



THE CMBB QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Issue 15, July 2002

CMBB STAFF:

Sanya Springfield, Ph.D., Chief
H. Nelson Aguila, D.V.M., Program Director
Ms. Belinda Locke, Program Director
Peter Ogunbiyi, D.V.M., Ph.D., Program Director
Ms. Bobby Rosenfeld, Senior Program Analyst
Ms. LaShell Gaskins, Program Specialist

NIH RECOGNIZES CMBB BRANCH CHIEF



The Director, NIH, annually recognizes individuals and groups whose special efforts and contributions beyond regular duty requirements have resulted in significant benefits to the programs or the people of the NIH and the fulfillment of the NIH mission. Examples of such efforts/contributions include:

- Exceptional initiative or leadership in carrying out activities to improve NIH program operations or to benefit the NIH environment.
- Unusual competence, compassion, or heroism in an emergency situation at the NIH.
- Outstanding contribution to a special committee or task force dealing with NIH-wide policies, procedures, or operations.
- Outstanding efforts in applying technical or clerical support skills to accomplish the NIH mission.
- Skill and leadership in administration or science.
- Notable competence and resourcefulness in improving the scientific or administrative

management of the NIH.

- Significant leadership, skill, and ability in serving as a mentor to one or more individuals.

This year, our very own **Sanya Springfield**, was the recipient of the NIH Director's Award in recognition of creating innovative programs for training minority scientists and developing minority institutions. The award was presented to her on June 19 at a ceremony held on the NIH campus. Congratulations!!!!!!

The CMBB would also like to **CONGRATULATE:**

Carmen Guerra, University of Pennsylvania on achieving a great priority score and receiving a K01 grant.

Alexander Asea, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, on his appointment as Assistant Professor of Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine; Deputy Chief, Center of Molecular Stress Response, Boston Medical Center and receiving an R01 grant.

Sarki Abdulkadir, University of Alabama, on managing to get his R01 grant funded by NCI on his first submission.

Amaral Karla, one of the college students participating in the CURE supplement program at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, on presenting a poster of her summer research project at the 2002 American Association of Cancer Research meeting.

Lauryn Bell, now at Johns Hopkins University

and formerly a participant in the CURE program at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center, Northwestern University, of the submission on her behalf of a minority supplement application.

Manuel Penichet, University of California Los Angeles, who is a corresponding author on a paper entitled "An anti-TfR-avidin fusion protein exhibits both strong, intrinsic pro-apoptotic activity and the ability to deliver various molecules in cancer cells," The paper has been accepted by Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), USA.

Lantum Hoffman, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, on the publication of three recent manuscripts.

Oswaldo Rey, University of California Los Angeles, on receiving a priority score within the fundable range for his recently submitted K01 (Career Development) grant.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH (AACR) 2002

The 93rd Annual Meeting of the AACR was held in San Francisco from April 5-10, 2002. The Minorities in Cancer Research Council (MIRC), whose purpose is to increase the participation of underrepresented groups of scientists in cancer research, sponsored a number of events this year. The events, all of which were very well attended, were:

AACR-HBCU Faculty Scholar and Minority Scholar Welcome Dinner and Award Presentations; MIRC Town Meeting (meeting participants were given the opportunity to share ideas, voice concerns, and express views that will assist the MIRC Council in fulfilling their mission); Careers Symposium; (an interactive symposium designed to provide pointed and useful information that students and investigators need to be successful as scientists); MIRC Forum (co-sponsored by the AACR-MIRC Council and the NCI-CMBB provided information on a new NCI program that highlights collaborations and partnerships between NCI-designated Cancer Centers and Minority Serving Institutions); MIRC Scientific Symposium ("Is Race/Ethnicity a Meaningful Construct in Studies of Cancer Etiology and Treatment?"); and the AACR-HBCU Faculty Scholar and Minority Scholar Reception (a private event affording the opportunity to discuss observations of the scientific program with key AACR members and selected NCI staff members).

The staff of the CMBB would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the winners of this year's travel award, supported by two CMBB grants. The winners were:

AACR-HBCU Faculty Scholars

Dr. Olufemi J. Adegoke, Meharry Medical College
Dr. Nasar U. Ahmed, Meharry Medical College
Dr. Felix O. Aikhionbare, Morehouse School of Medicine
Dr. Dennis L. Anderson, Tuskegee University
Dr. Omar Bagasra, Claflin University
****Dr. William Y. Boadi**, Tennessee State University
Dr. Vernon Bond, Howard University Cancer Center
Dr. Harvey L. Bumpers, Morehouse School of Medicine
Dr. Pamela L. Carter-Nolan, Howard University Cancer Center
Dr. Gautam Chaudhuri, Meharry Medical College
****Dr. Sakina E. Eltom**, Meharry Medical College
Dr. Digna S. Forbes, Meharry Medical College
Dr. Ivis T. Forrester-Anderson, Morgan State University
Dr. Richard D. Gragg, Florida A&M University
Dr. Xinbin Gu, Howard University College of Dentistry
****Dr. Charles M. Hoston**, Howard University
****Dr. Deena M. Kegler-Ebo**, Clark Atlanta University
Dr. Kyungsook Kim, Howard University
****Dr. Godwin O. Mbagwu**, Virginia State University
Dr. Rajagopalan Sridhar, Howard University Hospital
Dr. Padma P. Tadi-Uppala, Oakwood College
Dr. Jeffrey .-H. Tok, City University of New York
Dr. Timothy Turner, Tuskegee University
Dr. Paul C. Wang, Howard University
Dr. Carla D. Williams, Howard University
Dr. Myron N.V. Williams, Clark Atlanta University
****Dr. Barbara A. Wilson**, Jackson State School of Science and Technology
Dr. Hong Xiao, Florida A&M University

Minority Scholars in Cancer Research

Ms. Jennifer Adjodha, Queens College
Ms. Michelle Y. Alfonso-DeMatte, University of South Florida
Ms. Diana Bello-DeOcampo, Mayo Clinic
Mr. Raul D. Bernabe, University of Puerto Rico
Mr. Alejandro Bernal, Cornell University
Dr. Pedro A. Boria, Purdue University
Mr. Joseph W. Briggs, Eastern Virginia Medical School
Mr. Johnnie Byrd, University of Chicago
Dr. Emiro E. Caicedo-Granados, University of Minnesota
Dr. Rachel C. Casey, University of Minnesota
Dr. Sonia R. Cerda, University of Chicago
Ms. Marie C. Chia, University of Toronto
****Dr. Carlton R. Cooper**, University of Michigan
Ms. Nicole R. DeCorby, University of Manitoba
Ms. Latricia D. Fitzgerald, Meharry Medical College
****Dr. Lisa C. Flowers**, Emory University
Dr. Anthony J. Froix, University of Illinois
Mr. German G. Gomez, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center
Ms. Melissa S. Gonzales, University of Arizona
Mr. Mario R. Green, Florida A&M University
Ms. Brenya A. Griffin, Meharry Medical College
Ms. Veronique Guillemard, McGill University
****Dr. Reginald Halaby**, Montclair State University
****Dr. Luis J. Herrera**, University of Pittsburgh
Ms. Cimona V. Hinton, Meharry Medical College
Dr. Sergio Huerta, University of California, Los Angeles
***Mr. Jerry J. Jaboin**, National Cancer Institute
Ms. Saphronia R. Johnson, University of South Carolina
Dr. Monica Jones, Mayo Clinic
Ms. Angela E. Joubert, University of Maryland

***Dr. LaCreis R. Kidd**, National Cancer Institute
Dr. Celina G. Kleer, University of Michigan Medical School
Ms. Claudia C. Leiras, Roswell Park Cancer Institute
****Dr. Marie Lenira Leite-Browning**, Tennessee State University
Dr. Felicia Lewis, University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center
****Dr. Christopher I. Li**, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
****Ms. Kristin L. Lockett**, Wake Forest University
Dr. Tara N. Lyons-Darden, Duke University Medical Center
Ms. Nicole B. Mapp, Emory University
Mr. Freddy A. Medina, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
****Dr. Juan A. Melendez**, Albany Medical College
Dr. Sulma I. Mohammed, Purdue University
****Dr. Carlos A. Molina**, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School
Ms. Jodi-Ann C. Moore, Emory University
Ms. Deborah D. Motton, University of California, Berkeley
Dr. Genoveva Murillo, University of Illinois
Mr. Kenute A. Myrie, University of Michigan
Ms. Valerie Otero-Marah, University of Iowa
Ms. Susan E. Olivo, Georgetown University
***Dr. Dina N. Paltoo**, National Cancer Institute
Ms. Marianela Perez, University of Puerto Rico
Dr. Wendy Reed Williams, Children's Hospital, Philadelphia
Mr. Sederick C. Rice, University of Vermont
Mr. Jonathan Rios-Doria, University of Michigan
Dr. Jose R. Rodriguez-Miranda, University of Puerto Rico
Mr. Checo J. Rorie, University of North Carolina
Ms. Maribelis Ruiz, UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Ms. Melanie N. Smith, Indiana Cancer Research Institute
***Dr. John H. Stewart, IV**, National Cancer Institute
Dr. Ramona E. Swaby, UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Ms. Carmen S. Tellez, UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
****Ms. Syreeta L. Tilghman**, University of Maryland
****Dr. Marta Torroella-Kouri**, University of Miami
****Dr. Jerrylaine V. Walker**, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
Mr. Joshua C.M. Williams, Meharry Medical College
Ms. Torian Lashette Williams, Thomas Jefferson University
Mr. Angelo Wilson, Southern Illinois University
Ms. Charletha V. Wilson, Meharry Medical College
Dr. Beatriz Zayas, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Dr. Ofelia L. Zegarra-Moro, Mayo Clinic

*Additional funding provided by the National Cancer Institute Center for Cancer Research
 **Individuals who either are or have been supported with supplements or grants by the CMBB.

We also received a couple of very nice e-mails thanking us for making their trip to the AACR a worthwhile experience.

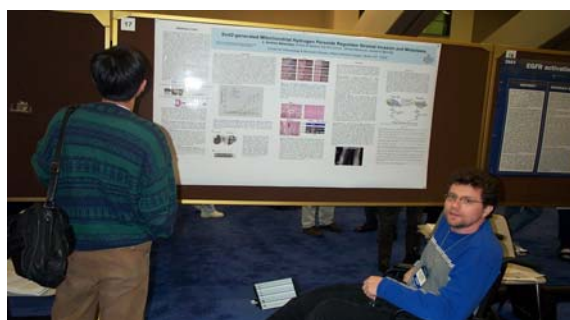
Wendy Reed Williams, took the time to write to thank the Minorities in Cancer Research Council for their support. She was able to attend the conference because she was selected as an AACR Minority Scholar in Cancer Research. She says the meeting was "awesome" and she was able to make lots of new contacts and potential collaborators as well as gain a great deal of knowledge from the scientific sessions.

Vicky Ramsauer, presented a poster at the AACR. She also says that she has published

data. "This would not have been possible without your support and help. Thanks again to you and your team."

2002 ANNUAL CMBB PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Our annual Professional Development Workshop was held from April 29 - June 1,



2002. Speakers were, from the NCI: Dr. Sanya Springfield, CMBB, Dr. Brian Kimes,

Office of Centers, Training and Resources, Dr. Alfred Johnson, Undergraduate Scholarship Program, Dr. Donna Vogel, Director, Fellowship Office, Dr. Christina Bruce, Recruitment and Outreach Office, Office of Diversity, Dr. Peter Ogunbiyi, CMBB, Dr. Ray Bramhall, Program Coordination and Referral Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, Drs. Jack Gruber and May Wong, Biological Carcinogenesis Branch, Dr. Mary Bell, Division of Extramural Activities, Ms. Barbara Fisher, Grants Administration Branch, Dr. Marvin Kalt, Division of Extramural Activities, Ms. Belinda Locke, CMBB, Dr. Carolyn Strete, Cancer Training Branch, Dr. Jorge Gomez, Organ Systems Branch, Ms. Mary McCabe, Office of Education and Special Initiatives, Dr. Jeffrey White, Office of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Dr. Wortia McCaskill-Stevens, Division of Cancer Prevention, Dr. Roy Wu, Division of Cancer Treatment and Diagnosis, Dr. Colette Freeman, Division of Cancer Biology, Dr. David Longfellow, Division of Cancer Biology and Dr. Diana Jeffrey, Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences.

We also had speakers from outside the NCI: Mr. Russell Peek, MOLIS Program, ScienceWise.com; Dr. Jeffrey Guidry, Texas A&M University and Dr. Howard Adams, President and Founder of H.G. Adams & Associates gave a very outstanding talk entitled "Networking: A Required Skill for Successful Career." "

The staff of the CMBB would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who participated in the workshop for coming and especially for the kind words we have received. So many of you took the time to thank us and we would like to excerpt some of your letters.

Januario Castro, University of California-San Diego, states that after listening to the presentations he had a more clear idea of the number of opportunities offered through our office and a better vision of how to project his future work in order to achieve his academic goals.

Marcos Paiva, University of California, Los Angeles, states that his career path in cancer research, as well as an important amount of his professional efforts, were directed by the information and guidance he received from attending previous workshops.

Kouacou Konan, Stanford University, says that his attendance at the workshop gave him not only the opportunity to learn more about NIH and the peer review process, but the chance to meet so many great minority researchers. It also reminded him that if he works hard, the CURE Program can help him achieve an independent and successful principal investigator status.

Lisa Johnson, Northwestern University, says in her native Hawaiian, "mahalo nui loa" (thank you very much) for the invitation. She found it to be a most informative and invigorating conference. She is now even more excited

about a research career in cancer prevention among ethnic minorities.

Babatunde (Kay) Olukayode, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, states that the workshop was excellent and he gained a lot of new information. He says he's already looking forward to next year's workshop.

Carmen Guerra, University of Pennsylvania, thanks us for holding such an extremely useful conference that taught her a lot about the NIH system. She goes on to say that the mock study session also taught her a lot about writing an excellent grant. The opportunity to meet other minorities who share similar goals made the sense of isolation she often feels temporarily disappear.

Taiwo Akande, Stanford University, commends us for an educative and interesting workshop. He says he learned how to go forward in his career and is now motivated to be the best.

Daramola Cabral, Northern California Cancer Center, says that she was happy to be able to present the findings of her current work and was pleased to meet again several investigators that she met last year, most of whom also presented their current work. She hopes that those contacts will lead to future collaborations. Most importantly, however, is that she is now sure of how to proceed on her path towards becoming an independent investigator.

Felix Okah, University of Kansas, says that this is the second workshop he attended and it further enhanced his understanding of the workings of NIH and of the opportunities available to young minority investigators.

Delores Grant, North Carolina Central University, congratulates us on a fine workshop that was very meaningful.

The following are excerpts of e-mails sent directly to Dr. Andrew von Eschenbach, Director, National Cancer Institute, with regard to the Professional Development Workshop.

Yasmine Kanaan, Howard University, found the workshop very helpful by providing valuable information about the NIH grant review process. She states that each presentation was expertly done, thorough and useful for writing grants and getting them through the system. Dr. Springfield and her staff should be commended for a job well done. She hopes other workshops will be offered in the future.

John Mkandawire, Massey Cancer Center, Virginia Commonwealth University, states that he found the workshop outstanding and well organized. He further states that he would recommend the workshop to other minority supplement recipients. He found out how to navigate through the NIH funding system; he found all of the speakers knowledgeable and engaging, and has already put into practice some of the techniques he learned. He goes on to say that the NCI staff did a wonderful job. Dr. Sanya Springfield's leadership and commitment to supporting minority students is evident in her interactions and dealings with students.

Cynthia Warrick, University of Texas Houston, thanked the leadership of NCI for instituting this program and for the guidance provided by the CMBB. The CMBB staff coordinated the best information, delivered by the appropriate people from the various branches and divisions of the NCI and she left with a better understanding of how the grants process works and how to utilize her mentors and resources to ensure success in her research career development. She further states that “If NCI is sincere in its commitment to reducing the toll and burden that cancer places on the underserved and underprivileged, then NCI will continue to and enhance its support of the CMBB. By increasing the numbers of highly qualified underrepresented researchers, advances will be made to address the cancer disparities in racial and ethnic minorities.”

Zaki Sherif, Georgetown University, states that he found the workshop outstanding and superbly organized. The information and lessons learned were indeed immeasurable. He goes on to say that he “hopes other institutes of the NIH see the extraordinary utility of such events and copy NCI’s exemplary training regimen.”

Taiwo Akande, Stanford University, states that Dr. Springfield and her team did wonderfully in the planning and execution of the workshop. The speakers and the lectures were excellent, highly informative and educative. He goes on to say that he now is highly encouraged to be the best in his career.

David M. Kollo, Emory University, writes to express how much he appreciated being invited to the workshop and goes on to say that it was well organized and the quality of the presentation of the programs was impressive. In addition, he appreciated the interest CMBB shows in the career development of the attendees, as well as the opportunity to meet other minority scientists and have the chance to exchange knowledge and ideas in a situation that would otherwise not exist. He thanks the speakers for excellent presentations and for making themselves available for one on one talks both during the workshop and for future inquiries.

Lantum Hoffman, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, wrote to thank us for inviting him to the workshop and “hopes your endeavors will generate the deserved results in the near future and I look forward to contribute to the success of your mission in whatever way possible.”



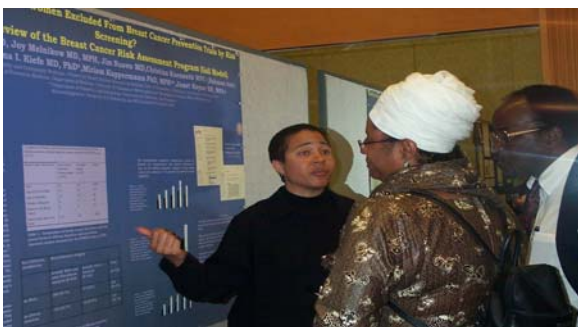
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP (TAW) FOR MINORITY INSTITUTION/ CANCER CENTER PARTNERSHIPS

This year’s TAW was held in Chicago, Illinois



June 3-4, 2002. It was extremely well attended, with approximately 100 current and potential grant recipients.

Drs. Kimes, Springfield, Aguila and Ogunbiyi spoke about the different aspects of these unique grants, including the review criteria, the key components as well as what was different or similar in each grant. Dr. Daniel Nixon, American Health Foundation presented the “Perspectives from a Cancer Center,” Dr. Bruce Macher, San Francisco State University, presented “Perspectives from a Minority Serving Institution.” “Perspectives from Awardees” (grants recommended for funding but not yet awarded) were given by Dr. James Strickland,



New Mexico State University and Dr. Beti Thompson, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Institute.

Progress Reports from MI/CCP Awardees were presented by Drs. Carolyn Cousin and Peter Shields, University of the District of Columbia and Georgetown University Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center; Drs. Carol Magai and Sherri Sheinfeld Gorin, Long Island University and Columbia University-Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center; Drs. Joel Okoli and Edward Partridge, Morehouse School of Medicine and University of Alabama, Birmingham Comprehensive Cancer Center; and Drs. Duane Smoot and William Nelson, Howard University Cancer Center and Johns Hopkins University Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Perspectives from the Review aspect were presented by Dr. Ray Bramhall, NCI Special Review Administrator as well as three review committee members, Drs. Miguel Berrios, Daisy DeLeon, and George Hammons.

The meeting concluded with five separate breakout sessions: P20 New Applicants; P20 Revised Applicants; U54/56 New Applicants; U5456 Revised Applicants; and Planning and Evaluation for Funded Investigators.

All in all, it was a very busy, productive two days and word has it that it went very well.

CMBB BULLETIN BOARD



ELECTRONIC NON-COMPETING GRANT PROCESS

NIH continues to transition the notification of Non-Competing Grant Progress Reports from hard copy mailing of pre-printed electronic PHS 2590 and PHS 416 face pages to an electronic notification. To see the entire notice, go to:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-02-047.html>.

NCI CANCER CENTER SUPPLEMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH EXPERIENCES (P30)

As of the release date of the notice (May 16, 2002) the annual salaries for high school and undergraduate students participating in the CURE program at cancer centers will receive the equivalent of the State of Institutional minimum wage.

To see the entire notice, go to:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-CA-02-018.htm>.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The University of California, Berkeley graduate program in Molecular and Biochemical Nutrition is looking for students with a strong science background (i.e., biology, general and organic chemistry, biochemistry, calculus, statistics, physiology, physics, etc.) and laboratory experience. Students receive full financial support (fees, tuition, stipend) through research and teaching appointments. For more information, interested applicants are encouraged to visit their website and read through the faculty profiles to learn more about research opportunities.

<http://nutrition.berkeley.edu>.

Meharry Medical College/Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center (MMC/VICC) Partnership has tenure track positions for statisticians, biostatisticians or epidemiologists who will pro-actively facilitate the growth of Partnership-based Cancer Prevention research. These faculty positions are funded by a NCI funded U54 Cancer Center Partnership Grant to the MMC/VICC. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply. Send a letter of research interest, current CV and a list of three professional references to:

Epi-Stat Search Committee
Department of Internal Medicine
99 Westover Drive
Nashville, TN 37205

or

Hyacinth.mason@mcm.vanderbilt.edu.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR BEHAVIORAL CANCER CONTROL RESEARCH

The Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS) <http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov> announces R03 grants to attract new investigators to apply their skills to cancer prevention and control behavioral science. The total project period for small grants (R03) submitted in response to this announcement is two years and is non-renewable. The total direct costs in any one-year must not exceed \$50,000.

For the full text of the Program Announcement, go to <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-02-037>.

The Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS) utilizes the Small Business

Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grants to fund translational research using multimedia through its Multimedia Technology Health Communication (MTHC) SBIR/STTR Grant Program. The MTHC Program is interested in cancer prevention and control applications for medical and community settings that create innovate approaches and use of technology to translate cancer research into programs interventions, systems, networks, or products needed by the public or primary care professionals to reduce cancer risk or improve the quality of life of cancer survivors. Direct inquiries to:

Connie Dresser, RDPH, LN
Program Director cd34b@nih.gov.