

implementation, and evaluation of their proposed projects. Persistence and completion rates are important outcomes that ensure the ultimate success of international consortia funded through this program.

## VII. Agency Contact

### *For Further Information Contact:*

Frank Frankfort, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, EU-U.S. Atlantis Program, 1990 K Street, NW., room 6152, Washington, DC 20006-8544. Telephone: (202) 502-7513.

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## VIII. Other Information

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Dated: April 6, 2006.

**Sally L. Stroup,**

*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Interagency Committee on Disability Research (ICDR)

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and request for written comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice describes the schedule and agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Interagency Committee on Disability Research (ICDR). Notice of this meeting is intended to inform members of the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting and provide comment. During the public meeting and through the submission of written comments, we encourage individuals with disabilities, including persons who represent service providers, service provider organizations, disability and rehabilitation research and policy groups, and representatives of advocacy organizations with specialized knowledge and experience, to suggest specific ways to improve future research for individuals with disabilities. We are also interested in hearing from individuals concerning how well the existing Federal research programs are responding to the changing needs of individuals with disabilities. We are interested in comments covering a wide range of research areas. Your information will be used by the ICDR in its deliberations; however, we cannot respond individually to your comments. The meeting will be open and accessible to the general public.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Interagency Committee on Disability Research (ICDR), authorized by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, promotes coordination and cooperation among Federal departments and agencies conducting disability and rehabilitation research programs. Representatives of 35 Federal entities regularly participate in the ICDR. In addition to the full committee, five subcommittees address specific issues: Disability Statistics, Medical Rehabilitation, Technology, Employment, and the New Freedom Initiative (NFI). The goals of the ICDR and its Subcommittees are to: (1) Increase public input and involvement in ICDR deliberations to ensure research efforts lead to solutions for identified needs, (2) improve the visibility of the ICDR and Federal disability research in general, (3) identify and solve common problems through collaboration among agencies, and (4) initiate and monitor activities involving interagency coordination and cooperation in support of the NFI.

According to statute (Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended): "After receiving input from individuals with disabilities and the individuals' representatives, the Committee shall identify, assess, and seek to coordinate all Federal programs, activities, and projects, and plans for such programs,

activities, and projects with respect to the conduct of research related to rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities."

The ICDR maintains a public Web site at <http://www.icdr.us>, which contains additional information about the ICDR. This public Web site also provides a comment form for collection of comments regarding the Federal research agenda in disability and rehabilitation research. The purpose of this public meeting and request for written comments is to ensure that individuals who may not have access to the Internet and the ICDR public Web site also have an opportunity to submit comments.

The Director of the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education is Chair of the ICDR. The Chair announces a public meeting in 2006 and invites written comments with respect to the Federal disability and rehabilitation research agenda. Representatives of the ICDR will be present at the meeting to hear your comments. Your comments will be used by the ICDR in its deliberations; however we will not respond individually to your comments.

**Date, Time, and Address:** The meeting will take place May 23, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Capital Hilton Hotel, 1001 16th Street NW., Washington DC, 20036. Telephone: (202) 393-1000.

### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Robert Jaeger, Executive Secretary ICDR, U.S. Department of Education, 550 12th Street, SW., room 6050, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-2700. Telephone: (202) 245-7386. Fax: (202) 245-7633. Internet:

[Robert.Jaeger@ed.gov](mailto:Robert.Jaeger@ed.gov).

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Individuals who need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (*i.e.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, material in alternative format) should notify Robert Jaeger at (202) 245-7386 or (202) 205-4475 (TDD) ten business days in advance of the meeting. The meeting location is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

**Participants:** Individuals who wish to present comments at the public meeting must reserve time on the agenda by contacting the individual identified under Reservations and Additional Meeting Information. Reservations for presenting comments will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Given

the expected number of individuals interested in presenting comments at the meeting, reservations should be made as soon as possible.

**Format:** Participants will be allowed approximately five minutes to present their comments, depending upon the number of individuals who reserve time on the agenda. Prior to the meeting, participants must submit written copies of their comments, and other written or electronic versions of information such as agency or organization policy statements, recommendations, research findings and research literature. Walk-ins must bring two written copies of their comments.

**Reservations and Additional Meeting Information:** All individuals attending the public meeting, including those presenting comments, must make reservations by May 9, 2006, by contacting: Robert Jaeger, Executive Secretary, ICDR.

If time permits, individuals who have not registered in advance may be allowed to make comments.

**Assistance to Individuals with Disabilities at the Public Meeting:** The meeting room and proceedings will be accessible to individuals with disabilities. In addition, when making reservations, anyone presenting comments or attending the meeting who needs special accommodations, such as sign language interpreters, Brailled agenda, computer-assisted real-time (CART) reporting, should inform the previously listed individual of his or her specific accessibility needs. You must make requests for accommodations on or before May 9, 2006. Although we will attempt to meet a request we receive after that date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

**Due Dates:** We request your registration to attend along with written and e-mail comments to be provided no later than May 9, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit all comments to: Robert Jaeger, Executive Secretary ICDR, U.S. Department of Education, 550 12th Street, SW., room 6050, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-2700. Telephone: (202) 245-7386. Fax: (202) 245-7633. Internet: [Robert.Jaeger@ed.gov](mailto:Robert.Jaeger@ed.gov).

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**John H. Hager,**

*Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (National Advisory Committee); Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, Department of Education.

#### What Is the Purpose of This Notice?

The purpose of this notice is to announce the public meeting of the National Advisory Committee and invite third-party oral presentations before the Committee. This notice also presents the proposed agenda and informs the public of its opportunity to attend this meeting. The notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

#### When and Where Will the Meeting Take Place?

We will hold the public meeting on Monday, June 5, 2006, from 9:30 a.m. until approximately 5:30 p.m.; on Tuesday, June 6, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 5:30 p.m., and on Wednesday, June 7, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 3:30 p.m. in the Gallery I and II Meeting Rooms at the Hilton Arlington Hotel, 950 North Stafford Street, Arlington, VA 22203. You may call the hotel at (703) 528-6000 to inquire about rooms.

#### What Assistance Will Be Provided to Individuals With Disabilities?

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although we will attempt to meet a request received after that date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

#### Who Is the Contact Person for the Meeting?

Please contact Ms. Francesca Paris-Albertson, Executive Director of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, if you have questions about the meeting. You may contact her at the U.S. Department of Education, Room 7110, 1990 K St., NW., Washington, DC 20006; telephone: (202) 219-7009; fax: (202) 219-7008; e-mail: [Francesca.Paris-Albertson@ed.gov](mailto:Francesca.Paris-Albertson@ed.gov).

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#### What Is the Authority for the National Advisory Committee?

The National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity is established under Section 114 of the Higher Education Act (HEA) as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1011c.

#### What Are the Functions of the National Advisory Committee?

The Committee advises the Secretary of Education about:

- The establishment and enforcement of the Criteria for Recognition of accrediting agencies or associations under subpart 2 of part H of Title IV, HEA.
- The recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations.
- The preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations.
- The eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV, HEA.
- The development of standards and criteria for specific categories of vocational training institutions and institutions of higher education for which there are no recognized accrediting agencies, associations, or State agencies in order to establish the interim eligibility of those institutions