

ID code sets and this will ensure that traceability is consistent.”

3. Added text to address gaps in the characterization of race and ethnicity: “Where gaps exist in the representation of race or ethnicity categories, sponsors are encouraged to discuss the race or ethnicity issue with the appropriate review division.”

4. Added text to allow omission of characterization of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity for international clinical trials: “the ethnicity question can be omitted for studies conducted abroad.”

5. Changed the characterization of “Black, of African heritage,” to “Black” for studies conducted abroad.

This guidance is being issued consistent with FDA’s good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The guidance represents the agency’s current thinking on collection of race and ethnicity data in clinical trials. It does not create or confer any rights for or on any person and does not operate to bind FDA or the public. An alternative approach may be used if such approach satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations.

II. Comments

Interested persons may submit to the Division of Dockets Management (see **ADDRESSES**) written or electronic comments on the guidance at any time. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. The guidance and received comments are available for public examination in the Division of Dockets Management between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

III. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the document at <http://www.fda.gov/cder/guidance/index.htm>, <http://www.fda.gov/cber/guidelines.htm> or <http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/default.htm>.

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Jeffrey Shuren,

Assistant Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; 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 such 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: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel Interferon-Alpha in Type 1 Diabetes.

Date: October 4, 2005.

Time: 1 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge 6700, 6700B Rockledge Drive, 3256, Bethesda, MD 20817 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Mercy R. PrabhuDas, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institutes of Health/ NIAID, 6700B Rockledge Drive, MSC 7616, Bethesda, MD 20892–7616, 301–451–2615, mp457n@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel Center For AIDS Research: D–CFAR, CFAR.

Date: October 6–7, 2005.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Barney Duane Price, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific Review Program, DHHS/NIH/NIAID/DEA, Room 3265, 6700B Rockledge Drive, MSC 7616, Bethesda, MD 20892–7616, 301–451–2592, pricebd@niaid.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel STD Prevention Study.

Date: October 11, 2005.

Time: 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Agenda: To provide concept review of proposed grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Building 16, 16 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: John A. Bogdan, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific

Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, NIAID/NIH/DHHS, 6700B Rockledge Drive, MSC 7616, Bethesda, MD 20892–7616, 301–496–2550, jbogdan@niaid.nih.gov.

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Name of Committee: Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation Research Committee Allergy, Immunology and Transplantation Research Committee

Date: October 17, 2005.

Time: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Double Tree Rockville, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Quirijn Vos, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, NIAID/NIH/DHHS, 6700B Rockledge Drive, MSC, 7616, Bethesda, MD 20892–7616, (301) 451–2666, qvos@niaid.nih.gov.

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