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 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, CB Member Conflict.

Date: November 8, 2005.
Time: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.
Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Marcia Steinberg, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5130, MSC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1023, steinbem@crs.nih.gov.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, CB

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Date: November 9, 2005.
Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.
Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Marcia Steinberg, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5130, MSC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1023, steinbem@crs.nih.gov.

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

Place: Hamilton Crowne Plaza, 14th and K Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

Contact Person: Lynn T. Nielsen-Bohlman, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3146, MSC 7759, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594–3163, nielsenl@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Chemical and Bioanalytical Sciences Fellowship Review.

Date: November 17–18, 2005.
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.
Place: Churchill Hotel, 1914 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20009.

Contact Person: David R. Jollie, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4192, MSC 7849, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–2810, jollied@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, General Microbiology.

Date: November 17, 2005.
Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.
Place: Holiday Inn Select, 480 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.
Contact Person: Dan D. Gerendasy, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5132, MSC 7843, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594–6830, gerendasd@csr.nih.gov.


Date: November 17, 2005.
Time: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Sally Ann Amero, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4190, MSC 7849, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1159, ameros@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Small Business: Hematology.

Date: November 18, 2005.
Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: One Washington Circle Hotel, One Washington Circle, Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: Delia Tang, MD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4126, MSC 7802, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–2506, tangd@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, EPIC Member Conflict Study Section.

Date: November 18, 2005.
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Residence Inn Bethesda, 7335 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Christopher Semposch, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3146, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–451–1329, semposch@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, SBIR/STR: Early Childhood Behaviors and Adolescent/Adult Addictions.

Date: November 18, 2005.
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Morrison House, 116 South Alfred Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Contact Person: Claire E. Gutkin, PhD, MPH, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3138, MSC 7779, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–594–3139, gutkincs@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Cognitive and Linguistic Processes.

Date: November 18, 2005.
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hamilton Crowne Plaza, 14th & K Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

Contact Person: Lynn T. Nielsen-Bohlman, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3089F, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–594–5287, nielsenl@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Vascular Remodeling and Serine Proteases.

Date: November 18, 2005.
Time: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Robert T. Su, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4134, MSC 7802, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1195, sur@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Small Business: Electromagnetic Devices.

Date: November 18, 2005.
Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, 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, rosenl@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Tumor Immunology.

Date: November 18, 2005.
Time: 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Paek-Gyu Lee, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4095D, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 402–7391, leegp@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Drug Development.

Date: November 21, 2005.
Time: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Willard Intercontinental Hotel, 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20004.

Contact Person: Mary Custer, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4148, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1164, custerm@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Oncology Fellowships and AERA.

Date: November 21–22, 2005.
Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Ritz Carlton Hotel, 1150 22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: Manzoor Zarger, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6124, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–2477, zargerma@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: AIDS and Related Research Integrated Review Group, AIDS-associated Opportunistic Infections and Cancer Study Section.

Date: November 21–22, 2005.
Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: The Jefferson, 1200 6th St., NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Contact Person: Eduardo A. Montalvo, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5108, MSC 7852, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1168, montalve@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Bioengineering Sciences & Technologies Integrated Review Group, Microscopic Imaging Study Section.

Date: November 21–22, 2005.
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Ross D. Shonat, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3022A, MSC 7849, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–2786, shonatt@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Member Conflict: Group Psychotherapy for Cancer Patients.

Date: November 21, 2005.
Time: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Michael Micklin, PhD, Chief, RPHB IRC, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3136, MSC 7759, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1258, micklinm@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Gene Expression and Neuronal Development.

Date: November 21, 2005.
Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Lawrence Baizer, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4152, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1257, baizerl@csr.nih.gov.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Toxicology Program (NTP), NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM); Availability of a Second Expert Panel Request on the Evaluation of the Current Validation Status of In Vitro Test Methods for Identifying Ocular Corrosives and Severe Irritants

AGENCY: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), DHHS.

ACTION: Report availability and request for comments.


DATES: Comments should be sent by mail, fax, or e-mail to the address given below by December 2, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Raymond Tice at NICEATM, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD EC–17, Research Triangle Park, NC, 27709, (phone) 919–541–4482, (fax) 919–541–0947, (e-mail) niceatm@niehs.nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 3, 2004, NICEATM released draft background review documents (BRDs) that provided information about the current validation status of four in vitro test methods for detecting ocular corrosives and severe irritants (Federal Register, Vol. 69, No. 212, pp. 64081–64082, November 3, 2004). In conjunction with ICCVAM, NICEATM convened an expert panel meeting on January 11–12, 2005, to independently assess the validation status of the four in vitro test methods. The expert panel report from the January 2005 meeting (“first expert panel report”) was released in March 2005 and is available at http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/eyeirrit.htm. Public comments at the meeting indicated that additional data could be made available that had not been provided in response to earlier requests for data announced in the Federal Register in March (Vol. 69, No. 57, pp. 13859–13861, March 24, 2004) and November 2004. The expert panel recommended that NICEATM conduct a reanalysis of the accuracy and reliability of each test method that would include these data. In response to this recommendation, NICEATM published a notice in the Federal Register (Vol. 70, No. 38, pp. 9661–9662, February 28, 2005) requesting additional in vitro data on these four in vitro ocular irritancy test methods, corresponding in vivo rabbit eye test method data, as well as any human ocular exposure/injury data (either from human studies or accidental exposure). Subsequently, NICEATM received additional in vitro and in vivo data that were used for the revised accuracy and reliability analyses and considered in revising the list of proposed reference substances.

NICEATM released the revised accuracy and reliability analyses and the revised list of proposed reference substances as an addendum to the draft BRDs and announced its availability in the Federal Register (Vol. 70, No. 142, pp. 43149, July 26, 2005). NICEATM subsequently announced a second meeting of an expert panel by teleconference on September 19, 2005 in the Federal Register (Vol. 70, No. 174, pg. 53676, September 9, 2005). The second expert panel report is a product of the teleconference meeting and is being made available for public comment. ICCVAM will consider the first and second expert panel reports, other relevant background materials, and all comments received from the public and the Scientific Advisory Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods (SACATM) on this topic in finalizing ICCVAM test method recommendations for these methods.

Request for Comments

NICEATM invites the submission of written comments on the second expert panel report. When submitting written comments please include appropriate contact information (name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail and sponsoring organization, if applicable). All written comments received by the deadline listed above will be posted on the ICCVAM/NICEATM Web site and made available to ICCVAM agency representatives for their consideration prior to the development of final ICCVAM recommendations on these test methods.

An ICCVAM test method evaluation report, which includes the ICCVAM test method recommendations, will be forwarded to appropriate Federal agencies for their consideration. This report also will be available to the public on the ICCVAM/NICEATM Web site and by request to NICEATM.

Background Information on ICCVAM and NICEATM

ICCVAM is an interagency committee composed of representatives from fifteen Federal regulatory and research agencies that use or generate toxicological information. ICCVAM conducts technical evaluations of new, revised, and alternative methods with regulatory applicability, and promotes the scientific validation and regulatory acceptance of toxicological test methods that more accurately assess the safety and hazards of chemicals and products and that refine, reduce, and replace animal use. The ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106–545, available at http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/about/PL106545.htm) establishes ICCVAM as a permanent interagency committee of the NIEHS under the NICEATM. NICEATM administers the ICCVAM and provides scientific and operational support for ICCVAM-related activities. NICEATM and ICCVAM work collaboratively to evaluate new and improved test methods applicable to the needs of Federal agencies. Additional information about ICCVAM and NICEATM can be found at the following Web site: http://www.iccvam.niehs.nih.gov.

Dated: October 25, 2005.

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Deputy Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

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