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George Chacko Now Heads CSR's Bioengineering Sciences and Technologies Integrated Review Group



Dr. George Chacko has been named the new Chief of the [Bioengineering Sciences and Technologies \(BST\)](#) Integrated Review Group (IRG) at the NIH Center for Scientific Review.

“Dr. Chacko will bring to bear a keen intelligence, innovative spirit and commitment to both the science and the scientific community,” says Dr. Toni Scarpa, Director of CSR. “He will thus play a critical role in helping to advance reviews in this critical and rapidly expanding area of science.” BST coordinates the review of grant applications focused on the fundamental aspects of bioengineering and technology development in the following areas: bioinformatics and computer science, gene and drug delivery systems, imaging principles for molecules and cells, modeling of biological systems, statistics and data management, instrumentation, chips and microarrays, biosensors, and biomaterials.

Dr. George Chacko joined CSR in 2001 to be the Scientific Review Administrator for a Special Emphasis Panel that focused on bioinformatics and computational biology. Dr. Chacko has worked in the Immunology (IMM), Biological Chemistry and Macromolecular Biophysics (BCMB), and BST IRGs. He will continue as a Scientific Review Administrator as he serves as chief of BST. Dr. Chacko received B.V.Sc. (D.V.M. equivalent) and M.V.Sc., degrees in veterinary medicine and veterinary pathology respectively in India. He also received a Ph.D. degree in biochemistry and immunology at The Ohio State University in Columbus. Dr. Chacko had postdoctoral training at Washington University School of Medicine, St Louis, and then joined NIH as a Cancer Research Training Associate at the National Cancer Institute.

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