New Releases Enhancements

Grants Closeout Module: A new "Institution Report" showing an IC grants marked for closeout and sorted by Institution will be added to the Grants Closeout Module. The report will show Institution Name, grant number, PI name, Project Period End Date, indication of which documents are missing, letter dates and the closeout specialist name. This allows users to better coordinate their correspondence when there are several grants with the same Institution that are delinquent in submitting their closeout items.

For training grants, when the activity code is T32, T34, T35 or T36, instead of the generic language, the system will customize the PI and Business Official email letters to reflect different training grant closeout requirements. Specifically, if the Financial Status Report (FSR) is still needed, the email letter will state "The final FSR must indicate the exact balance of unobligated funds and may not contain unliquidated obligations." This paragraph will be added to the email letter, "All documentation required by the terms and conditions of the award for each trainee (Statement of Appointment Form—PHS 2271, Payback Agreement Form—PHS 6031 and Termination Notice—Form PHS 416-7) must be submitted to the NIH awarding office in a timely manner. All forms can be accessed via the URL provided above."

Peer Review: Several changes will be made to accommodate the upcoming pilot release of Internet Assisted Review (IAR). A link to the IAR log-in screen will be added to the Peer Review banner screen. This link will allow SRAs and GTAs more direct access to IAR. A modification also will be made to delay the purge of reviewer assignments. With the November 1 release, reviewer assignments will be purged 15 days after the Meeting Release. Currently, the purge of reviewer assignments occurs at the Meeting Release.
A policy change recently was made regarding applications with an E4 Human Subject code. Coding for gender and minority inclusion is no longer required for E4 applications, although coding for inclusion of children is still required. Business rules and edit checks during the Meeting Release will be updated to reflect this policy change so users will not get alerts that they must enter acceptable gender and minority codes when an application's Human Subjects code is E4.

ICSTORe: The Major Component Code will be added to the Advanced Search Criteria tab and Hitlist fields in ICSTORe. This will allow users to query on the numeric major component code and also see it on their hitlist. Major components are generally just above the department level within the Institution. An example of a major component code is the 01 code that represents Schools of Medicine.

Several enhancements will be made to allow subprojects to be queried and displayed on the Track and Order screen query and hitlist areas and the Advanced Search Criteria tab.

Committee Management: The August Council has been added to the Requested Dollars Report. This addition will allow the users to see what dollars have been allocated for the August Council meetings. This change was made because of the growing number of applications that were going to August Council. This change will take place on November 1, 2002 with the deployment of the Committee Management module.

The NIH 1715 (Voucher Form) had a typo that was corrected. The correct word on the travel section for mileage reimbursement should be "Odometer" and not "Speedometer." It will be changed on November 1, 2002, with the deployment of the Committee Management Application.

The following changes were made to accommodate the CM "Fast Track." These changes will be in effect on November 1, 2002 after the "Fast Track" deployment of the Committee Management module.

- Users can now create multiple amendments for a meeting. The amended federal register report will now reflect the previous meeting that was amended. The meeting addresses fields will now have named fields instead of the line 1, line 2, etc., addresses fields. The Meeting Location Screen has been updated to reflect the new named fields. Users will be able to select a meeting address from an LOV. Users can edit specific fields (room number and contact information fields), which are specific to a meeting. If an address does not exist in the LOV, users can create a new address, but that address will not show in the LOV for others to use. Addresses that are added by the users will be reviewed by the CMUG and if approved, can be flagged to show in the LOV.

- The change of Meeting Location fields will also be reflected on the Federal Register Notice (FRN) Screen and the Federal Register Notice Admin Screen. The FRN reports will also reflect the changes to the meeting location fields.

- The following reports will also display the new "named" fields: Meeting Schedule Report, NIH-1715 (Voucher Report), Invitation to Travel Report, Expense Ledger Report, Expense Ledger Report (Meeting Expenses)

- The Meeting Administrative Expenses will now be an LOV so the user can select the various types of meeting expenses. A meeting expense type can be selected more than once. Users will be able to enter check information for each meeting expense type.

Please consult the CM release notes for a more detailed explanation of the changes.

Program Portal: The Program Portal initially will be deployed with limited user functionality. The Pre-Submission Tab and General Resources sections will be available to provide a repository of commonly used links to NIH resources for grant applications. The Pre-Submission section includes all relevant resources for policy guidelines and information pertaining to a grant before it is submitted to the NIH. The general resources section provides references to sites that users typically may need on any given day. The central focus of this deployment is to lay the groundwork for the Portal Delivery Framework. There has been a considerable amount of time devoted to setting up and configuring the "backend" so that the framework will serve not only the program community but all business areas throughout IMPAC II. The requirements that were gathered in the JAD sessions will be phased into the framework until all the pieces have been deployed. The JAD will reconvene to determine what will be included in the next deployment of the Program Portal.