

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****National Institutes of Health****National Institute on Drug Abuse; 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:* National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel, Medication Development Research.

*Date:* November 2, 2000.

*Time:* 10 am to 12 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hyatt—Arlington at Washington's Key Bridge, 1325 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22209-9990.

*Contact Person:* Mark Swieter, Health Scientist Administrator, Office of Extramural Affairs, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, DHHS, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Room 3158, MSC 9547, Bethesda, MD 20892-9547, (301) 435-1389.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel, Medication Development Research.

*Date:* November 2, 2000.

*Time:* 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hyatt—Arlington at Washington's Key Bridge, 1325 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22209-9990.

*Contact Person:* Mark Swieter, Health Scientist Administrator, Office of Extramural Affairs, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, DHHS, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Room 3158, MSC 9547, Bethesda, MD 20892-9547, (301) 435-1389.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.277, Drug Abuse Scientist Development Award for Clinicians, Scientist Development Awards, and Research Scientist Awards; 93.278, Drug Abuse National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.279, Drug Abuse Research Program, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: September 29, 2000.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****National Institutes of Health****National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting**

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 meeting.

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*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* October 27, 2000.

*Time:* 8:30 am to 1 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate contract proposals.

*Place:* Gaithersburg Holiday Inn, Gaithersburg, MD 20879.

*Contact Person:* Vassil S. Georgiev, Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, NIAID, NIH, Room 2217, 6700-B Rockledge Drive, MSC, 7610, Bethesda, MD 20892-7610, 301-496-2550.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.855, Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation Research; 93.856, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: September 29, 2000.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****National Institutes of Health****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:* October 13, 2000.

*Time:* 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Governor's House Hotel, Washington, DC 20036.

*Contact Person:* Anita Miller Sostek, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3176, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1260

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:* Integrative, Functional and Cognitive Neuroscience Integrated Review Group, Integrative, Functional and Cognitive Neuroscience 8.

*Date:* October 19-20, 2000.

*Time:* 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Bethesda Holiday Inn, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Samuel Rawlings, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5160, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1243.

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

*Date:* October 19-20, 2000.

*Time:* 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Bethesda Holiday Inn, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Yvette M. Davis, VmD, Mph, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3152, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-0906.

*Name of Committee:* Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Neuroscience Integrated Review Group, Visual Sciences C Study Section.

*Date:* October 19-20, 2000.

*Time:* 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn—Santa Fe, 4048 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505.

*Contact Person:* Carole L. Jelsema, PhD, Chief, MDCN Scientific Review Group, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5210, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1248, jelsemac@csr.nih.gov.

*Name of Committee:* Immunological Sciences Integrated Review Group Allergy and Immunology Study Section.

*Date:* October 19–20, 2000.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Wyndham City Center, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

*Contact Person:* Eugene M. Zimmerman, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4202, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1220.

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

*Date:* October 19–20, 2000.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Savoy Suites Georgetown, 2505 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20007.

*Contact Person:* Michele C. Hindi-Alexander, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4188 MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-3554.

*Name of Committee:* Oncological Sciences Integrated Review Group, Experimental Therapeutics Subcommittee 1.

*Date:* October 19–20, 2000.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Arlington Hyatt, 1325 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22209

*Contact Person:* Philip Perkins, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4148, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1718, perkinsp@csr.nih.gov.

*Name of Committee:* Biophysical and Chemical Sciences Integrated Review Group, Biophysical Chemistry Study Section.

*Date:* October 19–20, 2000.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Ramada Hotel Bethesda, 8400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Arnold Revzin, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4192, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1153.

*Name of Committee:* Cell Development and Function Integrated Review Group, Cell Development and Function 5.

*Date:* October 19–20, 2000.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

*Contact Person:* Ramesh K. Nayak, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5146, MSC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1026.

*Name of Committee:* Biochemical Sciences Integrated Review Group, Biochemistry Study Section.

*Date:* October 19–20, 2000.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

*Contact Person:* Chhanda L. Ganguly, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5156, MSC 7842, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1739.

*Name of Committee:* Cell Development and Function Integrated Review Group, International and Cooperative Projects Study Section.

*Date:* October 19–20, 2000.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Contact Person:* Sandy Warren, DmD, Mph, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5134, MDC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1019.

*Name of Committee:* Cell Development and Function Integrated Review Group, Cell Development and Function 4.

*Date:* October 19–20, 2000.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Marcia Steinberg, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5140, MSC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1023.

*Name of Committee:* Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Integrated Review Group, Microbial Physiology and Genetics Subcommittee 2.

*Date:* October 19–20, 2000.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Georgetown Suites, 1111 30th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

*Contact Person:* Rona L. Hirschberg, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4186, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1150.

*Name of Committee:* Immunological Sciences Integrated Review Group, Immunobiology Study Section.

*Date:* October 19–20, 2000.

*Time:* 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Palladian West, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* Betty Hayden, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of

Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4206, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1223.

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

*Date:* October 19–20, 2000.

*Time:* 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* State Plaza Hotel 2117 E Street Washington, DC 20037

*Contact Person:* Carl D. Banner, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5212, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1251, bannerc@drg.nih.gov

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

*Date:* October 19, 2000.

*Time:* 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

*Contact Person:* John Bishop, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5180, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1250.

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

*Date:* October 19–20, 2000.

*Time:* 9:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn Bethesda 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Mariana Dimitrov, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3180, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-0902.

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

*Date:* October 20, 2000.

*Time:* 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Washington Court Hotel, 525 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20001.

*Contact Person:* Nancy Hicks, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive Room 3158, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892.

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

*Date:* October 20, 2000.

*Time:* 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

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

*Contact Person:* Dennis Leszczynski, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6170, MSC 7892, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1044.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine, 93.306; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393–93.396, 93.837–93.844, 93.846–93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: October 3, 2000.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**  
Director, Office of Federal Advisory  
Committee Policy.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Public Health Service

#### National Toxicology Program; National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction Announces the Availability of Seven Expert Panel Reports on Phthalate Esters and Solicits Public Comments on These Reports

#### Background

The National Toxicology Program (NTP) and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences have established the NTP Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction (CERHR; December 14, 1998 [63 FR 68782]). The purpose of the Center is to provide timely and unbiased, scientifically sound evaluations of human and experimental evidence for adverse effects on reproduction, including development, caused by agents to which humans may be exposed. The goals of the individual assessments are to (1) interpret for and provide to the general public information about the strength of scientific evidence that a given exposure or exposure circumstance may pose a hazard to reproduction and the health and welfare of children; (2) provide regulatory agencies with objective and scientifically thorough assessments of the scientific evidence that adverse reproductive/development health effects are associated with exposure to specific chemicals or classes of chemicals, including descriptions of any uncertainties that would diminish confidence in assessment of risks, and (3) identify knowledge gaps to help establish research and testing priorities.

#### Phthalate Esters Reviewed

This evaluation of seven phthalate esters was conducted over a one year period by a 16-member Expert Panel made up of scientists from government, universities, and industry (May 23, 2000 [65 FR 33343-33345]). Public deliberations by the Panel were completed in July, 2000. Since that time, the draft reports have been revised to incorporate the conclusions reached by the Panel in their July, 2000, meeting and have been reviewed for accuracy by

the CERHR Core Committee, made up of representatives of NTP-participating agencies, NTP scientists, and members of the Phthalates Expert Panel. Phthalate esters are used as plasticizers in a wide range of polyvinyl chloride-based consumer products. These phthalate esters were selected for the initial evaluation by the CERHR based on their high production volume, extent of human exposures, use in children's products, published evidence of reproductive or developmental toxicity, and public concern.

The following phthalate esters were reviewed by CERHR (Chemical Abstract Service Registry Number):

butyl benzyl phthalate (85-68-7)  
di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (117-81-7)  
di-isodecyl phthalate (26761-40-0,  
68515-49-1)  
di-isononyl phthalate (28553-12-0,  
68515-48-0)  
di-n-butyl phthalate (84-74-2)  
di-n-hexyl phthalate (84-75-3)  
di-n-octyl phthalate (117-84-0)

#### Availability of Phthalate Reports

Expert Panel reports on the above phthalate esters can be obtained from the CERHR website <http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov>). Hard copies can be obtained by contacting: Ms. Harriet McCullom, Management Coordinator, CERHR, 1800 Diagonal Road, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22314-2808, Telephone: 703-838-9440, Facsimile: 703-684-2223.

#### Request for Public Comment on the Expert Panel Reports

The Center invites public comment on the Expert Panel Reports listed above, including any recent relevant toxicology data and human exposure information. These reports are the product of the Expert Panel review of data available as of July 1, 2000. Public comments received on the Expert Panel Reports will be reviewed, summarized, and included in the NTP Center transmittal report prepared by the NTP staff. NTP will transmit the NTP Center report, the Expert Panel Report, the public comments received on the expert panel report, and any new information since completion of the expert panel report to the appropriate Federal and State Agencies, the public, and the scientific community. Further information on the Center's chemical review process can be obtained from the CERHR website (<http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov>).

Written comments received by December 11, 2000 will be considered. Please forward comments and chemical information to: Michael D. Shelby, Ph.D.; Director, CERHR, NIEHS/NTP B3-09; P.O. Box 12233; Research

Triangle Park, NC 27709-2233; Telephone: 919-541-3455; Facsimile: 919-541-4634.

Dated: October 2, 2000.

**Samuel H. Wilson,**

Deputy Director, NIEHS.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area (RNCA) Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to announce the next meeting of the Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area Advisory Committee Meeting. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide informed advice to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Safford Field Manager on management of public lands in the Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area. The committee meets as needed, generally between two and four times a year.

The meeting will begin at the BLM Safford Field Office on November 3, 2000, commencing at 7 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m. The meeting's agenda will consist of a tour of portions of the Gila Box RNCA with community leaders from Graham and Greenlee counties to build support for the implementation of the Gila Box RNCA management plan. A public comment period will begin at 7 a.m. and may continue for the duration of the meeting at the discretion of the Gila Box Advisory Committee. The public may accompany the Committee and invited guests on the tour, but must provide their own transportation and lunch.

**DATES:** Meeting will be held on November 3, 2000, starting at 7 a.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jon Collins, Gila Box RNCA Project Coordinator, BLM, Safford Field Office, 711 14th Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85546; telephone number: (520) 348-4400.

Dated: September 28, 2000.

**Wayne King,**

Acting Field Office Manager.

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