achieve the goals of the proposed project.

Mr. Qian has accepted the PHS finding and has entered into a Voluntary Exclusion Agreement with PHS in which he has voluntarily agreed for a three (3) year period, beginning on June 12, 2000:

(1) To exclude himself from any contracting or subcontracting with any agency of the United States Government and from eligibility for, or involvement in, nonprocurement transactions (*e.g.*, grants and cooperative agreements) of the United States Government as defined in 45 CFR part 76 (Debarment Regulations);

(2) To exclude himself from serving in any advisory capacity to PHS, including

but not limited to service on any PHS advisory committee, board, and/or peer review committee, or as a consultant.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Acting Director, Division of Investigative Oversight, Office of Research Integrity, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 700, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 443-5330.

**Chris B. Pascal,**

*Acting Director, Office of Research Integrity.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry

#### Public Meeting of the Inter-Tribal Council on Hanford Health Projects (ICHHP) in Association With the Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service (PHS) Activities and Research at Department of Energy (DOE) Sites: Hanford Health Effects Subcommittee

*Name:* Public meeting of the Inter-tribal Council on Hanford Health Projects (ICHHP) in association with the Citizens Advisory Committee on PHS Activities and Research at DOE Sites: Hanford Health Effects Subcommittee (HHES).

*Time and Date:* 9 a.m.-4 p.m., August 16, 2000.

*Place:* Tamastlikt Cultural Institute, 72789 Highway 331, Pendleton, Oregon, 97801. Telephone: (541) 276-2323

*Status:* Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 50 people.

*Background:* Under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in October 1990 and renewed in November 1992 between ATSDR and DOE. The MOU delineates the responsibilities and procedures for ATSDR's public health activities at DOE sites required under sections 104, 105, 107, and 120 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or "Superfund"). These activities include health consultations and public health assessments at DOE sites listed on, or proposed for, the Superfund National Priorities List and at sites that are the subject of petitions from the public; and other health-related activities such as epidemiologic studies, health surveillance, exposure and disease registries, health education, substance-specific applied research, emergency response, and preparation of toxicological profiles.

In addition, under an MOU signed in December 1990 with DOE and replaced by an MOU signed in 1996, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has been given the responsibility and resources for conducting analytic epidemiologic investigations of residents of communities in the vicinity of DOE facilities, workers at DOE