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Gateway Center To Open in July

The NIH Gateway Center—the long-awaited “front door” to the campus at Rockville Pike and South Dr. near the Medical Center Metro station—will open in July, merging the now-separate pedestrian and vehicle entrances to campus into a single welcoming point.



Cherry blossoms in full bloom adorn front of the new NIH Gateway Center, which is scheduled to open in July..

The center, also known as Bldg. 66, consists of three adjoining facilities: a pedestrian processing structure, a vehicle inspection facility (Bldg. 66A) and a two-level parking garage (MLP 11) with room for 346 cars. Once it opens, the construction fences come down, the old “flapper” turnstiles disappear and the homely trailer

(TR 16) that had served as a temporary gateway will be removed.

Employees arriving on foot out of the Metro station will proceed straight ahead into the pedestrian entry. Because they will already have ID badges, they can simply walk

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‘Take a Hike’ NIH’ers Walk the Talk in Exercise Challenge

By Jan Ehrman

Are you springing into action? More than 1,400 NIH employees and contractors are currently participating in HHS’s Healthier Feds Challenge, part of the National President’s Fitness Challenge, an 8-week physical fitness program focusing on getting Americans up and moving. The program runs through May 15.

While the President’s Challenge is an annual event involving many agencies, the HHS portion has taken on a local flavor for NIH’ers this year. For the first time, “we wanted to bring it more to the NIH level—to actually break it down from HHS to the NIH institutes and centers—promoting a bit of competition between them,” explained Tom Hayden, director of the Division of Amenities and Transportation Services, Office of Research Services.

Jogging, yoga, shooting hoops, gardening and even painting your house are among the 100-plus activities that satisfy the requirements of

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Zerhouni Wins France’s Highest Honor

On Apr. 10, French President Nicolas Sarkozy awarded NIH director Dr. Elias Zerhouni the Légion d’honneur (French National Order of the Legion of Honor), the highest decoration in France. In the United States, generals of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower and Douglas MacArthur are among the Americans who have received the honor. Others include Gen. Wesley Clark, actor Kirk Douglas, film director and actor Clint Eastwood and former Secretary of State Colin Powell. Looking on is Dr. Nadia Zerhouni.

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STEP Forum on Cultural Matters in Science

The staff training in extramural programs (STEP) committee will present an Administrative Strategies forum on the topic, "Culture Matters in Research: Ignore at Your Peril!" on Tuesday, May 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Lister Hill Auditorium, Bldg. 38A.

"Culture counts!" That was the take-home message from the 2001 Surgeon General's report on mental health. Many terms—culturally competent, culturally relevant and community-based—are used to discuss how culture can inform public health research. But what is culturally appropriate research? How can culturally based research maximize NIH resources and generate solutions with optimal public health impact? What role do the IRG, IRB and NIH extramural staffs play in the pre-application, review and post-award phases of culturally relevant research projects? How can we ensure that the study design and approach are appropriate for the targeted population? Is culture something that we can measure? Join us for a dialogue with NIH staff and expert investigators who will discuss the impact of culture in the context of research, tackling sensitive issues that are critical for a successful outcome.

Parenting Festival Set, May 7

The sixth annual NIH Parenting Festival will be held on Wednesday, May 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Bldg. 50's first floor conference area. As in past years, there will be representatives from many institutes to share information that benefits children and families. NIH support services for health, finance, benefits and work life will also participate. There will be activities, prizes and free resources including "Ask the Parenting Specialist" for all NIH employees.

The event is sponsored by the NIH child care board and the ORS Division of Amenities and Transportation Services. For more information call Mary Ellen Savarese or Tonya Lee at (301) 402-8180 or email leetz@mail.nih.gov.

Yoga Week Debuts at NIH, May 19-23

On May 19-23, NIH will host the first annual Yoga Week. Highlighting the science and practice of yoga, the 5-day series of events will serve both employees and the public. Whether you are a yoga novice or an experienced student, NIH Yoga Week will present you with the opportunity to learn from knowledgeable instructors and medical experts about the science and practice of yoga.

Dr. Rachel Permut-Levine, acting director of the Office of Strategic and Innovative Programs, NHLBI, and her team have partnered with R&W, ORS, NCI and NCCAM, as well as Weight Watchers International, Thrive Yoga studio in Rockville and the International Association of Yoga Therapists to assemble several programs. There is no cost to participate.

The kickoff will be held on Monday, May 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Natcher auditorium. Along with lectures by current NIH grantees conducting research on yoga and presentations by leading yoga instructors, the week's events incorporate "karma yoga," which is a theme of giving back to the community and those in need. Two charity outreach events will take place during Yoga Week, for the Safra Family Lodge and Manna Food Center in Rockville.

For more information, visit <http://does.ors.od.nih.gov/fitness/yogaWeek.htm> or join the Yoga Week listserv by sending an email to listserv@list.nih.gov and writing in the body of the email: SUBSCRIBE NIHYOGAWEEKMAY08. Further questions may be sent to Permut-Levine at levinerac@mail.nih.gov.

New ID Badge Web Site

Visit NIH's newest web site—www.idbadge.nih.gov—and check out the new HHS ID badge and how it may affect you. On Apr. 21, the new site went live to keep NIH up to date on a 2004 Presidential directive that all federal agencies use a common ID badge. The new badge will replace existing NIH badges for all NIH employees and contractors and is part of a comprehensive program to protect federal buildings, property, individuals, IT systems and data.

caBIG Fifth Annual Meeting, June 23-25

The upcoming caBIG annual meeting has been organized by NCI's Center for Biomedical Informatics and Information Technology. On day 1, attendees will learn the basics about NCI's cancer Biomedical Informatics Grid (caBIG) and how it can help you and your organization accelerate biomedical research. Day 2 offers insight into caBIG and how it is already driving changes in biomedical research for investigators and institutions across the country. The third day includes a look "under the hood" of caBIG and what it can do for you. The meeting will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C. Register at <https://cabig.nci.nih.gov/2008AnnualMeeting/>. The meeting is free and open to the public.

NIH Holds 36th Annual Asian Heritage Month Observance

"Leadership, Diversity, Harmony: Gateway to Success in Science," NIH's 36th annual Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month observance, will be held on Monday, May 19 from 11 a.m. to noon in Wilson Hall, Bldg. 1. Keynote speaker Dr. Richard Nakamura, NIMH deputy director and acting scientific director, will discuss the theme. For details about the program, call Tyrone Banks, (301) 451-0748. For reasonable accommodation, call Carlton Coleman, (301) 496-2906.

Lappin To Give Leiter Lecture, May 14

Debra R. Lappin, senior vice president of B&D Consulting, will give the NLM/MLA Joseph Leiter Lecture on Wednesday, May 14 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Lister Hill Auditorium, Bldg. 38A. Her talk is titled, "The 21st Century Patient – A New Partnership with the Biomedical Enterprise."



Lappin is a current member of the advisory council to the director of the CDC and former co-chair of a national partners' task force on partner and public engagement on CDC's health protection goals. She was a member of NIH's inaugural Council of Public Representatives, the NIAMS advisory council and the NLM PubMed central advisory council. She has participated on a number of committees at the National Academy of Sciences, including the committee on the organizational structure of the NIH, which directly informed the 2006 NIH Reform Act.

Lappin is a member of the board at Research!America, chairs the ethics committee at National Jewish Hospital and Research Center in Denver and is an adjunct professor at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, where she lectures on biomedical ethics. She remains a director emeritus of the Arthritis Foundation, an organization she served as national chair from 1996 to 1998.

A reception follows the lecture, which will be webcast at <http://videocast.nih.gov>.

The NLM/MLA Joseph Leiter Lectureship was established in 1983 to stimulate intellectual liaison between the Medical Library Association (MLA) and the National Library of Medicine. Leiter was a major contributor in cancer research at the National Cancer Institute and a leader at NLM as a champion of medical librarians and an informatics pioneer.

Solowey Awardee Lin Mei To Lecture, May 15

Schizophrenia is a common yet mysterious disease. It is thought to be caused by impaired brain development with a strong genetic basis. It is likely that altered proteins in the schizophrenic brain change the patterns of nervous transmission, resulting in bizarre thought processes characteristic of the disease.

Dr. Lin Mei and his team of researchers at the Medical College of Georgia have identified proteins that are important for keeping a balance between excitation and inhibition of brain cells. In particular, mutations or polymorphisms of the gene neuregulin-1 and its receptor ErbB4 are associated with schizophrenia by genome analyses. The proteins they encode have been found to regulate neuronal excitability because they influence the inhibitory neurotransmitter GABA.

On Thursday, May 15, at noon in Lipsett Amphitheater, Bldg. 10, Mei will be honored for his work on these and other disease-related genes by receiving the 2008 Mathilde Solowey Award in the Neurosciences and delivering a lecture titled, "Neuregulin-1 Signaling and Schizophrenia."

Mei will describe how his research team showed that neuregulin-1 suppresses excitation at excitatory synapses, which are communication points between neurons where the neurotransmitter glutamate excites cells to action. The collective findings reveal a check and balance for brain cell activity managed by neuregulin-1 in the brain's prefrontal cortex, the site of complex reasoning and selection of appropriate social behavior. The findings also provide new treatment targets for psychiatric diseases such as schizophrenia and neurological disorders such as epilepsy.

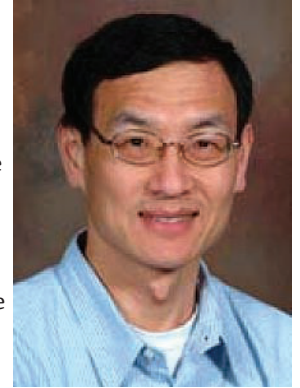
Mei is a professor in the department of neurology and chief of the program of developmental neurobiology, Institute of Molecular Medicine and Genetics at MCG. He has received awards from his university and from his home country, China. This year he received a NARSAD Distinguished Investigator Award.

After graduating from medical school in China, he received his Ph.D. in pharmacology and toxicology from the University of Arizona with Henry Yamamura and William Roeske. He was a postdoctoral fellow with Richard Haganir at Johns Hopkins University before he moved first to the University of Virginia, then to the University of Alabama and finally to MCG. He has published in the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, *FASEB Journal*, *Journal of Neuroscience*, *Neuron* and *Nature Neuroscience*.

APAO Salutes Asian Heritage Month

Everyone is invited to attend a special luncheon program on Tuesday, May 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to mark Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month. The theme is "Celebrating Asian Pride in Family, Partnerships and Progress." The program will be held on the patio of Bldg. 31A and will feature the sale of Asian food from local restaurants. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Children's Inn at NIH. The event will also feature the Tai Yim Kung Fu School performing a traditional Chinese lion dance and representatives from the NIH Paddling Club's dragon boat team, NIH Federal Credit Union, PHS scientist professional advisory committee and the NIH Asian and Pacific Islander American Organization.

This event is sponsored by the APAO. For more information, call Donna Wells at (301) 496-5248.



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the program (the full list is available at www.fitness.gov/activities.htm). The goal is to have all participants exercising or partaking in some form of physical activity for at least 5 days a

week for a minimum of 30 minutes per outing. This coincides with the council's recommendations for optimal health. Participants may work out individually or in groups.

Exercisers earn points based on how active they are. Points earned not only go toward the overall HHS count, but also enable the ICs to engage each other in friendly competition. Mean-

while, HHS also competes on a broader scale, against other departments within government.

NIH director Dr. Elias Zerhouni will provide opening remarks at "NIH Take a Hike Day," a non-competitive run/walk to begin in front of Bldg. 1 and extend around the perimeter of the campus on Tuesday, May 6, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The hike had registered more than 1,200 participants as of mid-April. May is also National Physical Fitness and Sport Month. NIH will hold a special yoga presentation during "NIH Yoga Week: Exploring the Science and Practice of Yoga," May 19-23 (see story on p. 2). Special guests are expected to appear at both events.

That NIH should take the fitness event to heart is appropriate, especially with science currently providing evidence for the health benefits of regular activity. Also, "with this being the premier agency devoted towards curing a multitude of diseases, we need to get out there and set the standards for healthy living, healthy habits," said Hayden, who has chosen walking as his activity.

Studies have consistently demonstrated that regular physical activity enhances fitness, decreases obesity and lowers several risk factors for cardiovascular disease, while minimizing the likelihood of developing other serious illnesses.

The kickoff for the 2008 National President's Challenge was held Mar. 20 and featured Super Bowl MVP Eli Manning, quarterback of the New York Giants, and acting surgeon general Dr. Steven Galson. 📍



Tom Hayden, director of the Division of Amenities and Transportation Services, ORS, is taking part in this year's Healthier Feds Challenge. The web site for the challenge features fitness expert and television personality Denise Austin.



Women's Health Week Set, May 12-16

The National Women's Health Week initiative, coordinated yearly by the Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health, encourages women to make their health a top priority and take simple steps for a longer, healthier and happier life.

During the week, families, communities, businesses, government, health organizations and other groups will work together to educate women about steps they can take to improve their physical and mental health and prevent disease. NIH will celebrate the week this year—Monday through Friday, May 12-16—with the following activities:

Each day, May 12-16

ORWH exhibit with women's health literature from NIH institutes and centers
Bldg. 10, 3rd-fl. bridge
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14

Celebrate Safety at NIH, National Police Week BBQ

Bldg. 1 front lawn (in case of rain, Bldg. 31 patio)

Cost: \$7 per lunch

ORWH table with IC women's health literature

Thursday, May 15

Meet the Cast of the Podcast

Bldg. 10, 3rd-fl. bridge

9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Guests from previous "Pinn Point on Women's Health" podcasts will be available for half-hour segments to speak one-on-one with visitors to the exhibit area. Welcome by Dr. Vivian Pinn, NIH associate director for research on women's health

Friday, May 16

NIH Community Forum on the Future of Women's Health Research

Sponsored by ORWH and the NIH coordinating committee on research on women's health
Lipsett Amphitheater, Bldg. 10 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Stephen Lewis will share insights May 6 on AIDS-ravaged Africa.

Former UN Envoy Lewis To Speak on HIV/AIDS in Africa

As part of its yearlong 40th anniversary celebration, Fogarty International Center is presenting a series of Scholars in Residence lectures. The first speaker will be Stephen Lewis, who will share some of his insights in a talk titled "Race Against Time: Searching for Hope in AIDS-Ravaged Africa," on Tuesday, May 6 at Masur Auditorium, Bldg. 10 at 11:30 a.m. The lecture will be followed by a reception.

Lewis was the UN special envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa for Secretary-General Kofi Annan from 2001 to 2006, and is widely considered to be a visionary on moving public health programs into action. He is now co-director of AIDS-Free World, an international advocacy organization that works to promote more urgent and effective global responses to HIV/AIDS. Lewis embraces a grassroots approach to battling HIV/AIDS; his organization is particularly interested in promoting the rights of women who are vulnerable to the disease.

A politician, diplomat and international envoy for humanitarian efforts, Lewis has dedicated himself to improving the human condition. He has more than 20 years of experience with the United Nations and from 1995 to 1999 was deputy executive director of UNICEF. He is a professor of global health at McMaster University and senior advisor to the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University. In April 2005, *Time* magazine listed him as one of the "100 most influential people in the world."

For more information about Lewis and his work, visit www.aids-freeworld.org. His talk will be videocast.



Kiecolt-Glaser Lectures on Stress, Inflammation

Dr. Janice Kiecolt-Glaser will deliver the second lecture in NIDCR's seminar series on Friday, May 9 at 11 a.m. in Lipsett Amphitheater, Bldg. 10. Her talk is titled "How Stress Kills: New Perspectives on Stress and Inflammation."

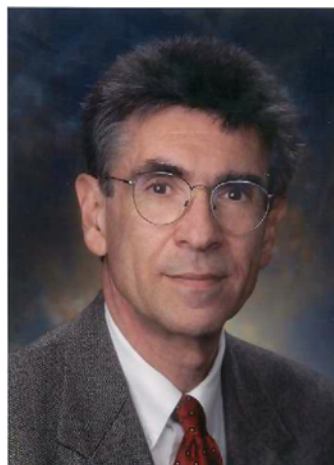
A leading researcher in the field of psychoneuroimmunology, Kiecolt-Glaser's work has contributed to establishing a causal relationship between stress and depression, chronic inflammation and illnesses such as cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis and arthritis, among others.

Her research suggests that physiological and behavioral interventions to diminish stress and depression may improve the outcome of many diseases.

Kiecolt-Glaser holds the S. Robert Davis chair of medicine at Ohio State University College of Medicine. She is also professor of psychiatry and psychology and director of the division of health psychology in the department of psychiatry.

Her lecture is part of the NIDCR Seminar Series "From Basic Research to Therapy—The Latest Frontier." The series provides a forum for identifying gaps in knowledge as well as critical questions that need to be addressed to enable the best transition from basic research to therapy.

Sign language interpretation will be provided. Individuals with disabilities who need reasonable accommodation to participate in this event should contact Mary Daum, (301) 594-7559, and/or the Federal Relay (1-800-877-8339).



NIEHS Rodbell Lecture To Feature Lefkowitz, May 5

On Monday, May 5, Dr. Robert K. Lefkowitz will deliver the 10th annual Rodbell Lecture on "Seven Transmembrane Receptors" at the NIEHS auditorium in Research Triangle Park, N.C.

The James B. Duke professor of medicine and biochemistry at Duke University, Lefkowitz also holds an appointment as an investigator with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. His laboratory's work focuses on the elucidation of the molecular properties and regulatory mechanisms controlling the function of G protein-coupled receptors.

Lefkowitz and his colleagues have performed studies to discover the general principles of signal transduction from the outside to the inside of the cell involved in systems as diverse as sensory perception and neurotransmitter and hormonal signaling. His group is currently experimenting with novel approaches to the treatment of congestive heart failure in animal models, including the encoding of gene products that when expressed in the myocardium may markedly enhance cardiac contractility.

Speaking at the Dr. Martin Rodbell Lecture Series is a special honor for a research scientist because the series recognizes the Nobel Prize-winning pioneer in G protein-mediated signal transduction. Rodbell served as scientific director at NIEHS from 1985 to 1988.



The Clinical Center's Dr. Joseph Gallelli accepts the 2008 Distinguished Federal Pharmacist Award from Winnie Landis, outgoing president of the American Pharmacists Association.

Gallelli Wins Federal Pharmacist Award

Dr. Joseph Gallelli, senior advisor for biotechnology product development at the Clinical Center, recently received the 2008 Distinguished Federal Pharmacist Award from the American Pharmacists Association (APhA).

The award recognizes pharmacists who have distinguished themselves and the profession through outstanding contributions in federal pharmacy practice that have resulted in a significant improvement in the health of the nation or a population.

Gallelli devoted 45 years of service to NIH; his contributions in leadership and management have had national and international impact. In 1962, he became chief of the CC pharmacy department's pharmaceutical development service and in 1970 he became department chief. He conducted compatibility and stability studies on intravenous drugs over a period of 13 years and in 1974 published his findings in his text *Parenteral Drug Information Guide*. Later editions of his text were incorporated into Trisell's *Handbook of Injectable Products*.

Gallelli also established at the CC one of the first postgraduate hospital pharmacy residency training programs, which has graduated dozens of pharmacists in leadership positions today. Other accomplishments include establishing the unit dose system and conducting studies and publishing guidelines for the safe handling, chemical inactivation and disposal of antineoplastic drugs.

Gallelli received a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Long Island University's Brooklyn College of Pharmacy, a master of science degree in manufacturing pharmacy from Temple University School of Pharmacy and a Ph.D. from Temple. He has written more than 75 publications and served on committees for numerous professional organizations, including the cell and gene therapy expert committee and the international health expert committee of the U.S. Pharmacopia, where he is a lifetime honorary member.

He has delivered keynote lectures worldwide. His honors include an NIH Director's Award, Abbott Laboratories Award for Research, Department of Commerce Inventor's Award and the Andrew Craigie Award.

Founded in 1852, APhA is the first-established and largest U.S. professional association of pharmacists. APhA, which counts more than 63,000 members, is dedicated to improving medication use and advancing patient care.



Weinmann Named Deputy Director of NHLBI Division

After a national search, Dr. Gail Weinmann has been appointed deputy director of NHLBI's Division of Lung Diseases. She replaces Carol Vreim, who retired last October.

"Dr. Weinmann's broad scientific background as well as her extensive experience with a wide range of extramural programs and clinical research will be a huge asset as we work to implement NHLBI's new strategic plan and conduct more translational and clinical research in lung diseases," said Dr. James Kiley, director of the division.

Weinmann joined NHLBI in 1995 to manage the chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and environmental lung disease research portfolio. As program director, she managed several large clinical trials on COPD, including the National Emphysema Treatment Trial, a landmark study done in collaboration with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services evaluating the efficacy of lung volume reduction surgery.

Since 2000, Weinmann has served as chief of the Airway Biology and Diseases Branch within the Division of Lung Diseases, with oversight responsibility for asthma, COPD, cystic fibrosis and sleep.

Weinmann came to NHLBI from Johns Hopkins University, where she was an associate professor in the School of Public Health's department of environmental health sciences with a joint appointment in the School of Medicine's department of medicine. She conducted research on airway pharmacology, high-frequency ventilation and the lung health effects of tropospheric ozone in addition to treating patients with pulmonary disease.

She has served on several advisory committees, including the American Thoracic Society's assembly of environmental and occupational health long range planning committee and the air quality control advisory committee for the Maryland department of environment. Weinmann received her M.D. from Weill Cornell Medical College and her A.B. from Barnard College. She is board-certified in internal medicine and pulmonary medicine.



Dr. Nancy Andrews, dean, Duke University School of Medicine, provided the keynote address, "Progress and Promise: Women in Academic Medicine."

Workshop Considers Strategies to Sustain Career Success for Women

Although increasing numbers of women are entering biomedical research, as they progress beyond the level of assistant professorships they tend to "drop out," despite being highly successful in obtaining research funding.

In order to discuss and promote effective strategies to sustain career success for women in biomedical research, the NIH working group on women in biomedical careers featured, at a recent workshop, best practices obtained from industry (Ernst and Young, Deloitte and Touche) as well from the military and academic health centers.

NIH director Dr. Elias Zerhouni underscored the seriousness of the issue and emphasized the need to change systems so that career success is obtained not only by women in research but by all women who strive to achieve in science, technology, engineering and math fields.

An NIH panel described the initiatives NIH is undertaking to improve chances for sustained career success for extramural as well as for intramural investigators.

The workshop will be followed by sustained efforts on the part of NIH in partnership with other organizations to publicize best practices and to track career advancement of women entering the biomedical research pipeline.

A videocast of the workshop and the speaker presentations are available at <http://womenin-science.nih.gov>. You can also learn more about the working group at that site.

NIEHS Again Rated a Top Workplace for Postdocs

In the latest annual *The Scientist* magazine ratings of best places to work for postdoctoral fellows, NIEHS again placed among the top government institutions. Survey respondents praised NIEHS for its strengths in the areas of career development opportunities and facilities and infrastructure.

Dr. Diane Klotz, acting director of the NIEHS Office of Fellows Career Development, saw the results as an indication of the institute's holistic approach to training. "I believe the NIEHS continues to do well because we strive to create a real sense of partnership between our postdoctoral fellows and our administration where the training, education and career development of postdocs is concerned."

The newly elected chair of the NIEHS Trainees Assembly, postdoctoral fellow Dr. Stephanie Nick McElhinny, was also gratified by the high rating the institute received in regard to career development. "Career development opportunities were strong for only three institutions ranked ahead of NIEHS in the survey," she observed, "which I see as evidence that NIEHS is clearly ahead of the curve in keeping in touch with the changing needs of postdoctoral fellows."

NIEHS placed 16th in the ranking, ahead of NIH, which was rated number 29, and the National Cancer Institute, which came in at number 33. NIEHS ranked behind only three other government institutions, which pay their postdocs higher salaries. During a year of flat budgets for NIH ICs, some of the highest ranked institutions increased benefits and compensation for their postdocs.

"While every institution would like to see itself at the number one position," Klotz reflected, "there is always room for improvement even at the top of the list. This type of survey is more of a friendly reminder of what we do well and where we can make those improvements than anything else."—Eddy Ball



Top:
Dr. Diane Klotz

Bottom:
Dr. Stephanie Nick McElhinny



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Above: An artist's rendering of what the finished Gateway Center will look like

Below: Brad Moss, communication officer for ORS, leads a tour of the new NIH Gateway Center for members of NIH's information community. At left is Sgt. Robert Drummond, who is in charge of facility security.

Bottom: Interior of the vehicle inspection portion of the center, Bldg. 66A

to the five turnstiles allowing access to campus. There will also be a "sally port" or extra-wide doors, for people using wheelchairs, bikes or strollers.

Visitors will enter the pedestrian processing facility and pause at the counter, where five stations will issue ID badges, much like bank teller windows or motor vehicle registration counters.

Amenities include an information desk, a large-screen TV that will list the day's major meetings, a special VIP badging area and restrooms.

Visitors arriving by car will take Gateway Drive off the Pike and either proceed directly to paid park-

ing (\$2 per hour, \$12 per day) or, if they intend to drive onto campus, queue up in a four-lane inspection facility. Like a toll booth, the lanes are marked by red or green lights. Visitors will pull up to the appropriate bay, turn off the ignition and leave their vehicles to complete the ID badging process. The cars will be inspected during this time.

Vehicles that are rejected will have no choice but to head back to the Pike, while those that pass inspection will proceed onto Center Drive near the National Library of Medicine. Grounds for turning people away include having a pet in the car, or alcohol, said Lou Klepitch, a secu-





Top: Green roof atop Bldg. 66, the new NIH Gateway Center

Above: A second green roof tops the 2-floor Multi-level Parking Garage 11.

rity expert in the Office of Research Services. Sgt. Robert Drummond said NIH Police have seized such contraband as shotguns, rifles, drug paraphernalia and machetes from cars trying to enter campus, and that there have been some arrests.

Because the parking garage is outside the perimeter fence, cars left there need not go through inspection. The garage's hours, tied to visiting hours at the Clinical Center, will be 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., though fee-collection staff will be on hand from 6 a.m. to 11 or 12 at night.

The NIH information community got a sneak peek at the new facility Apr. 10, when Brad Moss, communication officer for the Office of Research Services, led a tour. He and other ORS/ORF staff pointed out such features as two "green roofs" that together eliminate 55 percent of the rain runoff from the center, carbon monoxide sensors on the wall that activate exhaust fans, so that the air remains healthy inside the vehicle inspection bays, and blast-resistant construction.

When a Gateway Center for NIH was first envisioned, prior to 9/11, the primary intent was not so much campus security as visitor education and hospitality, noted John Burklow, NIH associate director for communications and public liaison. "At one time we had plans to have our Visitor Information Center within the Gateway," he said. "The VIC will remain within Bldg. 45, but the [Gateway Center] will have elements of welcome." —Rich McManus

Electronic Personnel Folder Undergoes Improvements

On May 5, the electronic Official Personnel Folder (eOPF) system will improve. The system houses the electronic version of your official personnel folder and provides access to your individual OPF forms and information through the Internet. The system will go down on Friday, May 2 at 8 p.m. and return for use on Monday, May 5 at 8 a.m. Here are some new features:

Security Questions—When you log into the improved eOPF system for the first time, you will be guided to the security question area, where you will be asked to choose six security questions and provide the answers for future identity verification. There are two sets of questions: personal questions will be used to verify your identity when you reset your password or request your eOPF ID; and help desk verification questions will be used to verify your identity when you contact the eOPF help desk. All six questions you choose must be unique; if you do not choose and answer them, you will be unable to access your eOPF.

Password Reset—The password reset function has been improved. When you log into eOPF, enter your eOPF ID and password. Remember, the first time you log in you will be required to select your security questions before you can access eOPF. If you forgot your eOPF ID, you no longer have to go to the HHS Employee ID Lookup web site. Now you can request your eOPF ID without leaving the system. You will need the last 5 digits of your SSN, the first 4 letters of your last name and your date of birth. One of your previously selected security questions will be displayed. If all the information you provide is verified, your eOPF ID will be displayed on the screen. If no security questions are on file and/or the information you entered is invalid, you will be contacted by the eOPF help desk or instructed to contact them.

My Profile—A My Profile feature has been added to better organize your information. The Emergency Data, Change Email Address, Change Password, Preferences and the newly added Change Security Questions tabs can now be found by selecting the My Profile button. When you select the My Profile screen, you will be taken to the General Preferences area. In the previous version of eOPF, only HR users had the General Preference area; now all eOPF users will have access to this function. It is recommended that users accept the default settings for General Preferences.

Be sure to log onto <https://eopf.nbc.gov/hhs/> soon to set up your new login information and to choose and answer your security questions. If you still have questions about eOPF, check out <http://hr.od.nih.gov/HRSystems/eOPF/default.htm>. For more questions about eOPF, contact the help desk at 1-866-275-8518 or via email at eOPF_hd@telesishq.com.

milestones

NIGMS's René Retires After 50 Years of Service

A number of monumental events occurred in 1957: President Dwight D. Eisenhower was sworn in for a second term in office, U.S. Surgeon General Leroy E. Burney reported the direct link between smoking and lung cancer and Althea Gibson became the first African-American tennis player to win a Wimbledon singles title. That year also marked the beginning of Dr. Anthony A. René's career with the federal government.

Fifty years later, René, who has served in a number of positions at NIH, has retired.

He joined NIH in 1973 as a grants associate in the Division of Research Grants. The next year, he moved to NHLBI as a health scientist administrator. In 1980, René became chief of what was then known as the NIGMS Office of Review Activities. He assumed the newly created position of NIGMS assistant director for referral and liaison in 1989. His varied duties included managing research training programs for underrepresented minorities, individuals with disabilities, people from disadvantaged backgrounds and those re-entering research after a hiatus.

"I've enjoyed my time here, particularly the last 18 years in my role as NIGMS assistant director for referral and liaison. I've had the opportunity to advise high school, undergraduate and graduate students, as well as postdoctoral fellows and young faculty who were interested in pursuing or enhancing their careers in biomedical research," René said.

He was both mentor and matchmaker, helping students find research labs to work in and helping scientists find students to join their research teams. He regularly attended the Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) meeting and the annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students, where he urged undergraduate and graduate students to take advantage of the wealth of biomedical and behavioral research and research training opportunities available to them.

"Tony has played an instrumental role in NIGMS's outreach efforts to underrepresented minorities," said Dr. Clifton Poodry, director of the NIGMS Division of Minority Opportunities in Research. "He has a real knack for communicating with the students. It wasn't uncommon for him to walk up to a group and ask if they had their 'meal tickets.' If they said 'no,' he'd hand them his business card and a packet of information about summer internships and funding opportunities."

NIGMS and other NIH staff members and friends paid tribute to René at a retirement party. Institute director Dr. Jeremy Berg was among the many speakers at the event. "I can remember the first time I heard Tony's name mentioned," he said. "I was working at Johns Hopkins, and I told one of my colleagues that I was applying for the position of NIGMS director. Her response was, 'Oh, that's where Tony René works!'"

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett was among the special guests at the celebration. Leggett presented René with a certificate in recognition of his "distinguished and outstanding 50-year career as a dedicated scientist, educator and mentor." Also in attendance was Dr. Roland Nardone, professor emeritus of biology at Catholic University and René's former professor and mentor, who offered congratulatory remarks.

Other colleagues shared fond memories of working with René. "I remember how warmly Tony welcomed me when I joined NIGMS," said Executive Officer Sally Lee. "He has been a tremendous asset to the institute and to the scientific community. To work with Tony was to become his friend, and we will truly miss him."

Before joining NIH, René directed the cell physiology program at the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute from 1965 to 1973. He earned a B.S. in biology from Southern University in Baton Rouge and a Ph.D. in cell biology from Catholic. René's many awards for his mentoring efforts include three NIH Director's Awards, the distinguished professional mentor award from SACNAS, a certificate of appreciation for commitment to diversity from the American Society for Cell Biology and honors from Harvard University's biomedical science careers program and committee on institutional cooperation.

Even after leaving NIGMS, René plans to continue mentoring. "Students need someone to give them guidance," he said. "I've had many mentors throughout every stage of my education and career—and it's important for me to give back." An avid tennis player, he also intends to spend some of his time on the court teaching children how to play the game.



NIGMS's Dr. Anthony René (second from l) meets with students at a 2005 conference.

CSR's Davidson Ends Long Federal Career

By Don Lockett

After 46 years of coordinating NIH peer review committees, Dr. Harold Davidson has retired as scientific review officer of the arthritis, connective tissue and skin sciences study section at the Center for Scientific Review. "I enjoyed getting a medical education here," he said, "and being a witness to medical history."

Davidson began his science career working in his father's pharmacy as a child. In 1944, he completed work on a B.A. in chemistry and biology at Harvard and joined the Navy. After the war, he earned his Ph.D. in biochemistry at the University of Oregon and did his postdoc at the University of Pennsylvania, working in the lab of Nobel laureate biochemist Otto Meyerhof.

Davidson then went to the Overly Biochemical Research Foundation, which was funded by the makers of a chocolate-flavored drink called Bosco. He soon moved to Tufts University, where he conducted biochemical and cancer research for 10 years.

In 1962, he joined NIH to become executive secretary of the arthritis and metabolic diseases program-project committee. Twelve years later, he coordinated reviews for the general medicine A study section. When it split, he went with the general medicine A-1 study section, which focused on dermatology, rheumatology and related autoimmune diseases.

Davidson survived suicide bombers in the Pacific during World War II in 1944, and in the 1990s, he survived a revolt by his study section. Members of the group "decided they weren't going to spend all day talking about applications if they weren't going to be competitive, so the reviewers finished their work in one day instead of two," said Davidson. "It was like a steamroller." NIH thought the applicants were harmed and the reviewers had to meet again, but the results were the same. The reviewers were certainly ahead of their time, as CSR review groups now only discuss the top 50 percent of their applications, though reviewers still produce written reviews.

Being close to major advances in medicine was a great joy. Davidson was there when Dr. Belding Scribner submitted an application to develop a shunt that would make dialysis available to patients



suffering from kidney failure. The application almost didn't get funded, but it finally did with much effort by reviewers, council members, Davidson and others. He was also there when Dr. Alan Steere put in an application to figure out why children in Lyme, Conn., were suffering from arthritis. Steere discovered the connection between ticks and Lyme disease.

After more than four decades of choosing the right reviewers to get the best reviews, Davidson now will be doing something not altogether different. He took up figure painting last year and will spend a lot of free time choosing just the right colors to paint the best pictures.

Harper Austin Appointed NINDS Associate Director for Management, EO

By Shannon E. Garnett

Joellen Harper Austin has been appointed to two positions at NINDS—associate director for management and executive officer.

"Ms. Harper Austin is an outstanding administrator, manager and supervisor," said NINDS director Dr. Story Landis. "Her leadership skills and extensive knowledge of federal management principles and practices, as well as her expertise in NIH and NINDS policies, programs and processes, will serve the institute well."

As associate director for management, Harper Austin serves as principal advisor to the director on all management issues affecting NINDS. This includes overseeing the institute's financial management, human resources, information technology, administrative services and analysis activities, as well as coordinating the institute's ethics and equal employment opportunity and diversity programs. In her role as EO, Harper Austin serves as a key member of the senior leadership team in executing the strategic mission for NINDS.

Harper Austin joined NIH in 1989 as a presidential management intern in the NIH Office of the Director. In January 2000, she became the NINDS chief grants management officer. Her previous positions at NIH include chief grants management officer for NCRR and assistant grants policy officer in the NIH Office of Extramural Research. Before becoming EO and associate director for management at NINDS, she served as deputy executive officer and acting executive officer for the institute.

Harper Austin has served on several NIH committees and was the 2005-2006 chair of the NIH administrative training committee, which oversees the NIH career development programs. Previously she served as chair of the NIH grants management vision steering committee. She is currently a member of the NIH competitive activities steering committee and cochair of the A-76 working group for the administration and HR functions.

In 2003, Harper Austin received a master of science degree in business management through the Sloan Fellows Program at Stanford University Graduate School of Business. In addition, she holds a master of public affairs degree from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin and a bachelor of arts degree in economics and government from Skidmore College. She is a 2006 graduate of the HHS Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program. She received the NIH Director's Mentoring Award in 2007.





Long-time HR Expert Charles H. Palmer, Jr., died Mar. 19.

Human Resources' Palmer Is Mourned

Charles H. Palmer, Jr., chief of employee and labor relations in the NIH Office of Human Resources' Workforce Relations Division, died Mar. 19 of a heart attack. He was 53.

A bachelor of science graduate of Yale University, where he was a member of the football and track teams, Palmer earned a master of science degree in labor relations from the University of Massachusetts. Before joining NIH, he worked at the Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service from 1989 to 1994. Prior to that, he also served at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. His career in federal government spanned more than 29 years.

"I know that many of you have had the opportunity to work with Charlie over the years and have always found his assistance to be invaluable," said Christine Major, director of OHR and the Office of Strategic Management Planning. "I considered him a key advisor to me and he helped me and the NIH through many challenges over the last few years. We will miss him greatly."

Known for his expertise in a wide variety of HR matters, Palmer shaped the employee and labor relations program at NIH.

"I always appreciated Charlie's quick wit and wonderful humor," recalled Helene Noble, director of OHR's Workforce Relations Division. "I could always count on him to do the research on whatever project I gave him and he'd always come up with a satisfactory answer, even in really tough situations."

Noble, who had known Palmer for about 25 years and worked with him at another agency, continued, "I always relied on him for his expertise. He was a master at employee relations and labor relations not just at NIH, but throughout his career. Not only did HR staff look up to him for advice and guidance, but even the most senior levels of management sought him out for help on some of the most sensitive issues."

The welfare of employees was not just something Palmer preached, however. According to coworkers he also regularly practiced concepts that improved the work lives and productivity of staffers.

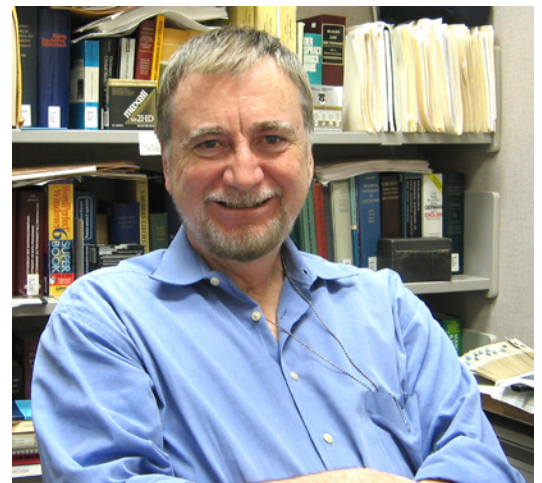
"Most recently, I was impressed that he attended training with us on Mar. 14," said Susan Reider, a human resources specialist at OHR. "He did not have to be there but he told us that he wanted us to attend if it was 'at all humanly possible.' I don't think many of us were very enthused about going at that particular time

and having to change schedules and plans, but Charlie let us know how important it was to him and to the agency in those few, simple words. We had so much respect for Charlie, there was little whining and when I walked in, there he was, demonstrating without words his support."

"Charlie was a gentleman through and through," added Maria Gorrasi, an OHR senior employee/labor relations specialist who worked with Palmer for more than 14 years. "He will be sorely missed."

For more than 20 years, Palmer was an active member of Long Reach Church of God, and as an amateur chef, supported several fundraisers and fellowships of the kitchen ministry. Through his family's current affiliation with Cornerstone Church, he was active in the small group fellowships and the sick and shut-in ministry.

Survivors include his wife of more than 29 years, Jacqueline McKissick Palmer, two daughters, Lauren and Cassandra; his mother, Lauretta Palmer; a sister, a brother and many other relatives.



Donald T. "Ted" Crump

Long-time NIH Library Translator Crump Dies

By Susan Whitmore

Donald T. "Ted" Crump, a translator for 28 years at the NIH Library and head of the library's translation service, died on Mar. 29 at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C., after an extended illness. He was 68 years old.

Crump was born in McCammon, Idaho, and attended Idaho State University where he received a B.A. in political science in 1962. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army where his facility with languages was recog-

nized. With the Cold War as a backdrop, he was sent to a 75-week Russian language program at the Defense Language Institute in California and subsequently served as a Russian language specialist in the U.S. Army Security Agency, Rothwestern, Germany.

Upon completing military service, Crump attended the University of Utah where he earned a master's degree in Russian. From 1976 to 1980, he worked as a translator/abstracter for the Biosciences Information Service in Philadelphia, where he developed his knowledge and understanding of biomedical literature. Simultaneously, he worked as a freelance translator and editor in German, Russian and Serbo-Croatian to English. While in Philadelphia, he participated in a Ph.D. program in Russian at Bryn Mawr College.

He worked in all the Slavic and Germanic languages (except Icelandic), as well as French and Latin. Said Shadia Kawa, a fellow with NCI, "Mr. Crump kindly translated a Russian article for a literature review project I am working on... Being a language aficionado, I remember asking him how many languages he spoke. When I expressed admiration for the fact that he could work with more than 20 different languages for translation, he responded very humbly. But from the excellent quality of the translated document I later had the chance to read, it was evident he was an extremely talented individual that the NIH community was very lucky to have."

Crump was a brilliant translator who was revered by colleagues and friends. "Ted was dedicated to his work and to NIH. His understanding and appreciation for the research and training done here and his contribution to it was exceptional," said Suzanne Grefsheim, director of the Division of Library Services. Dr. Donald Vinh, visiting fellow with NIAID, noted, "My experience with [Ted] has been nothing short of wonderfully pleasant...His work was accurate, but more importantly, extremely well appreciated and critical to the research I (and the NIH community) conduct." "[Ted] clearly had a love of, and commitment to, his work that showed through his questions and comments about what he translated," said Dr. Jordan Grafman, chief, cognitive neuroscience section, NINDS.

A life member of the American Translators Association (ATA), Crump was made an honorary member in 2003. He served on its board of directors from 1983 to 1986, was an editor of the *ATA Chronicle* from 1987 to 1989, and was a founder and longtime editor of the *Capital Translator*, the newsletter of the National Capital Area Translators Association. He was the

author of *Translations in the Federal Government 1985*, and *Translation and Interpretation in the Federal Government* (ATA, 2002), a comprehensive survey of the language needs, resources and missions of over 80 federal agencies and offices. His cartoon series, "Great Moments in Languages," appeared in the *Capital Translator* for over two decades.

Said NIH Library fellow translator Shari Lama, "Ted was such a fine colleague—always ready to lend a hand to resolve a terminology problem, share new knowledge and explore new ways to improve our translation services. He was always cordial and happy to help everyone he could. I feel very fortunate to have worked with him all these years."

When he wasn't translating, Crump was pursuing his passion for music. An accomplished bass-baritone, he appeared in a recital in 2005 in Germantown, Md., in collaboration with soprano Deborah Sternberg, presenting art songs and arias in several languages. He was also active in a community theater group.

Crump is survived by his wife Natasha Crump of Silver Spring, and three sisters, Jeanne Sherman and Colleen DeWitt of Idaho, and Donna Kidd.



NIBIB director Dr. Roderic Pettigrew (c) and deputy director Dr. Belinda Seto (fourth from l) welcome new council members (from l) Dr. Mae Jemison, Dr. Percival McCormack and Dr. Gary Glover.

NIBIB Welcomes Three Council Members

Three new members were recently named to the National Advisory Council for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering. They are:

Dr. Gary H. Glover, professor of radiology and director of the Radiological Sciences Laboratory at Stanford University School of Medicine. His expertise in medical imaging was crucial to General Electric's early success in the imaging field and resulted in the development of substantial improvements in the performance and capabilities of both x-ray computerized tomography and magnetic resonance imaging.

Dr. Mae C. Jemison, president of Biosentient Corp., a medical technology company. She spent several years in the Peace Corps as a medical officer and later was selected for NASA's astronaut program, flew on the space shuttle Endeavor as a science mission specialist and has the distinction of being the first woman of color in space.

Dr. Percival D. McCormack, professor of bioengineering, biophysics and physiology at the University of Illinois, Chicago. His research interests include fluid dynamics and gene expression, the application of Doppler ultrasound to measure arterial wall elasticity, seismocardiography/contrast echo in the study of myocardial contractility, MRI usage for angiography, free radical distribution in humans and detection of lacunar cerebral lesions in divers. 📍



Being physically active is one of several lifestyle approaches used to meet blood pressure and cholesterol treatment targets.

Forcing Atherosclerosis into Retreat

According to new research supported by NHLBI, hardening of the arteries in adults with type 2 diabetes may be prevented and possibly reversed by aggressively lowering cholesterol and blood pressure levels below current targets. Conducted with close to 500 participants over 3 years, the study is the first to compare two treatment targets for LDL or “bad” cholesterol and systolic blood pressure levels, which are key risk factors for heart disease in people with diabetes. Researchers said this is good news for adults with the disease because they are two to four times more likely than people without diabetes to die from heart disease. Hardening of the arteries—also known as atherosclerosis—is the number one cause of heart disease and can lead to heart attack, stroke and death. The results of the study were published in the Apr. 9 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Dangerous Waistlines

A new study conducted in part by researchers at NICHD and supported by NIDDK, NCI and NHLBI shows that women who carry excess fat around their waists are at greater risk of dying early from cancer or heart disease than are women with smaller waists—even if they are not overweight. For the study, published online in *Circulation*, researchers analyzed data from more than 44,000 women in the Nurses’ Health Study, a report that followed the health history of thousands of registered nurses in 11 states. There’s been increasing evidence that excess abdominal fat is a risk factor for long-term conditions like diabetes and heart disease, but the relationship between abdominal obesity—or excess fat around one’s midsection—and risk of death has not been widely studied. The current study is one of the largest extended investigations of abdominal obesity and women’s risk of premature death.

Insights into Alcohol Withdrawal Anxiety

A new NIAAA-supported study found that changes to genetic material in the brain may help trigger the anxiety that’s characteristic of alcohol withdrawal. Previous stud-

ies have implicated the brain structure known as the amygdala in anxiety and alcohol-drinking behaviors; other studies have shown that chemical modifications to chromatin—or the complex of DNA and proteins within every cell nucleus—can influence gene expression and therefore may affect disease processes. In the current study, researchers found that in rats, the removal of some common components of molecules called acetyl groups from chromatin proteins or “histones” in amygdala chromatin was linked to increased anxiety brought on by alcohol withdrawal. In other words, the study shows alcohol exposure can cause brain changes that make rats anxious when alcohol is taken away. The findings, published in the Apr. 2 issue of the *Journal of Neuroscience*, could point to possible therapies to prevent this anxiety, a driving force behind alcohol use among dependent individuals.

Factors that Influence a Premie’s Survival

Researchers in an NICHD-supported newborn research network have identified several factors that influence an extremely low birth weight infant’s chance for survival and disability. Based on observations of more than 4,000 infants, the findings offer new information to physicians and families considering the best treatment options for these smallest of patients. Extremely low birth weight infants—the most frail category of preterm infants—are born in the 22nd through the 25th week of pregnancy, far earlier than the 40 weeks of a full term, and many don’t survive. The researchers, who published their findings in the Apr. 17 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, found that factors that influence survival and risk of disability include the baby’s gestational age, gender and birth weight, whether or not it was a single baby and whether the baby’s mother was given medication during pregnancy to prompt the development of the baby’s lungs. The study authors also developed an online tool that generates statistics based on the factors listed in the article. They said the tool (found on NICHD’s site) should not be seen as a substitute for a physician’s assessment, but it could provide helpful information for treatment decisions.—compiled by Sarah Schmelling



The phone numbers for more information about the studies below are 1-866-444-2214 (TTY 1-866-411-1010) unless otherwise noted.

Study of Fibroids Needs Women

Women are needed for a study evaluating a new drug that may shrink uterine fibroids in pre-menopausal women. If you are 25-50 years of age and suffer with fibroids, consider participating in this study. All study-related medications and treatments are provided at no cost. Compensation is provided. Refer to study 06-CH-0090.

Dry Mouth Study

Do you have dry mouth after radiation therapy for head and neck cancer? Are you currently cancer-free? If so, you may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study that will test a new gene therapy to try to increase saliva production. All study-related tests and medications are provided at no cost.

Coronary Artery Disease

Have you had a heart attack, angioplasty or bypass surgery? If so, you may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study that will test an investigational medication that may lower C-reactive protein. C-reactive protein may indicate that you are at risk for sudden heart problems such as a heart attack. All study-related tests and medications are provided at no cost. Compensation is provided.

Asthma Study

Patients with asthma who are taking inhaled steroids may be eligible to participate in a research study at NIH. There is no cost for study-related tests or medicines. The study will see if a medicine that is used widely for diabetes can improve asthma. Compensation is provided.

Women Needed for Alcohol Study

We are looking for women, between 55 and 65 years of age, to participate in a study of alcohol metabolism and responses. Participants must be social drinkers in good health. Study participation includes one 4-hour screening visit and two 8-hour study visits. During each study visit, you will receive an intravenous infusion of alcohol or saline. Blood samples, heart rate and subjective measures will also be obtained. There is no cost to you for participation. If you qualify, you will be compensated for your time and participation. This study, 03-AA-0283, is being conducted in the Clinical Research Center. For more information call (301) 451-0308 or email etohstudy-L@mail.nih.gov.

One-Day Outpatient Study

Healthy volunteers, ages 19 to 55, are needed to participate in research studying genes and brain function. Testing procedures involve a blood draw, non-invasive neuroimaging, interviews and cognitive testing. No overnight stay. No medication trial. Compensation is provided. Call the Clinical Brain Disorders Branch at (301) 435-8970 or email Danielef@mail.nih.gov.

Study of Genes, Aging and Cognition

Healthy volunteers, over the age of 55, are needed for a study of the genetics of aging and cognition. Participation requires a blood draw and non-invasive clinical, neurological and cognitive testing procedures. No overnight stays. No medication trials. Compensation is provided. Call Bobby Das at (301) 435-4593 or email DasB@intra.nimh.nih.gov. Refer to protocol 00-M-0085.



Dr. Patrick J. Mansky

NCCAM Establishes Consult Service At CC

The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine has launched the Complementary and Integrative Medicine Consult Service at the Clinical Center. The service is available to CC staff to advance the understanding of the benefits and limitations of the integration of

complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) approaches into the research and practice of medicine.

The service will provide physicians, nurses and other members of the health care team the opportunity to discuss CAM therapies with knowledgeable medical staff and learn how various CAM practices might complement or interact with a patient's care as a research participant.

The consult service will also offer support and guidance on credentialing issues of CAM practitioners and an educational program for NIH staff on CAM and integrative medicine. In addition, the service will be developing and building a research program to establish and implement research tools and outcome parameters to advance the understanding and evidence base for the complementary use of botanicals, mind-body approaches and manipulative/body-based techniques in clinical medicine.

The director of the consult service is Dr. Patrick J. Mansky, a clinical oncologist and researcher at NCCAM. "I am pleased with the creation of the Complementary and Integrative Medicine Consult Service, so that we can provide the best possible integrated care for patients," he said. "It is our hope that this service will benefit the entire NIH intramural community."

Mansky received his medical degree from Witten/Herdecke University Medical School in Germany, where he also gained experience and received instruction in anthroposophical medicine including herbal therapies, art therapies and physical applications. Currently, he conducts research on the application of CAM interventions in the care and treatment of cancer patients and survivors.

For more on the service, visit www.nccam.nih.gov/consultservice.



'Take a Loved One to the Doctor Day': NIH Back by Popular Demand

For the second time in 6 months, NIH reached out to the Washington, D.C., community and beyond on Apr. 8, "Take a Loved One to the Doctor Day," a national campaign led by syndicated radio host Tom Joyner.

Broadcasting live from the lobby of D.C.'s Providence Hospital, radio personalities from WMMJ/Radio One (102.3 FM) interviewed NIAID's Dr. Edith Swann, NIDDK's Dr. Griffin Rodgers and NIMH's Dr. Gonzalo Laje. WMMJ also provided NIH with exhibit space in the hospital lobby, where NIH'ers staffed three tables from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Visitor estimates topped 2,000.

"It is extremely important for NIH to attend and participate in events such as Take a Loved One to the Doctor Day," said Calvin Jackson, chief of the News Media Branch, Office of Com-

munications and Public Liaison, OD. "So much of our outreach is focused on national efforts that we often forget to reach out to our local communities. It's through these grassroots efforts that we can really bring about change."

To keep up the momentum, the News Media Branch is producing a new feature for WMMJ/Radio One: twice-daily health-info spots with Rodgers, director of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. The "Healthy Moments" program will debut on the Tom Joyner Morning Show on Monday, May 12 and will air throughout the week on WMMJ.

Radio One, the nation's largest African-American radio broadcaster, owns and/or operates 54 radio stations and was named the #1 R&B station in the country for 2006 by *Billboard Magazine*. Local affiliate WMMJ reaches nearly 500,000 listeners weekly.—Belle Waring

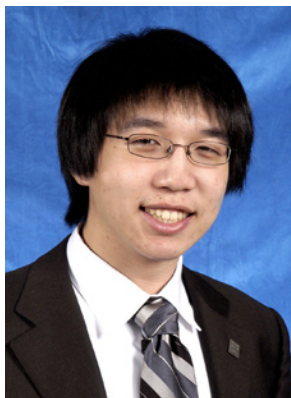
Left:

NIDDK director Dr. Griffin Rodgers discusses kidney disease with WMMJ radio personality Olivia Fox.

Right:

NIH Blood Bank's Al Decot speaks with Providence Hospital staffer about the CC's Sickle Cell Campaign.

PHOTOS: BELLE WARING



NIDCR Summer Intern Shines in Intel Competition

Benjamin Lu, a 2007 NIH summer intern in NIDCR's Oral and Pharyngeal Cancer Branch, was a finalist in the recent Intel Science Talent Search (STS). The Intel STS is the most prestigious science competition for high

*school students in the U.S. Lu, a senior at Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville, was one of 40 finalists out of more than 1,600 contestants. Each Intel finalist received scholarship funds as well as a new laptop computer. Lu was honored for his research on the *Drosophila melanogaster* genome. He focused on genes that may be involved in the pathway between the Gq-coupled muscarinic receptor type 1 and the AP-1 transcription factor in the nucleus. Such fundamental research could one day illuminate possible targets for cancer therapies.*

Bike to Work Day, May 16

Bike to Work Day will be held Friday, May 16. You can register and designate NIH as your pit stop at www.waba.org/events/btwd/md_nih.php. Join fellow cyclists on the main campus, Rockledge or Executive Blvd. for food, fun, prize raffles, free T-shirts and more.

NIH won the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' award for highest Bike to Work Day participation in 2006 and 2007. We want to defend that title and win for the third year in a row. If you want food, goodie bags and the chance to enter a prize raffle and inter-institute competition, you need to designate NIH as your pit stop.

The main campus event will start around 7 a.m. and run until at least 9:30. Show up on a bike and wear a helmet—that's the only way to qualify for food and the prize raffle. The event will be held rain or shine.