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Spring is here, and with it came the CMBB fiscal 2004 budget. I know that many of you wonder why, since the fiscal year begins October 1, we did not get our budget until late March. Well, first Congress did not pass the appropriations bill until late January. Once NCI gets its share, it has to be divided among all of the Divisions, Offices, etc. that make up the National Cancer Institute. Then, the Divisions and Offices have to divide their share among all of the Branches and Programs that make up those Divisions and Offices. All of this takes time and, therefore, CMBB finally got their share of the budget in late March.

To quote from Dr. Von Eschenbach's article in his February 2 NCI Cancer Bulletin, ***"The good news is that we remain at a historically high level of NCI funding for cancer research. The challenge is that the 3.2 percent increase means there are limited funds for new initiatives or program expansions. In fact, as a result of cost-of-living adjustments, an increasing number of non-competing grants, and assessments to support the NIH Roadmap Initiative and other centralized activities, we are effectively operating with a budget that is \$2.7 million less than last year's operating budget. This means that every decision to fund something new requires a decision not to fund something else."***

Therefore, although the CMBB supplement program's budget was not cut, much of that budget is going to fund supplements that would normally be paid from other funds. In addition, the budget for our career development (K) grants and our predoctoral fellowship (F31) grants was cut significantly. Their paylines were adjusted in order to pay as many really good grants as possible.

At present, the outlook for next year does not seem any brighter, but it does not seem any bleaker either.

Even with this news, we still encourage all of you to continue to seek support from this program and not be discouraged because we will continue to fund all outstanding grant and supplement applications.

It is also important that you inform us when you are going to submit any type of competitive funding grant applications such as R03, R21 and R01 in order for us to follow your application through the system, attend reviews and talk to program directors on your behalf when funding decisions are being made. Please send Belinda Locke an email and a copy of your grant application.

REMINDER: All supplement PIs, please provide copies of your funded grant to Belinda Locke in order for her to have an adequate amount and array of grants for the Annual Mock Review Session. We need your grants to continue to make this program a success.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH (AACR) 2004

The 95th Annual Meeting of the AACR was held in Orlando, Florida from March 27-31, 2004. The Minorities in Cancer Research Council (MICR), whose purpose is to increase the participation of underrepresented groups of scientists in cancer research, sponsored a number of events, all of which were successful and very well attended.

Saturday night, The 2004 AACR-Minority Serving Institution Faculty and Minority Scholars in Cancer Research Award Dinner was held at the Rosen Centre Hotel. Sunday night, also at the Rosen Centre Hotel, the 2004 Professional Advancement Roundtable, "Navigating the Road to a Successful Career in Cancer Research," was very successful. CMBB staff participated in this event by facilitating discussions at several different tables, answering a myriad of questions.

Other MICR activities included: MICR Town Meeting, where participants were given the chance to share ideas, voice concerns and express their views; MICR Forum, "Minority Scientists in Cancer Research: Challenges and Opportunities"; MICR Scientific Symposium, "Environmental and Life-Style Factors Impacting Cancer in Special Populations"; and the MICR Council Meeting. The staff of the CMBB would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the winners of this year's travel awards, supported by two CMBB Conference Grants. The winners were:

AACR-MSI Faculty Scholars

Dr. Nasar U. Ahmed, Meharry Medical College
Dr. Felix O. Aikhionbare, Morehouse School of Medicine
Dr. Harvey L. Bumpers, Morehouse School of Medicine
Dr. Ellen S. Campbell, Florida A&M University
Dr. Gautam Chaudhuri, Meharry Medical College
Dr. Maria Duarte-Gardea, University of Texas, El Paso
Dr. Ibrahim O. Farah, Jackson State University
Dr. James W. Lillard, Jr., Morehouse School of Medicine
Dr. Alecia S. Malin, Meharry Medical College
Dr. Jaime L. Matta, Ponce School of Medicine
Dr. Edna M. Mora, University of Puerto Rico
Dr. Elijah O. Okegbile, Tuskegee University
Dr. Xiaowu Pang, Howard University
Dr. Hong Xiao, Florida A&M University
Dr. Jianchao Zeng, Howard University
Dr. Yanfei Zhou, Howard University

AACR Minority Scholars

Dr. A. Deloris Alexander, University of North Carolina
Dr. Johnny O. Alexander, Franklin Square Hospital
Mr. Nicolas G. Azios, University of Texas, Austin
Mr. Joe Barber, Jr., University of Michigan
Ms. Brittnaie J. Bell, University of South Carolina
Ms. Anastacia C. Berzat, University of North Carolina
Dr. Alice B. Brown, Massachusetts General Hospital
Dr. Emiro E. Caicedo-Granados, University of Minnesota
Ms. Miquella G. Chavez, University of New Mexico
Ms. Sarah L. Claud, Henry Ford Health System
Dr. Juliet Michelle Daniel, McMaster University
Dr. Selina F. Darling-Reed, Florida A&M University
Dr. Robert J. Diaz, University of California, San Francisco
Dr. Tracy M. Downs, University of California, San Diego
Dr. Cecelia A. Fernandez, Children's Hospital Boston
Harvard Medical School
Mr. Theodore O. Garnett, Loma Linda University
Ms. Monique A. Gary, Fox Chase Cancer Center
Dr. Tomar Ghansah, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Research
Institute at University of South Florida
Ms. Katherine L. Glover, Meharry Medical College
Ms. Bianca P. Gomez, Lombardi Cancer Center at
Georgetown Medical Center
Mr. German G. Gomez, Univ of Colorado Hlth Sci Ctr
Ms. Tisheeka R. Graham, Tulane University
Mr. Mario R. Green, Florida A&M University
Dr. Loleta D. Harris, UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Dr. Ralph A. Highshaw, UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Mr. Reginald Hill, University of North Carolina
Ms. Cimona V. Hinton, Meharry Medical College
Dr. Elizabeth A. Hopper-Borge, Fox Chase Cancer Center
Ms. Romyla S. Hagan, University of California, Los Angeles
Dr. Tilahun Jiffar, University of Texas Health Science Center
Ms. Kara R. Jones, Virginia Commonwealth University
Dr. Kathie-Ann P. Joseph, Columbia Presbyterian Med Ctr

Dr. Celina G. Kleer, University of Michigan
Dr. Bernard Kwabi-Addo, Baylor College of Medicine
Dr. Magaly Martinez-Ferrer, Vanderbilt Univ Med Ctr
Ms. Jacqueline A. Mason, Howard University
Dr. Tamra S. McKenzie, UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Dr. Karl E. Miletti-Gonzalez, UMDNJ/The Cancer Inst. of NJ
Dr. Gustavo A. Miranda, University of California, LA
Ms. Gay S. Morris, Howard University
Ms. Lisandra Negron-Vega, University of Puerto Rico
Mr. Chinonye C. Nnakwe, University of Chicago
Mr. Onyinye F. Nwagbara, Florida A&M University
Ms. Esther A. Obeng, University of Miami School of Med
Ms. Abena A. Otchere, McMaster University
Dr. Manuel L. Penichet, University of California, LA
Ms. Maria Perez-Lamigueiro, University of North Texas
Health and Science Center
Ms. Chelsea C. Pinnix, The Wistar Institute, Univ of Penn
Dr. Juan M. Ramos, Ponce School of Medicine
Dr. Walter Rayford, LSU Health Sciences Center
Mr. Jonathan Rios-Doria, University of Michigan
Dr. Lupe G. Salazar, University of Washington
Dr. John A. Sandoval, Indiana University School of Med
Ms. Rita E. Serda, University of New Mexico
Ms. Adrienne J. Smith, Wake Forest University
Ms. Sharon L. Steele, Howard University
Ms. Tamara A. Tatum-Broughton, Howard University
Dr. Jean-Claude Twizere, Gembloux Agricultural University
Ms. Teneille D. Walker, Virginia State University
Dr. Valerie G. Walker, West Virginia University
Mr. Douglas E. White, Howard University College of Med
Ms. Shalmica R. Williams, University of Kansas
Mr. Jamie L. Wood, Mayo Graduate School
Dr. Haile F. Yancy, Howard University
Mr. Clayton C. Yates, Univ of Pittsburgh School of Med
Dr. Ofelia L. Zegarra-Moro, Mayo Clinic

Next year, we would like to know which of you will have presentations/posters at the meeting. So once your abstract has been accepted, send us an email to let us know.

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO GO TO:

Dr. Selwyn Vickers, Johns Hopkins Medical Center, for mention in the article [The Quiet Heroes](#), Sunday, March 21, 2004, Parade Magazine Section of The Washington Post.

Dr. Patricia Daza, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, for receiving funding from an R25 grant.

Dr. Victoria Ramsauer, for having her paper "Muc4/Sialomucin Complex, the Intramembrane ErbB2 Ligand, Translocates ErbB2 to the Apical Surface in Polarized Epithelial Cells, [J.Biol.Chem., Aug 2003; 278: 30142-30147](#). In addition, her poster was selected for a mini-symposium at the recent AACR meeting.

Dr. Zaki Sherif, Georgetown University, for receiving the 2004 Hall of Fame Award in the Science and Technology field. His contributions in medical school curriculum development and in curtailing of HIV spread in Southeast Asia and Africa as a United Nations Fellow; his work in Campylobacter infection rates in Fox River in Green Bay, Wisconsin; his mentoring science students in a Southeast Washington, DC high school; and the discovery of a novel human gene in Li-Fraumeni family beset with cancer predisposition were among the few cited by the Review Committee for the Award.

Dr. Takita Sumter, Johns Hopkins University, has been awarded a UNCF/Merck Postdoctoral Fellowship Award and she has just had a manuscript accepted for publication in Cancer Research. The manuscript is entitled "The HMG-I oncogene causes highly penetrant aggressive lymphoid malignancy in transgenic mice and is overexpressed in human leukemia."

Dr. Sarki Abdulkadir, University of Alabama, Birmingham, who just received his second R01 grant. He is now going to apply for a supplement to his grant so another aspiring underrepresented person can begin on their road to success.

Our prayers are with **Dr. Daniel Hunt**, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, who has been mobilized by the Army Reserves and is now serving his country in Iraq. In the interim, he has also received a faculty appointment. We all wish him a safe return.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Our workshop will be held on May 3-4, 2004 at the Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center. The invitations have been sent out and we are extremely please at the number of you who have confirmed your attendance. This will, undoubtedly, be our largest turnout since the inception of our workshops. The staff of the CMBB are all looking forward to seeing you. We have planned a very informative agenda, and our hope is that it will help you to learn more about the NCI and NIH as you plan your future in the biomedical and behavioral sciences.

If you have not yet completed and returned your Personal Services Worksheet, please do so prior to your attendance at the workshop or you will not be reimbursed for your expenses.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the NCI staff who have agreed to take time from their busy schedules to speak with the workshop participants. We appreciate your giving of your time to impart your knowledge to our future research scientists.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Center for Behavioral Epidemiology and Community Health, Graduate School of Public Health, San Diego State University is looking for non-tenure research faculty positions at the postdoctoral level. Experience in applied behavior analysis/behavioral science. Four positions available; two for the current tobacco control study and two for the current TB adherence study. All candidates should have experience conducting intervention studies, with understanding of multivariate statistical analyses. However, candidates do not need to be statisticians.

Also available for up to three years of funding, a non-tenure track Assistant Research Professor position. Requires behavioral science training at the Ph.D. level with experience conducting community trails and knowledge of multivariate statistical models. Substantive publication record as well as some experience preparing and conducting NIH level research.

For more information on the above positions, or if you are interested in applying, please contact Mel Hovell at mhovell@projects.sdsu.edu.

CMBB OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITIES IN CANCER RESEARCH

For more information, log on to our website: <http://minorityopportunities.nci.nih.gov>

Research Project Grant Supplements

PA-01-079 - Research Supplements for Underrepresented Minorities
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-01-079.html>)

PA-01-079 - Research Supplements for Underrepresented Minorities
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-01-079.html>)

PA-01-080 - Research Supplements for Individuals with Disabilities
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-01-080.html>)

PA-01-081 - Supplements to Promote Reentry into Biomedical and Behavioral Research Careers
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-01-081.html>)

CURE Supplements

NCI Cancer Center (P30) Supplements for High School and Undergraduate Student Research Experiences

Minority Supplements to the NCI Cancer Education and Career Development Program (R25T)

Minority Supplements to Institutional Clinical Oncology Research Development Awards (K12)

Supplements to Cancer Center Support Grants for Minority Physicians Performing Patient Oriented Research (P30)

National Research Service Awards

PA-00-069 - NIH Predoctoral Fellowship Awards for Minority Students (F31)
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-00-069.html>)

PA-00-068 - NIH Predoctoral Fellowship Awards for Students with Disabilities (F31)
(<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-00-068.html>)

Minority Supplement to the NCI-Supported National Research Service Award Institutional Research Training Grant (T32)

Career Development Awards

PAR-01-016 - NCI Mentored Career Development Award for Underrepresented Minorities (K01)
(<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-01-016.html>)

PA-00-019 - Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01)
(<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-00-019.html>)

PA-01-059 - NCI Transition Career Development Award for Underrepresented Minorities (K22)

PAR-00-040 - Minorities in Clinical Oncology (K08)
(<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-00-040.html>)

PAR-00-042 - Mentored Patient-Oriented Research for Underrepresented Minorities (K23)
(<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-00-042.html>)

Minority Institution/Cancer Center Program

To be reissued later this year:

-Comprehensive Minority Institution/Cancer Center Partnership (U54)
(<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-03-010.html>)

- Planning Grant for Minority Institution/Cancer Center Collaboration (P20)
(<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-03-009.html>)

- Cooperative Planning Grant for Comprehensive Minority Institution/Cancer Center Partnership (U56)
(<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-03-008.html>)

