

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)
Network of Minority Research Investigators (NMRI)
Southern Region Workshop

October 3-5, 2007

Holiday Inn Select Atlanta Capitol Conference Center
Atlanta, Georgia

DRAFT AGENDA

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

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| 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Registration/Poster Set-Up for Session I |
| 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Dinner Reception |
| 5:00 p.m. – 5:10 p.m. | Introductions and Welcoming Remarks
<i>Lawrence Agodoa, M.D., NIDDK, National Institutes of Health (NIH)</i> |
| 5:10 p.m. – 5:40 p.m. | Presentation — <i>Janice Lea, M.D., Emory University</i> |
| 5:40 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | <i>Poster Presentations and Discussions for Session I</i> |
| 7:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. | Break/Poster Set-Up for Session II |
| 7:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | <i>Poster Presentations and Discussions for Session II</i> |

Thursday, October 4, 2007

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| 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. | Registration and Continental Breakfast |
| 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Welcome and Introduction
<i>Lawrence Agodoa, M.D., NIDDK, NIH</i>
<i>Carlos Isales, M.D., Medical College of Georgia</i> |
| 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | Keynote Speaker
<i>Shirley Franklin, Mayor of Atlanta, GA (Invited)</i> |
| 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | NIH Funding Opportunities
<i>Judith Podskalny, Ph.D., NIDDK, NIH</i> |
| 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Break |
| 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Scientific Presentation/Career Narrative
<i>George A. Mensah, M.D., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Invited)</i> |

Thursday, October 4, 2007 Continued

- 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch and Mentor Sessions**
- Table Topics – Concurrent Breakout Sessions I** (Choose 1)
- **(1) Diabetes and Obesity** – *Omaima Sabek, Ph.D., University of Tennessee Health Science Centre*
 - **(2) Hypertension and Renal Disease** – *Janice Lea, M.D., Emory University*
 - **(3) Nutrition and Epidemiology** – *Conrad Cole, M.D., Emory University*
- 1:00 p.m. – 1:10 p.m. Break
- 1:10 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Concurrent Breakout Sessions II**
- Parallel Career Development Workshops** (Choose 1)
- **(1) Grants: Going From an Idea to a Winning Proposal** – *Bessie Young, M.D., VA Puget Sound Health Care System, and Melissa Hagan Hughes, Ph.D., M.P.H.*
 - **(2) Managing Laboratory Growth and Remaining Focused** – *Carlos Isales, M.D., Medical College of Georgia*
 - **(3) Negotiating Your First Academic Position** – *Evangeline Motley, Ph.D., Meharry Medical College*
 - **(4) Mentor: Finding or Being a Great Mentor** – *Titus Reaves, Ph.D., Medical University of South Carolina, and LaDonna Jones, Pharm.D., Loma Linda University, School of Pharmacy*
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:10 p.m. Break
- 2:10 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Concurrent Breakout Sessions III**
- Parallel Career Development Workshops** (Choose 1)
- **(1) Grants: Going From an Idea to a Winning Proposal** – *Bessie Young, M.D., VA Puget Sound Health Care System, and Melissa Hagan Hughes, Ph.D., M.P.H.*
 - **(2) Managing Laboratory Growth and Remaining Focused** – *Carlos Isales, M.D., Medical College of Georgia*
 - **(3) Negotiating Your First Academic Position** – *Evangeline Motley, Ph.D., Meharry Medical College*
 - **(4) Mentor: Finding or Being a Great Mentor** – *Titus Reaves, Ph.D., Medical University of South Carolina, and LaDonna Jones, Pharm.D., Loma Linda University, School of Pharmacy*
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. Break
- 3:10 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. **Importance of Networking for Your Academic Survival** – *Bridgett Rahim-Williams, Ph.D., University of Florida*

Thursday, October 4, 2007 Continued

- 3:40 p.m. – 4:10 p.m. **Communicating Research Results to the Public** – *Elizabeth Singer, Office of Communications & Public Liaison, NIDDK, NIH*
- 4:10 p.m. – 4:40 p.m. **NMRI Annual Meeting Update** – *Carlos Isales, M.D., Medical College of Georgia*
- 4:40 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. **Wrap-Up**
Lawrence Agodoa, M.D., NIDDK, NIH
- 4:45 p.m. Adjournment for the Day

Friday, October 5, 2007 — Undergraduate Research Workshop

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
Poster Set-Up for Undergraduate Students
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. **Welcoming Remarks**
Carlos Isales, M.D., Medical College of Georgia
- 8:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **Poster Presentations — Undergraduate Students**
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Graduate Student Panel and Presentations**
 - *DeAnna Baker, Medical University of South Carolina*
 - *Shirleatha Lee, University of Tennessee Health Science Centre*
 - *Yanci Mannery, Emory University*
 - *Chrystal Smith, University of Florida*
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Medical School and Graduate School Opportunities** – *John Young, Jr., Dr.P.H., Emory University (Invited)*
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **NIH Research Training Opportunities**
Lawrence Agodoa, M.D., NIDDK, NIH
- 12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Closing Remarks and Adjournment**
Carlos Isales, M.D., Medical College of Georgia, and Lawrence Agodoa, M.D., NIDDK, NIH