I. Background

The NIH Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) oversees PHS-funded animal activities by the authority of the Health Research Extension Act of 1985 (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/references/area1985.htm) and the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (PHS Policy; http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/references/phspol.htm). The PHS Policy requires that institutions have an approved Animal Welfare Assurance before conducting activities involving live vertebrate animals. Institutions outside the United States that receive PHS funding are required to have a Foreign Assurance (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/sampledoc/foreign.htm) that commits the institution to follow the International Guiding Principles for Biomedical Research Involving Animals (“Guiding Principles”). The Guiding Principles were revised in December 2012 by a partnership between the Council for International Organizations for Medical Science (CIOMS) and the International Council for Laboratory Animal Science (ICLAS).

PHS-Assured institutions outside the United States are encouraged to adopt the revised Guiding Principles as soon as possible, and full implementation is expected after October 1, 2013. OLAW will confirm an institution’s adoption of the Guiding Principles at the next renewal of the Foreign Assurance.

II. Electronic Access


Dated: August 19, 2013.

Francis S. Collins,
Director, National Institutes of Health.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

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Date: September 16, 2013.

Time: 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Lakshmi Ramachandra, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, DEA/NIADD/NIDHSS, 6700B Rockledge Drive, MSC–7616, Bethesda, MD 20892–7616, 301–496–2550, Ramachandra@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; NIAID Investigator Initiated Program Project Applications (P01).

Date: September 16–17, 2013.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge 6700, 6700B Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Lynne Rust, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, DEA/NIADD/NIDHSS, 6700B Rockledge Drive, MSC–7616, Bethesda, MD 20892–7616, 301–402–3938, lrust@dcd.nih.gov.

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