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Cheryl Kitt to Become CSR's New Deputy Director

Cheryl A. Kitt, Ph.D., has been recruited to be the new Deputy Director at the NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR). She comes from the National Institute of Arthritis, and Musculoskeletal, and Skin Diseases (NIAMS), where she served as its Director of Extramural Program.

In naming Dr. Kitt today, CSR Director Dr. Toni Scarpa said “she brings over a decade of exceptional NIH management experience. Her keen insights into the organization and her unique ability to implement innovative solutions will be invaluable as CSR modernizes its peer review groups so NIH can identify the best scientific research for advancing health in this country and abroad.”

Dr. Kitt came to NIH in 1995 to direct the extramural program for research in pain, neuroendocrinology, neurotoxicology, sleep and circadian rhythms, and women's health research at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

Prior to joining NIH, Dr. Kitt was a faculty member at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in its Division of Neuropathology, where she studied neural systems affected in Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and a number of pediatric neurological disorders. She also did her postdoctoral training at Hopkins studying the neurobiology of neurodegenerative disorders. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland at College Park in biopsychology focusing on comparative neuroanatomy.

Dr. Kitt has authored more than 150 research articles and book chapters for publications such as *Science*, *Nature*, *Brain Research*, and *Neuroscience*. She has delivered numerous lectures and presentations at universities and NIH and has appeared on National Public Radio discussing pain research.

About CSR

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. For additional information, go to our Web site—<http://www.csr.nih.gov>—or phone 301-435-1111.

