



## THE CMBB QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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April is here, and with it the second issue of our newsletter. We hope you found the first issue helpful as well as enjoyable. Please don't hesitate to let us know what else you would be interested in hearing about (in addition to our usual columns, of course) and we will try to accommodate you. Feedback from you, our readers, is important. E-mail: Bobby Rosenfeld - [rr63v@nih.gov](mailto:rr63v@nih.gov); or Sanya Springfield - [ss165i@nih.gov](mailto:ss165i@nih.gov). I am certainly pleased with the feedback to date and am delighted that you all think the Newsletter is a worthwhile effort.

### THE 'CURE' PROGRAM

In January we described our new CURE initiative. There have been a number of inquiries from our cancer centers in response to the NCI CANCER CENTER SUPPLEMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE guidelines and we've received our first Cancer Center Supplement application.

Also, the guidelines for the supplement program for R25 (Cancer Education Grants) and K12 (Physician Scientist Awards) were mailed to grantees holding these types of grants. Any active R25 or K12 grantee focused on the training and career development of prevention, control and population scientists (clinical scientists) is eligible to apply.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> MONOGRAPH WORKSHOP

To follow up on the information provided in the last newsletter, the second of the Recruitment

and Retention of Woman and Minorities in Clinical Cancer Research, co-sponsored by the CMBB, the Early Detection Branch (EDB) of the Division of Cancer Prevention, and the Office of Special Populations Research (OSPR) was held at the Washington-Wyndham Hotel in downtown Washington, D.C. on February 26-27. Approximately 42 people attended. The monograph chapters were discussed, a lot of revision took place, and everyone worked very hard to try to get their chapters into some kind of workable shape. The authors are now back home and hopefully doing a lot of rewriting. The next chapter review is scheduled for the middle of March, so there's a very tight schedule to meet. It is still anticipated that the monograph will be published this winter, followed by a national meeting to further discuss the recruitment and retention of minorities and women into cancer clinical trials.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP**

Plans are well under way for our third annual Professional Development Workshop. The workshop will be held from May 3-5, 1999 at the Gaithersburg, MD Marriott. Invitations have been sent to our postdoctoral and junior faculty supplement recipients and, I understand, there has been a wonderful response. All the speakers have been chosen, the agenda has been set and we're looking forward to another successful and productive time.

### **AACR MEETING**

The CMBB supports two American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) grants; the Minority Scholars in Cancer Research and HBCU Faculty in the Field of Cancer. The first supports the travel and subsistence of young minority investigators to attend Annual Meetings and Special Conferences on scientifically focused topics of the AACR. The second helps support HBCU faculty in their continued active commitment to careers in cancer research. The grant provides support in the form of subsistence allowances and travel expenses for deserving HBCU faculty and researchers to attend the Annual Meeting of the AACR.

This year, as in years past, there are two events scheduled during the AACR Annual Meeting to honor those selected to attend. They are the 1999 AACR-HBCU Faculty Scholars and the 1999 Minority Scholars in Cancer Research Orientation Dinner on Sunday, April 11 and a Reception on Tuesday, April 13. Awards were presented to the recipients and everyone who attended had a wonderful time - as well as good food, good speakers, and a visit from AACR President, Dr. Webster Cavenee.

On Monday evening, April 12, an organized session to describe the different training grants funded by the NCI as well as the programs supported by the CMBB. On Sunday morning, Ms. Barbara Bynum, retired Director of the Division of Extramural Activities and the "founder" of the NCI minority program, was presented with a 1999 AACR Public Service Award. Tuesday morning, a symposium entitled "Cancer Disparities in Diverse Populations: Genetic and Environmental Factors" was chaired by Drs. Lucille Adams-Campbell and

Donald Coffey. The symposium focused on genetic and environmental factors in the etiology, biology, prevention and treatment of cancers that disproportionately affect diverse segments of our society.

The NCI also has a resource room at the AACR annual meetings where NIH staff can meet with grantees, potential applicants and others and answer inquiries regarding specific initiatives, RFAs, PAs, appropriate grant mechanisms, etc.

### **WORLD WIDE WEB ACCESS**

Plans are also underway to update and improve our web page. Our web page can currently be found with other information from the Division of Extramural Activities (DEA), our old home. As of last October, with the reorganization of the NCI, the CMBB was moved from DEA to the Office of Centers, Training and Resources (OCTR) in the Office of the Deputy Director of Extramural Sciences (ODDES). However, our web page did not move with us. We are now in the process of planning, coordinating and, hopefully soon, implementing a new and improved web page that will be kept up to date. We are anticipating an interactive, user-friendly web site. More news to follow as our plans come to fruition.

### **THIS AND THAT - SOME NOTES OF INTEREST**

**Shanette Harris**, one of our MIS supplement recipients appeared on the TV show 20/20 on April 19, 1999.

**Miguel Villalona**, one of our first Mentored Career Development Award recipients has moved on to a more independence. He recently accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Medicine at Ohio State University. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**Dwight Randle**, another of our supplement recipients, has advised us that he is expecting a son in the near future. Congratulations and best wishes to the soon to be new DAD.

The CMBB recently hired a new Program Director. **Dr. Eric Bailey** will be joining our staff at the end of May. We look forward to a long and pleasant working relationship.

**FEEDBACK:**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who took the time to e-mail or call to let me know that you found our first issue of the newsletter informative and helpful. All of your comments are appreciated. To get in touch e-mail either Dr. Sanya Springfield at [ss165i@nih.gov](mailto:ss165i@nih.gov) or Ms. Bobby Rosenfeld at [rr63v@nih.gov](mailto:rr63v@nih.gov).