

29,748; *Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent*: 1.0834; *Average Burden Hours Per Response*: 2.658; and *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested*: 85,679. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at \$1,985,472 (Using a \$35 physician/professor average hourly wage rate, and a \$12 trainee average hourly wage rate.) There are no Capital Costs to report. The annual Operating and Maintenance Costs to report are \$148,740.

Request for Comments

Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Direct Comments to OMB

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attention Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Ms. Jan Heffernan, Division of Grants Policy, Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration, NIH, Rockledge 1 Building, Room 1196, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-7974, or call non-toll-free number (301) 435-0940, or E-mail your request, including your request, including your address to: Heffernj@OD.NIH.GOV

Comments Due Date

Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before October 1, 2001.

Dated: August 21, 2001.

Carol Tippery,

Acting Director, OPERA, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of General Medical Sciences; 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.

The meeting 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 of General Medical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: August 30, 2001.

Time: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, NIGMS, Office of Scientific Review, Natcher Building, Room 1AS-13, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Helen R. Sunshine, PhD, Chief, Office of Scientific Review, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, NIH, Natcher Building, Room 1AS-13, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-594-2881.

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.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.375, Minority Biomedical Research Support; 93.821, Cell Biology and Biophysics Research; 93.859, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Biological Chemistry Research; 93.862, Genetics and Developmental Biology Research; 93.88, Minority Access to Research Careers; 93.96, Special Minority Initiatives, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: August 24, 2001.

Anna P. Snouffer,

Acting Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

National Toxicology Program; Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Advisory Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods, U.S. Public Health Service. The meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to adjournment on September 25, 2001 in the Rodbell Auditorium, Rall Building, South Campus, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. The meeting is open to the public and time is allotted during the meeting for the public to present comments to the Committee and NTP staff on agenda topics. Attendance is limited only by the space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance are asked to notify the Executive Secretary in advance of the meeting.

Background

Under authority of 42 U.S.C. 217a, section 222 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, the Department of Health and Human Services has established an Advisory Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods (the Committee). The Committee provides advice to the NTP on the activities and priorities of the NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (the Center) and the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) and on ways to foster partnership activities and productive interactions among all stakeholders. The Committee is composed of knowledgeable representatives drawn from academia, industry, public interest organizations, and may include representation from state and federal agencies and the international community, as appropriate [Federal Register: September 15, 1997 (Volume 62, Number 178, Page 48290)].

Agenda

The September 25th meeting is open to the public from 9:00 AM to adjournment with attendance limited only by the space available. A draft agenda with tentative schedule is provided below. Primary agenda topics