



## THE CMBB QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

The Professional Development Workshop that was held on May 3-5 in Gaithersburg, Maryland was, once again, a huge success. Thanks to all of you who have written, phoned or e-mailed to let us know how much you enjoyed being a part of this annual event. For those of you who missed it, this year's agenda included welcoming remarks from Dr. Brian Kimes, Associate Director, Office of Centers, Training and Resources, Office of the Deputy Director of Extramural Science, NCI, as well as remarks from Dr. John Ruffin, Associate Director, Office of Research on Minority Health, NIH and Dr. Otis Brawley, Director, Office of Special Populations Research, NCI. A speaker from the American College of Physicians Career Development, Ms. Mazie Blanks, Director of Guidance and Placement, spoke about how to prepare for an interview, how to look for a position, and other how to's of finding the kind of job you really want.

Also on the agenda was Dr. Lauren Wood, one of NCI's intramural scientists from the

Pediatric HIV/AIDS laboratory who spoke about NCI's research program in that area. Other speakers from the NCI included Dr. Jeffrey White from the Office of Cancer Complementary and Alternative Medicine; Dr. Dierdre Lawrence, a Cancer Prevention Fellow with the Division of Cancer Prevention; Dr. Cheryl Marks, Ms. Diane Bronzert and Ms. Barbara Fisher who spoke about the preparation of a grant application (Form PHS 398); Dr. David Irwin who spoke about the grant review process and Dr. Marvin Kalt who spoke about other funding sources.

Other agenda items were a MAGICC demonstration by Dr. Robert Lewand, Profession of Mathematics and Computer Science, Goucher College. MAGICC is an on line guide to PHS 398 preparation. A MOLIS (Minority Online Information Service) by Dr. Russell Peek, Minority Information and Relations Coordinator, Research and Management Systems, Inc.

And, of course, a round table discussion session with representatives of all of NCI's programmatic divisions.

The last day, reserved for our Mentored Career Development Awardees consisted of a mock study section review meeting, chaired by Dr. Donella Wilson, National Scientific Program Director with the American Cancer Society. Dr. Mary Bell, Scientific Review Administrator with the Grants Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, NCI, presented opening remarks explaining what a real study section review was like.

Following are a few excerpts from some of the messages received from you, the participants of the workshop:

"...thank you very much for everything you've done in the organization of the recent Professional Development Workshop. I think it was a complete success. I really enjoyed and learned a lot."

"Dr. Sanya Springfield and her staff have implemented an outstanding workshop for the Minority in Training participants. ... I hope NCI will sponsor this workshop on a yearly basis."

"I just wanted to thank you for the opportunity to attend this year's *"Professional Development and Peer Review Workshop"*. ... You and your staff are to be commended for a job well done and for your commitment and dedication to the program."

"I would like to applaud you on the tremendous success of the *"Professional Development and Peer Review Workshop"* May 3-5, 1999. I cannot say enough good things about the workshop and how much I learned. Suffice to say that the knowledge and motivation I gained from the workshop impressed my mentor,... and has encouraged me to write a K01 grant."

We, the staff of the CMBB, would like to thank all of the participants who attended. You are the reason the workshop went so well and we enjoyed having you and hope to see you again next year.

We would also like to thank the staff of SCG Corp., Shirley Banks and Tricia Wallich, for all their hard work, without which the workshop would not have happened.

Mark your calendars for the first week in May 2000 for our next annual workshop.

**The perfect way to end the two days of hard work and learning - dinner and fun at a nearby restaurant.**

## **SOME NOTES OF INTEREST**

Congratulations to **Dr. Elaine Alarid**, one of our Mentored Career Development

Awardees, on her progress toward establishing herself as an independent investigator. The Department of Physiology Executive Committee, University of Wisconsin, Madison, has unanimously voted to appoint her as a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Physiology, effective July 1, 1999.

We want to officially welcome **Dr. Eric Bailey** to the staff of CMBB in his position as Program Director. Dr. Bailey is a medical anthropologist and rose to the rank of Associate Professor of Anthropology at Indiana University. While on leave, he served as a Senior Research Associate in the Division of Cancer Education and Control of the Arkansas Cancer Research Center at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences where he evaluated the impact of prostate, breast and clinical cancer outreach programs available to underserved African-American rural communities. We're delighted to have him aboard.

And last, but certainly not least, a big congratulations to **Dr. Sanya Springfield** on her official appointment as Chief, Comprehensive Minority Biomedical Branch, Office of Centers, Training and Resources, Office of the Deputy Director of Extramural Sciences, NCI.

### **WORLD WIDE WEB ACCESS**

We are still actively engaged in preparing our new and better web page. It looks like our unveiling may be slightly delayed, but, if all goes well, we hope to be up and running by the end of the summer. We'll keep you posted as to our progress.

### **THE 'CURE'**

Our supplements to the CURE are starting to pay off with the receipt of our first Cancer Center (P30) Supplement for High School

and Undergraduate Students from the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois.

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