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## Noni Byrnes to Head CSR's Cell Biology Integrated Review Group



Dr. Noni Byrnes has been named the new Chief of the [Cell Biology Integrated Review Group](#) at the NIH Center for Scientific Review.

“Dr. Byrnes will bring tremendous administrative and interpersonal skills as well as a deep commitment to the scientific community,” said Dr. Toni Scarpa, Director of CSR. “She will help us reinvigorate efforts to serve this important and rapidly changing area of research.” He noted that Dr. Byrnes was chosen from an exceptional group of candidates from both inside and outside of CSR.

This IRG is one of the most vital IRGs groups at CSR because it coordinates the review of NIH research applications with the promise of advancing almost all areas of biomedical research: the Cell Biology IRG focuses on fundamental cell biological processes, including the functions, interactions and regulation of cells and cellular organelles.

Since 2001, Dr. Byrnes has been a Scientific Review Administrator at CSR of the [Enabling Bioanalytical and Biophysical Technologies Study Section](#), which handles the review of applications in the area of cutting-edge technology development to enable investigations in cell biology. She is also the Coordinator of CSR's Review [Internship Program](#).

Dr. Byrnes received a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from Emory University, where her research focused on spectroscopic characterization of molecular inclusion complexes.

She was previously employed by Procter & Gamble Pharmaceuticals, where she was a staff scientist in the Bioanalytical Drug Development Section. While there, Dr. Byrnes developed high throughput separations methods for the testing of drug candidates and metabolites in clinical trial samples. In addition, she was the Bioanalytical Section representative on a multidisciplinary team that successfully completed an investigational new drug submission package for the Food and Drug Administration.

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The Center for Scientific Review organizes the peer review groups that evaluate the majority of grant applications submitted to the National Institutes of Health. These groups include experienced and respected researchers from across the country and abroad. Since 1946, CSR's mission has been to see that NIH grant applications receive fair, independent, expert, and timely reviews — free from inappropriate influences — so NIH can fund the most promising research. CSR also receives all incoming applications and assigns them to the NIH institutes and centers that fund grants.

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