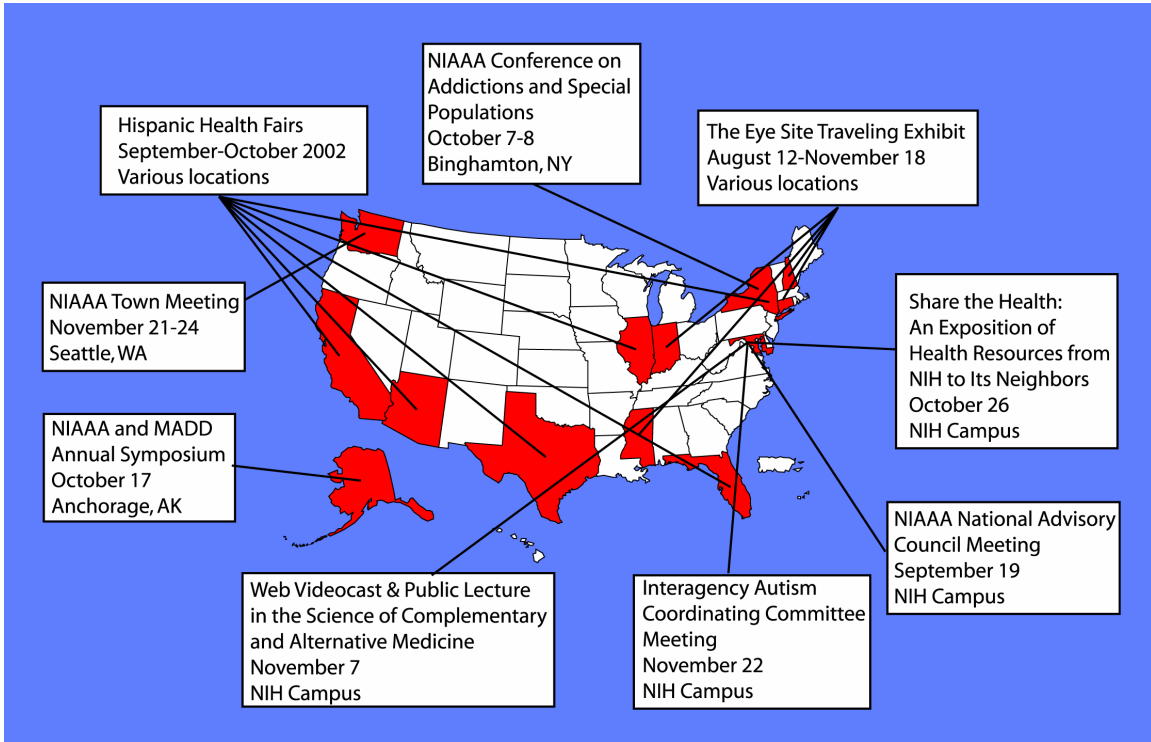


# NIH Bulletin for the Public

## Your Guide to NIH Events, Information, and Resources

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## Upcoming Public Events

### THE EYE SITE Tour Continues

August–November 2002

#### Nationwide

In the coming months, THE EYE SITE—A Traveling Exhibit on Low Vision for Shopping Centers will visit malls in Connecticut, New Hampshire, Mississippi, and Indiana. The schedule includes stops in the cities listed below. Planning is underway for 2003–2004 tours, with possible stops scheduled in Washington, DC; Pennsylvania; Colorado; and northern California.

- Milford, CT Aug 12–Sept 12
- Meriden, CT Sept 13–28
- Vicksburg, MS Aug 31–Sept 30
- Indianapolis, IN Oct 3–31
- Elkhart, IN November 2–18.

The National Eye Institute (NEI) developed THE EYE SITE as part of its Low Vision Education Program. The program is designed to help people understand what low vision is (vision problems that interfere with the ability to perform everyday activities) and explain what steps they can take to stay independent despite vision loss. Approximately 1 in 20 Americans has low vision.

By the end of 2002, two identical exhibits will have visited 32 malls in 14 states, including Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, Nevada, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.

Since the exhibit tour was launched in 2001, NEI has:

- Provided almost 11 million people with the opportunity to visit the exhibit and learn about low vision.
- Distributed nearly 34,000 publications.
- Worked with almost 30 vision-related organizations.

For more information, visit THE EYE SITE Web site at [www.nei.nih.gov/nehep/eyesite](http://www.nei.nih.gov/nehep/eyesite) or contact Jean Horrigan at (301) 496–5248.

### NIH Joins RadioUnica, Wal-Mart for Hispanic Health Fairs

September-October 2002

#### Nationwide

The NIH is participating in a series of health fairs to be held from July to October in 10 U.S. cities with large Hispanic populations. The health fairs are being developed and sponsored by RadioUnica, the nation's leading Hispanic media company, in collaboration with Wal-

Mart, the nation's largest retail chain, and are held outdoors in a large tent set up on the parking lots of selected Wal-Mart stores.

Visitors to the NIH booth will find information on a variety of conditions and disorders that are a focus of NIH research, including diabetes, cancer, arthritis, stroke, hearing loss, glaucoma, depression, heart disease, and drug and alcohol abuse. Also available are materials promoting healthy eating and exercise. Information is available in both Spanish and English.

The first fair was held on July 21 at a Wal-Mart store in Panorama City, CA, near Los Angeles, and attracted thousands of participants. Additional fairs have been held in Fresno, CA, and in various locations in Texas. Sites and dates of future fairs are:

- Union City, CA September 8
- Phoenix, AZ September 22
- Hialeah Gardens (Miami), FL September 29
- Bedford Park (Chicago), IL October 6
- Uniondale, NY October 13

For street addresses or other information about the fairs, contact Sylvia Shaffer at (301) 402-4507 or via e-mail at [shaffers@id.nih.gov](mailto:shaffers@id.nih.gov).

## NIAAA Invites Public to Participate in National Advisory Council Meeting

September 19, 2002

### NIH Campus

The National Advisory Council of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) will meet on the NIH Campus in the Natcher Building, Conference Rooms E1 and E2. Council Meetings are open to the public and include space on the agenda for liaison groups and other members of the public to address Council members. Immediately following the close of the official meeting, a roundtable discussion will be held with NIAAA's Acting Director, Raynard Kington, M.D., Ph.D., and other NIAAA senior managers. The meeting agenda and summaries of previous Council meetings can be found on the NIAAA Homepage at [www.niaaa.nih.gov](http://www.niaaa.nih.gov). For additional information, contact Kelly Green Kahn at (301) 443-0347, or via e-mail at [kgreenka@mail.nih.gov](mailto:kgreenka@mail.nih.gov).

## NIAAA to Co-Sponsor Conference on Addictions and Special Populations

October 7-8, 2002

### Binghamton, NY

NIAAA will sponsor the *Treating Addictions in Special Populations: Research Confronts Reality* conference which is being planned by Binghamton University in collaboration with a statewide planning committee. This conference will involve gathering a multi-disciplinary audience, from all professional fields involved in managing addictions, to enhance research to practice efforts and to encourage teamwork and collaboration at all levels of addiction

management. NIAAA will provide opening remarks to kick-off the conference and will present a workshop on results related to treatment-related health disparities in special populations, as well as explore knowledge gaps. Two timely poster sessions will also be exhibited that focus on the NIAAA Task Force on College Drinking and its award-winning Web site, [www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov](http://www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov).

Researchers, educators, policymakers, practitioners, service providers, and students are encouraged to attend in order to share and discuss the latest research, policies, and practices with a special focus on the research and treatment needs of special populations. Visit <http://sehd.binghamton.edu/pdr/index.htm> for program and conference information or contact Jane Angelone, Conference Coordinator, at (607) 777-4447 or via e-mail at [angelone@binghamton.edu](mailto:angelone@binghamton.edu) or Kelly Green Kahn at (301) 443-0347 or via e-mail at [kgreenka@mail.nih.gov](mailto:kgreenka@mail.nih.gov).

## **NIAAA and MADD Partner for Annual Symposium**

**October 17, 2002**

**Anchorage, AK**

NIAAA will cosponsor a research symposium at the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) annual conference: an event conducted every year to translate research into practice on behalf of Americans who care deeply about impaired driving and underage drinking issues. In support of NIAAA's college initiative, the symposium will focus on issues around college drinking in which more than 1,400 college students die of alcohol-involved deaths every year; approximately 1,100 of which are due to automobile crashes. Presenters will review NIAAA's College Task Force Report, discuss recommendations for prevention interventions, and suggest how community members can support the results of research in practical, real world settings. For additional information, contact at Geoffrey Laredo at (301) 443-6371 or via e-mail at [glaredo@willco.niaaa.nih.gov](mailto:glaredo@willco.niaaa.nih.gov).

## **NIH "Shares the Health" with Its Neighbors**

**October 26, 2002**

**NIH Campus**

Join the NIH Office of Community Liaison for its fourth annual FREE community health forum, *Share the Health: An Exposition of Health Resources from NIH to Its Neighbors*. The event, which features health-related lectures, workshops, information, and screenings, will be held on Saturday, October 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Natcher Conference Center in Building 45 on the NIH campus in Bethesda, MD.

Community members will have an opportunity to have their blood pressure checked; attend health seminars led by NIH experts; collect health information on the latest NIH research; visit state-of-the-art exhibits by NIH institutes; access NIH's healthy Web sites and its links to reliable health information; learn stress-reducing relaxation techniques; and use the Internet to find important health information on-line, including a new Web site just for seniors and their unique health needs.

Children and teens can explore the "Drunken Brain"—an interactive exhibit including a

giant brain model with flashing lights; learn about fire prevention, good nutrition, and the hazards of mercury; tour NIH fire and rescue vehicles; see the NIH police canine team in action; and discover children's healthy Web sites. They can also enjoy a free screening of the classic comedy, *Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein*, at the National Library of Medicine.

Sign language interpretation will be provided. Call the *Share the Health* coordinator at (301) 650-8660—TTY users should call the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339—send an e-mail to [tlamotte@palladianpartners.com](mailto:tlamotte@palladianpartners.com), or visit the Web site at <http://sharethehealth.od.nih.gov>.

## **NIAID Provides Outline of Biodefense Research Agenda to Community**

**October 26, 2002**

### **NIH Campus**

“A Biodefense Agenda for the NIAID Intramural Program” will be the title of a lecture by Thomas Kindt, Ph.D., director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases' (NIAID) Division of Intramural Research at *Share the Health*, NIH's community health forum, on Saturday, October 26, at 11:00 a.m. in Natcher Auditorium on the NIH campus. NIAID has made key contributions to biodefense research over the years. The government's renewed focus on biodefense funding will enable NIAID to expand ongoing projects and to establish much-needed new initiatives to prepare for potential bioterrorism attacks. For more information on NIAID's biodefense research portfolio, go to [www.niaid.nih.gov/publications/bioterrorism.htm](http://www.niaid.nih.gov/publications/bioterrorism.htm) or contact James Hadley at (301) 496-5717.

## **Web Videocast and Public Lecture in the Science of Complementary and Alternative Medicine**

**November 7, 2002**

### **NIH Campus**

Each year, the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) will invite two leading figures in science and medicine to speak about their unique perspectives on the field of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM). The lectures will shed light on the evolution of CAM practice and research and the current use of CAM by the public. On November 7, Arthur Kleinman, M.D., Professor of Social Anthropology, Harvard University, and Maude and Lillian Presley Professor of Medical Anthropology and Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, will present the second lecture of 2002, “The Global Transformation of Health Care: Cultural and Ethical Challenges to Medicine.” Lectures are free and open to the public. You may also view the lecture through a Web videocast. For more information, visit the NCCAM Web site at <http://nccam.nih.gov/news/lectures/index.htm>. For more information, contact Linda Gaskill at (301) 984-7191.

## NIAAA to Host Town Meeting at U.S. Department of Education's Annual Meeting

November 21-24, 2002

Seattle, WA

NIAAA will host a town meeting at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual National Meeting on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention in Higher Education. The town meeting titled *From Report to Reality—Barriers to Implementing the Recommendations of the NIAAA Task Force on College Drinking*, will focus on the challenges that colleges are likely to face when developing programs and policies based on the recommendations outlined in the report. The Task Force Report, released on April 9, 2002, offers a series of recommendations for college presidents, prevention program planners, and the research community. This session will include perspectives from various stakeholders about the recommendations and the barriers to implementing them. Dr. Mark Goldman of the University of South Florida and one of the co-chairs of the Task Force will preside over this event. For further information, contact Fred Donodeo at (301) 443-6370 or via e-mail at [fdonodeo@niaaa.nih.gov](mailto:fdonodeo@niaaa.nih.gov).

## Interagency Autism Meeting Open to the Public

November 22, 2002

NIH Campus

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) will sponsor an Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC) meeting on November 22, organized by the National Institute of Mental Health. Committee members include representatives from several institutes of the NIH, other Federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, and families of individuals with autism spectrum disorders. The mission of the IACC is to facilitate the efficient and effective exchange of information about autism activities among the member agencies and between them and public members; to serve as a forum for enhancing public awareness of the member agencies' activities, programs, policies and research; and to serve as a forum for bringing important matters of interest forward for discussion.

The November meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Building 31 (Conference Room 10, 6th Floor) on the NIH campus in Bethesda, MD. The session will be open to the public, with attendance limited to space available. Further information about the IACC, including membership roster, reports from previous meetings, and contact information, can be found at [www.nimh.nih.gov/events/interagencyautism.cfm](http://www.nimh.nih.gov/events/interagencyautism.cfm).

## New Resources for the Public

### NIAAA Releases Video on Women and Alcohol

Available Now

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), in collaboration with the NIH Office of Research on Women's Health, has developed a 12-minute video on women and alcohol. The video includes first-person accounts of women of various ages and

ethnic groups who are in recovery, with on-screen information on the prevalence and effects of alcohol problems. The video was pretested in focus groups, and an accompanying brochure is being developed. Copies of the video are available by calling (301) 443-3860 or writing to: NIAAA Publications Distribution Center, P.O. Box 10686, Rockville, MD, 20849-0686.

## **Underage Drinking Prevention Posters Available**

### **Available Now**

NIAAA is working closely with the Department of Education's Safe and Drug-Free School Program to disseminate a new underage drinking prevention poster. The poster depicts a vending machine containing fun-filled items such as a football, camera, skates, and the like with the caption, "With so many things to do, no wonder most kids choose not to drink." More than 50,000 posters have been distributed since May. To view poster or to order online, visit at [www.niaaa.nih.gov](http://www.niaaa.nih.gov) or call (301) 443-3860.

## **New Fact Sheets about Complementary and Alternative Medicine**

### **Available Now**

The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) has developed two new fact sheets: "Are You Considering Complementary and Alternative Medicine?" and its companion "Selecting a Complementary and Alternative Medicine Practitioner." The fact sheets outline key issues to consider when deciding whether to use a complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) therapy or selecting a CAM practitioner. Visit the NCCAM Web site at <http://nccam.nih.gov/health> to view these fact sheets and more.

## **NIAAA Video on Community and Public Outreach Programs**

### **June 2000**

### **San Francisco, CA**

NIAAA participated in a special workshop on science education and community outreach at the June meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism in San Francisco. The workshop dealt with issues involved in presenting alcohol research to the lay public and school-age children, including how exhibits and exhibitions can be organized, how to create multi-institutional partnerships, and what factors encourage or discourage scientists from becoming involved in outreach activities. Wonderful video footage from science exhibitions around the country was featured as part of the presentations. Dennis A. Twombly, Ph.D, from the Division of Basic Research at NIAAA, presented a talk entitled, "The Objectives of Science Education: Educating the Public, Educating the Scientists, or Educating the Administration?" In addition to describing some of NIAAA's outreach initiatives, Dr. Twombly reviewed potential funding sources for outreach projects and showed video segments from his "Drunken Brain" exhibit. He also reviewed some of the under-appreciated benefits of public outreach projects, such as networking among scientists, heightening the visibility of the presenting scientists and their departments, recruiting

students into scientific disciplines, and forging new relationships with other institutions. Enoch Gordis, M.D., former director of NIAAAA, discussed the value of public outreach programs to the alcohol research enterprise as a whole and offered some of his unique insights on communicating scientific concepts to the public. Videotape of the workshop is being compiled for distribution in the coming months through a grant from NIDA. For more information contact, contact Dennis A. Twombly, Ph.D., at (301) 443-9334 or by e-mail at dtwombly@mail.nih.gov.

## NIAID Compiles Guide on Ethics in Clinical Research at Community Training

May 10, 2002

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID) sponsored a one-day training workshop for representatives from the national and international community advisory boards affiliated with NIAID-funded AIDS research networks. The workshop provided an overview of the complex ethical issues involved in conducting clinical research, particularly in developing countries, and gave participants an opportunity to examine the various factors that affect the ethical integrity of research. The session addressed informed consent and the role of Institutional Review Boards and community advisory board members in assuring that a given study is ethical. As part of the workshop, a comprehensive resource guide on ethics in clinical research was compiled to give participants the tools and information needed for their ongoing work. For more information, contact James Hadley at (301) 496-5717.

## NIDCD to Release Additional Spanish-Language Health Materials

Available Now

The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) recently released 12 more health information publications in Spanish, to add to the 8 existing ones. The newest fact sheets are translated from the following English publications and provide information to the Spanish-speaking public and health professionals: *Communication Options for Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing*, *Speech and Language Developmental Milestones*, *Balance Disorders*, *Velocardiofacial Syndrome* (the fourth most common birth defect), and *What You Need To Know About Natural Gas Detectors*. The Office of Health Communication and Public Liaison is working with members of several Hispanic/Latino/Latina communities on this project. For more information, contact Marin P. Allen, Ph.D., at (301) 496-7243 or by e-mail at marin\_allen@nih.gov.

## NIDA Launches New Publication for Researcher-Provider Dialogue

Available Now

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) recently launched *Science & Practice Perspectives*, a new publication that promotes a practical, creative dialogue between researchers and treatment providers. Published twice a year, the exchange of information, observations, and insights is expected to help clinicians maximize their programs and treatment outcomes,



while helping researchers construct new hypotheses and design studies relevant to the needs of providers and patients. For additional information, contact David Anderson at (301) 594-6149.

## **NIGMS Publishes *Genes y Poblaciones***

### **Available Now**

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) has published *Genes y Poblaciones*, a Spanish version of the NIGMS brochure *Genes and Populations*. *Genes y Poblaciones* is an eight-page, educational brochure that describes in lay language the scientific rationale behind studying identified populations in genetics research. In an easy-to-understand, question-and-answer format, the brochure explains the basic principles of genetics and genetics research and the safeguards that protect individuals and groups in research. The brochure also briefly discusses community consultation. For a free copy of either the Spanish or English version of this publication, contact the NIGMS Office of Communications and Public Liaison at (301) 496-7301, visit the NIGMS publication list online at [www.nigms.nih.gov/news/publist.html](http://www.nigms.nih.gov/news/publist.html), or e-mail your request with your postal address to [Pub\\_Info@nigms.nih.gov](mailto:Pub_Info@nigms.nih.gov).

## **Frequently Asked Questions Brochure Now Available in Spanish**

### **Available Now**

NIAAA's widely requested brochure, *Frequently Asked Questions*, is now available in Spanish. This brochure addresses the most routinely received questions posed to the Institute regarding a variety of alcohol issues. Full-text of both the English and Spanish versions is available on NIAAA's Web site at [www.niaaa.nih.gov](http://www.niaaa.nih.gov), or by calling (301) 443-3860.

## **NIAID Addresses Health Disparities in Strategic Plan**

### **Available Now**

NIAID's *Strategic Plan for Addressing Health Disparities—Fiscal Year 2002–2006* focuses on HIV/AIDS, asthma, tuberculosis, hepatitis C, organ transplantation, autoimmune diseases, and sexually transmitted diseases. These diseases disproportionately affect underserved minority and low socioeconomic populations. The plan reviews specific objectives for providing tools necessary to eliminate health disparities. You may view the plan at [www.niaid.nih.gov/healthdisparities/NIAID\\_HD\\_Plan\\_Final.pdf](http://www.niaid.nih.gov/healthdisparities/NIAID_HD_Plan_Final.pdf) or order a copy at [www.niaid.nih.gov/publications/orderforms/order.htm](http://www.niaid.nih.gov/publications/orderforms/order.htm).

## **New NIAMS Publications Launched**

### **September 2002**

The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Disease (NIAMS) recently published new editions of two booklets in its Q & A series, *Gout* and *Rosacea*. Two new titles, *Questions and Answers About Reactive Arthritis* and *Kids and Their Bones*, will be available in mid-September. To order free copies (single or bulk), please call the NIAMS Clearinghouse toll-free number, 1-877-22-NIAMS or view the information on the Web at [www.niams.nih.gov](http://www.niams.nih.gov).

## NIAID Releases New Brochure on Tuberculosis

### Available Now

Tuberculosis claims more than 2 million lives each year—more than any other disease caused by one infectious organism. NIAID has a comprehensive program of research and clinical programs directed at better understanding TB disease and the bacterium that causes it. After years of slow progress, rapid advances in TB diagnosis, treatment, and prevention are generating enormous research results. The booklet *Tuberculosis: Ancient Enemy, Present Threat* explains why the time is ripe to eradicate this venerable foe. You can view this brochure at [www.niaid.nih.gov/newsroom/focuson/tb02/tb.htm](http://www.niaid.nih.gov/newsroom/focuson/tb02/tb.htm) or order a copy at [www.niaid.nih.gov/publications/orderforms/order.htm](http://www.niaid.nih.gov/publications/orderforms/order.htm).

## Announcements and Items of Interest

### American Indian/Alaska Native Outreach

August 1–6, 2002

Anchorage, AK

The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) and the National Eye Institute (NEI) shared an exhibit at the 31st annual conference of the Association of American Indian Physicians in Anchorage, AK, August 1–6. The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, the National Library of Medicine, and the Office of Science Education also exhibited at the conference. The conference focused on current trends, policy, research, and practices concerning the health care of American Indians and Alaskan Natives. In addition, on August 3, NIDCD's Office of Diversity and Minority Outreach and Office of Health Communication and Public Liaison discussed NIDCD's partnership program with the University of Alaska as part of a session for medical students and resident physicians. For more information, contact Marin P. Allen, Ph.D., at (301) 496-7243 or by e-mail at [marin\\_allen@nih.gov](mailto:marin_allen@nih.gov).

### 6th Annual NIMH Research Roundtable Includes Public Participants

June 19, 2002

Washington, DC

The 6th Annual Research Roundtable was held at the National Press Club in Washington, DC, on June 19th. The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) convened this annual meeting with interested organizations, representing wide-ranging perspectives including those of consumers and providers of mental health services, family members, research scientists, and others. The meeting is an important component of NIMH's overall strategic planning process and is designed to exchange information with attendees about current and future NIMH activities, and to get critical input from all those attending through ample opportunity for comments, suggestions, and questions. A report from this Roundtable will be available at [www.nimh.nih.gov/events/roundtablemenu.cfm](http://www.nimh.nih.gov/events/roundtablemenu.cfm), where proceedings from past years' meetings are also posted.

## NIAAA-Supported Initiative Places Underage Drinking Prevention Dioramas in Airports

### Nationwide

To draw attention to the widespread problem of alcohol use by children in this country, the NIAAA/Robert Wood Johnson Foundation initiative, Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free, has sponsored the placement of more than 200 dioramas in 36 major airports across the United States. The message, “1 in 4 eighth graders has been drunk,” is prominently displayed on each diorama against a background of children’s faces. Along with the subtext, “Let’s stop kidding ourselves about childhood drinking,” the dioramas make a compelling case for putting the prevention of early alcohol use on the national agenda. The Leadership initiative is spearheaded by more than 30 governors’ spouses from every region of the United States. Their goal is to educate the American public about the dangers of alcohol use by children ages 9 to 15 and to mobilize action to prevent it. This effort is the only national coalition that focuses on the prevention of alcohol use in this young age group. The initiative benefits from additional support from the NIH Office of Research on Women’s Health, the NIH National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and advisors from 28 major public and private organizations.

To see whether your local airport is participating in this effort, or for other information resources about underage drinking and initiative activities, visit the Leadership’s Web site at [www.alcoholfreechildren.org](http://www.alcoholfreechildren.org).

## NIAID Offers Educational Workshops on Community Involvement

September 19, 2002

### Anaheim, CA

The National Institute and Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) continues efforts to increase public awareness about the latest HIV/AIDS research and particularly the progress of HIV/AIDS vaccine research. NIAID will conduct two educational workshops at the U.S. Conference on AIDS in Anaheim, CA, sponsored by the National Minority AIDS Council. One workshop provides an overview of HIV/AIDS vaccine research, including the need for increased community awareness, support, and involvement in the research process.

The other session is designed to increase awareness about and foster interest in various opportunities for community involvement in NIAID-funded HIV/AIDS research. NIAID is committed to community participation in all aspects of the research process, from setting research priorities to disseminating research findings. A sustained relationship with the community acknowledges the critical role of the community as an equal partner in research and helps foster and maintain trust. This session addresses how “community” is defined in the context of research; the role of a Community Advisory Board; challenges research sites face in soliciting and maintaining community involvement; and specific challenges in

international HIV research, particularly in developing countries. For registration information, visit [www.nmac.org](http://www.nmac.org) or contact James Hadley at (301) 496-5717.

## **CARRA Program Celebrates One Year of Scientific/Public Interaction**

**September 2002**

This September 2002 marks the one-year anniversary of a new program at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Over the last 12 months, the Office of Liaison Activities (OLA) has been busy promoting its Consumer Advocates Research and Related Activities (CARRA) program and has filled 71 requests so far. The purpose of the CARRA program is to increase opportunities for cancer patients to provide their perspective into NCI's research.

CARRA has approximately 200 members that represent many different cancer types, age groups, and ethnic groups from across the nation. They provide their viewpoint and ideas to NCI staff by participating in NCI activities like scientific peer reviews, cancer center site visits, Web site usability testing, focus groups, and publication review and development. NCI staff request a CARRA member to bring their patient perspective to "the table."

For a list of list of many CARRA members and their organizations, go to [http://la.cancer.gov/carra/member\\_roster.html](http://la.cancer.gov/carra/member_roster.html). You can also visit the CARRA Homepage for more information about CARRA members' roles, responsibilities, and activities at: <http://la.cancer.gov/carra/index.html>.

## **One Year After 9/11: What Have We Learned and Where Do We Go From Here?**

**September 9, 2002**

**New York, NY**

The New York Academy of Medicine, in collaboration with the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), is presenting a conference to provide national and regional leaders in public health, science, medicine, and preparedness planning the opportunity to examine research findings on substance abuse and mental health consequences since 9/11 and to explore policy and planning initiatives in New York. For more information, contact the program coordinator, Maya Ravindranath, at (212) 822-7220 or e-mail [mravindranath@nyam.org](mailto:mravindranath@nyam.org).

## **NIDCR Hosts Third Annual Patient Advocates Forum**

**May 2, 2002**

**Bethesda, MD**

The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) hosted its third annual Patient Advocates Forum on May 2 at the Holiday Inn in Bethesda. The conference welcomed 15 patient advocates representing 12 organizations with a shared interest in the oral health effects of their respective disorders and conditions. Of particular interest to the advocates this year was in-depth information on clinical trials. National Library of Medicine staff gave attendees an interactive look at [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov), a Web site that provides

patients, health care professionals, and the public easy access to information on clinical trials for a wide range of diseases and conditions. Following was a presentation on NCI's new clinical trials education program, which can be readily adapted to trials on any condition. This educational series includes workbooks, brochures, slide programs, and videos for a variety of audiences. NIDCR staff rounded out the discussion with a presentation of ongoing Institute-supported clinical trials. For more information, contact Patricia Sheridan at (301) 594-7557 or by e-mail at [Patricia.Sheridan@nih.gov](mailto:Patricia.Sheridan@nih.gov).

## **NIAAA Continues Recruitment for COMBINE Study**

### **Nationwide**

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) has recruited more than 800 of the 1,375 patients needed for the Institute's largest alcohol treatment study. However, the 11 centers involved in the clinical trial continue to seek partners to spread the word about the study and recruitment efforts. COMBINE, combining medications and behavioral interventions, is an evaluation of various combinations of behavioral interventions (including motivational enhancement, cognitive behavioral therapy, and referral to self-help) and two pharmacologic interventions (naltrexone and acamprosate) to treat alcohol dependence, commonly known as alcoholism. COMBINE is expected to determine which combinations may improve treatment outcome. Individuals interested in participating should visit [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov). To learn more about the study or about partnering with a clinical site in your area, contact Ann M. Bradley at (301) 443-0595 or via e-mail at [abrady@willco.niaaa.nih.gov](mailto:abrady@willco.niaaa.nih.gov), for additional information or to obtain the name of the recruitment coordinator nearest you.

## **Biodefense Research and Support: Job Opportunities**

Consider joining the national effort to build a new research program aimed at the global problem of bioterrorism and emerging infections. Dynamic and committed individuals are invited to join the scientific and medical forces at NIAID. For further information on the numerous immediately available positions, go to <http://healthresearch.niaid.nih.gov/omni> or contact James Hadley at (301) 496-5717.

## **September is National Cholesterol Education Month**

### **September 2002**

Research has shown that lowering blood cholesterol reduces the risk of developing heart disease and having a heart attack. The Adult Treatment Panel III, or ATP III, guidelines call for more aggressive cholesterol-lowering treatment and better identification of those at high risk for heart disease. Accordingly, the theme for this year's National Cholesterol Education Month is "Know Your Cholesterol Numbers—Know Your Risk." For educational materials and ideas on how to promote National Cholesterol Education Month, view the online kit at <http://hin.nhlbi.nih.gov/cholmonth>. Be sure to check out the National Cholesterol Education Program's (NCEP) popular interactive Web site, Live Healthier, Live Longer, at <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/chd>. The Web site features information about cholesterol lowering for persons who want to reduce their risk of developing coronary heart disease (CHD) and for persons who already have CHD. The NCEP is sponsored by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual PRISM Award Winners

May 9, 2002

The movie *Blow*, starring Johnny Depp and Penelope Cruz, received the PRISM Award in the Theatrical Feature Film category at the 6th Annual PRISM Awards™ held on May 9, 2002, at CBS Television City in Los Angeles. The PRISM Awards™ recognize outstanding efforts in the accurate depiction of drug, alcohol, and tobacco use and addiction in film, television, interactive media, and comic book entertainment. Established in 1997, the PRISM Awards™ represent an annual partnership formed by the Entertainment Industries Council, Inc., the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and NIDA. Other PRISM Awards™ were given to ABC's *My Wife and Kids* and *All My Children*, Lifetime's *The Division*, NBC's *Third Watch*, and ABC's *Life With Judy Garland: Me and My Shadows*. A PRISM Award™ also went to Ozzy Osbourne for his song "Junkie" in the Music Recording or Music Video category, one of two new categories to receive a PRISM Award™ this year. Independent films *Acts of Worship* and *Smoke and Mirrors: A History of Denial* were the recipients of the other new category, the PRISM Film Festival Award, which is presented to films that have not yet been released but are playing the festival circuit. In total, 14 winners were selected out of 56 nominees and 236 submissions.

## NIDCD Implementing Periodic Review of Health Materials

August 2002

As part of its program of continuous improvement process, the NIDCD will implement a cyclic review of health-related materials that are disseminated to the public and health professionals. Experts in the fields of hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech, and language will assist the Institute with reviewing existing health information materials, such as the Institute's fact sheets and CHID database materials, to ensure they meet the public's needs and determine if additional or updated information is needed. The first review, scheduled for August 2002, will examine voice, speech, and language materials. For more information, contact Marin P. Allen, Ph.D., at (301) 496-7243 or by e-mail at [marin\\_allen@nih.gov](mailto:marin_allen@nih.gov).

## Health Literacy National Challenge

May 9 and 10, 2002

NIDCD participated in the Institute for Healthcare Advancement's national *Health Literacy Conference* in Anaheim, CA, May 9 and 10. The conference focused on the consumers' inability to read and understand health information materials, latest research results in health literacy, and factors to consider in calculating the cost of low health literacy, and exchanges of strategies for improving outreach to individuals with literacy challenges. For more information, contact Marin P. Allen, Ph.D., at (301) 496-7243 or by e-mail at [marin\\_allen@nih.gov](mailto:marin_allen@nih.gov).

## Substance Abuse Increases in New York City in Aftermath of September 11<sup>th</sup>

Survey results indicate that smoking, alcohol, and marijuana use increased among residents of Manhattan during the five to eight weeks after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade

Center. Almost one-third of the nearly 1,000 persons interviewed reported an increased use of alcohol, marijuana, or tobacco following the terrorist attacks. The largest increase was in alcohol use. Results of the survey, which was funded by NIDA, appear in the June 1, 2002, issue of the *American Journal of Epidemiology*.

## NIAID Vaccine Research Center Hosts Open House Reception

April 30, 2002

### NIH Campus

More than 100 invited guests attended an open house reception at the NIAID Vaccine Research Center on the NIH campus to hear first-hand about the mission of the center, tour the facility, and talk to scientists about their HIV/AIDS vaccine research. Representatives of HIV/AIDS research and service organizations from as far as Baltimore, MD, and Fairfax, VA, heard remarks from Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., NIAID director; Gary Nabel, M.D., Ph.D., VRC director; and Barney Graham, M.D., Ph.D., director of clinical studies. For more information, contact James Hadley at (301) 496-5717.

## Redesigned NCCAM Web Site is Launched

### Available Now

The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) launched its newly redesigned Web site, which houses an array of information on complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) practices and research. The site features not only a new architecture for easier navigation and access to information, but also new content and links. View the Web site at <http://nccam.nih.gov>. For additional information, contact Irene Liu at (301) 492-6525.

## NIH Director's Council of Public Representatives Updates

### Mala Brings Native American Students to NIH

June 15-23, 2002

### Washington, DC

Council of Public Representatives (COPR) member Ted Mala, M.D., brought 50 outstanding Native American high school students to the NIH campus through the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual National Native American Youth Initiative (NNAYI) in Health, Biomedical Research, and Policy Development program. The initiative is sponsored by the Association of American Indian Physicians and is designed to expose young Native Americans with interests in the health professions to health and biomedical research opportunities. During their stay in DC, the youth visited with John Ruffin, Ph.D., director of the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities; Sanford Garfield, Ph.D., Senior Advisor to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; and Ron King, Ph.D., director of the Office of Technology Transfer in the National Human Genome Research Institute; as well as many other distinguished representatives from NIH, George Washington University, and other government agencies. As part of their visit to the NIH campus the students visited the

National Library of Medicine and toured the NIH Research Laboratories. In addition, Dr. Mala and NNAYI staff along with two of the NNAYI students presented to the NIH Public Liaison Officers at the monthly Office of Public Liaison meeting held on Monday, June 17.

## **Yee Presents “NIH 101” at the Windward Rotary Club**

**May 3, 2002**

**Oahu, HI**

COPR member Doug Yee presented an NIH 101 talk to the Rotary Club of Windward Oahu. The NIH 101 is a newly developed tool for the COPR members to present to interested groups as an overview of the NIH. The PowerPoint presentation provides information on NIH’s goals, mission, and structure to help increase public understanding of the NIH. Mr. Yee adapted the presentation to make it particularly relevant to Hawaii by adding examples of Hawaiian research institutions that currently receive NIH funding and including NIH-funded research topics being studied in Hawaii. The presentation was described as a great success by members of the Windward Oahu Rotary Club in the Club’s most recent newsletter.

## **Muñoz, Lappin, and Quigley Present on Informed Consent**

**May 18-23, 2002**

**Philadelphia, PA**

COPR members Rodrigo Muñoz, M.D., Debra Lappin, J.D., and Rosemary Quigley, J.D., served as presenters at a symposium, “Global Psychiatry and Patient’s Rights: Informed Consent,” as part of the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association (APA). The symposium centered on principles of human research protections as discussed by COPR. In an introductory presentation, Ms. Lappin reviewed the role of informed consent in research protections, the purpose and meaning of informed consent, the necessary elements of informed consent, and how things can go wrong. Ms. Quigley discussed human research protections and informed consent as they relate to persons with mental illness; she focused particularly on the regulatory environment for protections in mental health research. Dr. Muñoz played an instrumental role in proposing and organizing the symposium. Harold Eist, M.D., chair of the APA Commission on Global Psychiatry, and Norman Sartorius, M.D., president of the European Psychiatric Association, discussed the national and international applications of regulations guiding human research protections.

## **Ted Mala to Present at the NLM Board of Regents Meeting**

**September 10-11, 2002**

**Bethesda, MD**

COPR member Ted Mala has been invited to present an one-hour presentation at the National Library of Medicine (NLM) Board of Regents Meeting in September. Dr. Ted Mala, Immediate Past President of the American Association of Indian Physicians (AAIP), will brief the Board on the results of the recently concluded annual meeting of the AAIP



held in Anchorage, Alaska. Dr. Mala will share his perspectives on the health challenges facing Native Americans, and Alaska Natives in particular, and the role that health information can play in improving Native health conditions. NIH Director Dr. Elias Zerhounis is also expected to attend and make brief remarks at the meeting. Over the last four years, NLM has sponsored a variety of health information outreach activities to Native American Communities motivated in part by the understanding that American Indian and Alaska Native communities experience significant health disparities. NLM's varied effort, both directly and through the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, have focused on improving tribal awareness of, access to, and use of web-based health information-including but not limited to NLM's health information resources.

## **Lappin to Participate in NIH Conflict of Interest Workshop NIH Campus**

COPR Member Debra Lappin has been invited to participate in the upcoming NIH Conflicts of Interest Workshop on September 30, 2002. She along with the top 100 people in the field will be gathering at NIH to discuss this important research conduct issue.

## **Montoya Working with NIDCD to Improve Diagnosis and Intervention Services**

### **Houston, TX**

Isaac Montoya, Ph.D., a member of the COPR, arranged a series of "connecting" meetings for the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) in Houston with Memorial Hermann Children's Hospital, Affiliated Systems research staff, and two community clinics with model programs. Dr. Montoya is working with NIDCD to improve follow-through for diagnosis and intervention services by families when infants are identified at birth as deaf or hard-of-hearing. This early identification and intervention is critical for the best educational, economic, and social outcomes for these children. Among audiences who need focused messages are Hispanic/Latino/Latina and African American parents who do not have easy access to services. Dr. Montoya is helping NIDCD identify the right places to help in the development of those strategies and messages. NIDCD is grateful to Dr. Montoya, in addition, for his expert advice about outreach to Hispanic/Latino/Latina workers with messages about preventing noise-induced hearing loss. For more information, contact Marin P. Allen, Ph.D., at (301) 496-7243 or via e-mail at [marin\\_allen@nih.gov](mailto:marin_allen@nih.gov).

## **Lappin and Montoya Asked to Serve on NIH Pediatric Review Panel**

### **NIH Campus**

COPR members Isaac Montoya, Ph.D., and Debra Lappin, J.D., have been asked to serve on an ad hoc review panel to advise NIH director, Elias Zerhouni, M.D., on an important aspect of the new NIH Pediatric Research Initiative. The Children's Health Act of 2002 required the NIH to establish a Pediatric Research Initiative in the Office of the Director of the NIH. NIH has committed \$5 million from the NIH Director's Discretionary Fund for FY 2002 to fund new or to expand existing pediatric research projects. Institutes and

Centers are submitting research projects that they have already reviewed and evaluated. The ad hoc review panel will be asked to advise Dr. Zerhouni on priorities among the applications and to suggest factors he should consider when making his final choice.

## **Quigley Involved in Various NIH Activities**

### **NIH Campus**

COPR Member Rosemary Quigley has been invited to attend the upcoming NIH Conflicts of Interest Workshop on September 30, 2002. She along with the top 100 people in the field will be gathering at NIH to discuss this important research conduct issue. In addition, Ms. Quigley has also been invited to attend the National Institute of Nursing Research Workshop on Ethical Challenges of End-of-Life Research. Ms. Quigley was invited to respond to scientific presentations from the perspective of medical educator, public representative and research participant. The workshop will be held on the NIH Campus on September 12 and 13 and will deal with challenges involving subjects with genetic disorders.

## **Montoya Establishes Fellowship Program**

### **Houston, TX**

COPR member Isaac Montoya, Ph.D., CEO of Affiliated Systems in Houston, TX, has established the Alan I. Leshner Post-Doctorate Fellowship program. The fellowship is available to junior faculty from universities around the country with the purpose of helping them improve upon their research skills and to better understand the NIH process of grantsmanship. Under the program, six faculty members from New Mexico State University will be sent to Houston for the summer of 2002 to learn how to prepare grant applications. Affiliated Systems chose to honor Alan I. Leshner, Ph.D., who was the Director of the National Institute of Drug Abuse from 1994 to 2001, by naming this fellows program after him.

## **Mala Invited to Join NEI Working Group**

**June 28, 2002**

### **NIH Campus**

COPR member Ted Mala, M.D., was asked to join or send a representative to join the National Eye Institute's (NEI's) National Eye Health Education Program work group meeting on American Indian and Alaska Native Outreach. Dr. Mala was unable to attend, but did send a representative. The work group meeting was the first step in the development of an outreach program for American Indian and Alaska Natives with diabetic eye disease. The 15-member work group met to identify communication channels and help to identify resources and communication channels for increasing awareness about diabetic eye disease among American Indians and Alaska Natives.

## **Offices of Public Liaison-COPR Activities**

### **NIAMS**

Rachel Moore, Senior Writer/Editor in the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) Office of Communications and Public Liaison, attended the Association of American Indian Physicians meeting in Alaska to provide

recruitment information and to disseminate materials at the invitation of COPR member Ted Mala, M.D. Ms. Moore has also provided Dr. Mala with NIAMS materials and helped the media locate a physician resource for a story on health care in Alaska.

## **NIAID**

James Hadley, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Public Liaison Officer, worked with COPR members Rodrigo Muñoz, M.D., and Doug Yee to host activities related to World Asthma Day on May 7 in San Diego, CA, and Hawaii. Both COPR members partnered with the American Lung Association to further expand the outreach for this event. Mr. Hadley provided manuals and other information as well as encouragement and support.

## **NIDDK**

COPR member Rodrigo Muñoz, M.D., received educational materials on diabetes from Betsy Singer, the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) Director of the Office of Communications and Public Liaison. This information has been shared with a San Diego research and community action center, the Whittier Institute, which is now communicating with Ms. Singer directly.

In addition, Ms. Singer has invited COPR member Ted Mala, M.D., to participate in an NIDDK conference entitled *Diabetes and American Indians: Hope through Research*, which will take place in December.

Ms. Singer also shared information with COPR member Kimberley Hinton on NIDDK's Sisters Together: Move More, Eat Better, a national media-based program designed to encourage Black women 18 and older to maintain a healthy weight by becoming more physically active and eating healthier foods.

## **NIAAA**

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) Public Liaison Officer Kelly Green Kahn and Institute director Raynard Kington, M.D., Ph.D., recommended a speaker to address issues related to barriers to care for people of color at a conference for health care providers in response to a request from COPR member Kimberley Hinton.

Ms. Green Kahn is working with COPR member Zelda Tetenbaum, who is providing feedback on the NIAAA publication *A Call to Action: Changing the Culture of Drinking at U.S. Colleges* and has agreed to distribute some of the reports when they are reprinted.

## **NIDCD**

Marin Allen, Ph.D., Chief, Office of Health Communication and Public Liaison, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), and COPR member Rodrigo Muñoz, M.D., are currently exploring the concept of a "virtual visit" by NIH that could serve as a model for other Office of Public Liaison-COPR community collaborations. The virtual visit would consist of a Web-based Web cast from the NIH.