

## Agenda

### NIH National Graduate Student Research Festival

#### Wednesday, September 10, 2008

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##### **7:00 – 9:00 PM      Reception/Orientation**

Hilton Hotel, Washington/Rockville

#### Thursday, September 11, 2008

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##### **7:30 – 9:00 AM                      Registration and Breakfast**

Registration and bagel breakfast  
Natcher Lobby

##### **9:00 – 9:15 AM                      Welcome and Remarks**

Sharon L. Milgram, PhD, Director, Office of Intramural Training & Education  
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##### **9:15 – 9:45 AM                      NIH 101: Why NIH?**

What the NIH is and how it works  
Joan P. Schwartz, PhD, Assistant Director, Office of Intramural Research  
Natcher Auditorium

##### **10:00 – 11:00 AM                      Concurrent Scientific Sessions I**

Concurrent Speaker I  
**Developing Medications for Alcoholism: A View from the Dark Side**  
Markus Heilig, MD, PhD  
National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism  
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Concurrent Speaker II  
**Signal Relay during Chemotaxis**  
Carole Parent, PhD  
National Cancer Institute  
Natcher Balcony B

Concurrent Speaker III  
**The B-cell Challenge: Affinity Maturation versus Tumorigenesis**

Rafael Casellas, PhD  
National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases  
Natcher Balcony C

**11:00 AM – 12:30 PM      Poster Session 1, Interviews, and NIH Laboratory Tours**

Upper level of Natcher Center; session details to be provided  
General tours of the NIH campus and the Clinical Research Center

**12:30 – 1:30 PM      Lunch with NIH Postdoctoral Fellows and NIH Investigators**

Participants will have an opportunity to interact with current NIH trainees and NIH investigators.  
Natcher Center, lower level

**1:30 – 3:00 PM      Poster Session 2 and Interviews**

Upper level of Natcher Center; session details to be provided

**3:00 – 4:30 PM      NIH Campus Tours and Interviews**

**4:45 – 5:45 PM      Career Development Resources at the NIH**

Professional and career development resources at the NIH include the new Career Services Center and Library; professional skills workshops; courses on speaking and writing about science and improving spoken English; workshop series on finding jobs in industry and academy; and opportunities to learn about and gain experience teaching. In addition, the NIH Fellows Committee sponsors the FARE (Fellows Award for Research Excellence) competition; a Job Fair; workshops exploring career options; and, in collaboration with other units, a Career Symposium.

Lori Conlan, PhD, Director, Office of Postdoctoral Services  
Suman Das, PhD, NIAID  
Elizabeth Carroll Driver, PhD, NIDCD  
Cameron H. Good, PhD, NIDA  
Goli Samimi, PhD, NCI

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**6:00      Dinner on Your Own Followed by Social Events Including a DC Bus Tour, Walking Tour of Downtown Bethesda, OR FelCom Happy Hour**

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## Friday, September 12, 2007

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**7:30 – 8:30 AM**

**Breakfast**

Natcher Lobby

**8:30 – 10:00 AM**

**Former Trainee Panel: How I Benefited from My NIH Training Experience**

Martin Crook, PhD, Merck Research Laboratories

Christine Hrycnyna, PhD, Purdue University

Claudine Kavanaugh, PhD, MPH, RD, Office of Food Protection,  
FDA

Pamela Mink, PhD, MPH, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory  
University

Dina Paltoo, PhD, MPH, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Peter Scacheri, PhD, Case Western Reserve University

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**10:00 – 11:30 AM**

**Poster Session 3, Interviews, and NIH Laboratory Tours**

Upper level of Natcher Center; session details to be provided

General tours of the NIH campus and the Clinical Research Center

**11:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Lunch with NIH Postdoctoral Fellows and NIH Investigators**

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**12:30 – 2:00 PM**

**Poster Session 4 and Interviews**

Upper level of Natcher Center; session details to be provided

**2:00 – 3:00 PM**

**Concurrent Scientific Sessions II**

Concurrent Speaker I

**Molecular Tools to Study Drug Addiction**

Amy Hauck Newman, PhD

National Institute on Drug Abuse

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Concurrent Speaker II

**Resveratrol: A Toast to Longevity?**

Rafael de Cabo, PhD

National Institute on Aging

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Concurrent Speaker III

**Synaptic Plasticity in the Adult and Developing Nervous System**

Serena Dudek, PhD

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

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**3:00 – 3:15 PM**

**Afternoon Break**

**3:15 – 4:00 PM**

**Closing Remarks, Festival Evaluation, Raffle**

Michael M. Gottesman, MD, Deputy Director for Intramural Research

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