NIH eRA Commons Release Notes Version 2.7.4.4 (Internal Users)

General Enhancements

The following general enhancements have been added to the Commons portal:

Oracle Upgrade

The eRA Commons module has been upgraded to Oracle 10g (v10.1.2.0.2). The expected benefits of this upgrade are improved server performance, as well as the ability to better support the J2EE software architecture and development.

Expired Session

A warning message is displayed after a period of inactivity.

Figure 1: Click "Keep Session" to resume your work or "Abandon Session" to force your account to log out.

If your session expires while the Commons module is open, because you did not respond to the expiration message within the allotted five minute time period, a page appears that allows you to return to the login page.
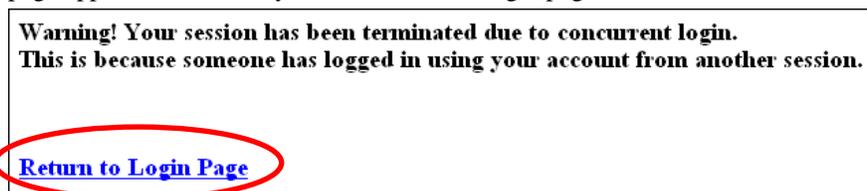

*Figure 2: Click the **Return to Login** hyperlink to be redirected to the login page.*

Responding to the prompt within the allotted timeframe is essential to maintain system use. Failure to respond within the allotted timeframe may result in loss of functionality. If any problems occur, close your web browser window and then reopen it to log in and begin a new session.

Switch User

If an invalid user ID is entered, the system now displays an error when switching to another user's account.

Passwords

Password Changes

The following modifications have been made to the e-mail message that users receive after their Commons' password has been changed.

- The e-mail message, *Subject: eRA Commons: Your account has been modified*, has removed the references that instruct users to copy and paste the temporary password on the logon page.

- In an effort to eliminate password ambiguity, the e-mail will no longer capture a dot after the password.

NOTE: Once you have changed your password, the system now automatically logs you in.

Registrations

Process Registration Hitlist

The sorting of the **Process Registration hitlist** by **Registration Status** field is now done alphabetically by **Registration Status value.**

NOTE: This function is only available to internal NIH staff.

Organizational Registrations Hitlist

The following enhancements have been added to the **Organizational Registrations Hitlist** that appears when a query has been performed.

- The **FAX Received** column on the hitlist of organizational registrations is a sortable field with a secondary sort on **Registration Date.**

- There is a third sort on the **FAX Indicator** column.

Sorting Registrations

You have the option of sorting the list of registrations by the **FAX Received date** or the **Registration Date ASC**. Click on the column title to sort the list by that column's details.

To sort registration records:

1. Select the Admin access tab.

2. Click Process Registrations.

Internet Assisted Review (IAR)

Pioneer Meetings
You are now able to access Pioneer Meetings without receiving an error message.

Control Center Labels
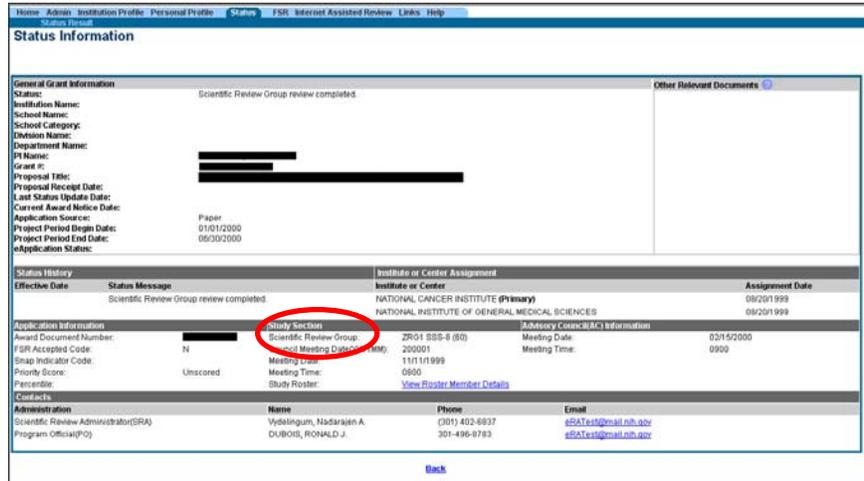The label **Init Review Group** has been changed and is now labeled **Scientific Review Group**.

Figure 3: IAR Status Information Screen

Meeting Locations
Meeting locations for both SRG and Council Meetings have been removed.

Priority Scoring and Percentiles
The priority score and percentile fields have been changed to no longer display 0 and 0.0 if the application scores have not been released.

- The Percentile field will display a value only if the percentile is present. If the percentile is not present no data is displayed in the field.

- If the application is scored the numeric score will display in the percentile field.

- *Not Recommended for further consideration* will display in the score field if the application has an IRG Recommendation as 2.

- *No recommendation* will display in the score field if the application has an IRG Recommendation as 4.

- *Deferred* will display in the score field if the application has an IRG Recommendation as 3.

- *Unscored* will display in the score field if the application has an IRG Recommendation as 5 or 6.

Application Listing
The list of all applications now displays in the **IAR Control Center** even if they do not have assigned reviewers.

Sorting of Reviewers
Reviewers' names are now properly sorted alphabetically in the **IAR Control Center**.