

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Vietnamese Studies Ad Hoc Advisory Meeting

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting to be convened by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) to discuss and receive input on scientific issues relating to possible studies in Vietnam relating to health and environmental aspects of Agent Orange exposure. Agent Orange was used as a defoliant during the Vietnam War and included, as contaminants, dioxin and related compounds. The format for the meeting is being developed; however, it is anticipated that (1) A panel of invited experts will identify, in public session, issues related to conducting studies in Vietnam and (2) time will be reserved for attendees to contribute issues and recommendations and/or comment on the panel's discussions.

The meeting will be held on Friday, August 18, 2000, from approximately 10 am to 5 pm at the Hyatt Regency Monterey Resort and Conference Center, One Golf Course Drive, Monterey, California, USA 93940, phone (831) 372-1234. The date and location of the meeting coincide with the 20th International Symposium on Halogenated Environmental Organic Pollutants and POP's, an annual conference of dioxin researchers, to take advantage of the attendance at that meeting of dioxin experts and the public interested in issues related to dioxin and Agent Orange.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FY2000 Appropriations Conference Report included the following language: " \* \* \* NIEHS is strongly urged to conduct research on the health and environmental aspects of agent orange and dioxin in Southeast Asia, in particular, Vietnam provided that the Vietnamese government supports collaborative research between U.S. and Vietnamese scientists \* \* \*" The Vietnamese government has agreed to discuss these issues with the NIEHS at a time and place to be decided. Therefore, the NIEHS is seeking advice on the feasibility of conducting studies in Vietnam to learn more about the health and environmental aspects of Agent Orange and dioxin in Vietnam resulting from environmental exposure to Agent Orange. The Institute is convening the ad hoc public meeting on

August 18 to solicit advice from scientific experts and other stakeholders and to learn what scientific issues and concerns would be associated with such studies. The NIEHS will use this information as it develops a dialog with the Vietnamese government and Vietnamese researchers about possible research agendas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** NTP Liaison and Scientific Review Office, NIEHS, PO Box 12233, A3-01, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, phone (919) 541-0530 or email:

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Dated: July 19, 2000.

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#### Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* July 28, 2000.

*Time:* 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn Georgetown, 2101 Wisconsin Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20007.

*Contact Person:* Alec S. Liacouras, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5154, MSC 7842, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1740.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1 MET 01 M.

*Date:* August 1, 2000.

*Time:* 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* N. Krish Krishnan, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6164, MSC 7892, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1041.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 1, 2000.

*Time:* 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Lee Rosen, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5116, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1171.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 2, 2000.

*Time:* 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Nancy Pearson, PhD, Chief, Genetic Sciences Integrated Review Group, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2112, MSC 7890, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1047, pearsonn@csr.nih.gov

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 3, 2000.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* Ranga V. Srinivas, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5108, MSC 7852, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1167, srinivar@csr.nih.gov

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 7, 2000.

*Time:* 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.