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Dr. Cathleen Cooper Selected to be CSR's New Chief of Oncology 1 Basic Translational IRG

The Center for Scientific Review today named Dr. Cathleen Cooper the new chief of its [Oncology 1 Basic Translational \(OBT\)](#) Integrated Review Group (IRG).

"Dr. Cooper has demonstrated a quiet but very effective leadership in advancing many initiatives for CSR, making us very proud to have her as head of this new IRG," said CSR Director Toni Scarpa.



She has been the Scientific Review Officer (SRO) for CSR's Transplantation, Tolerance and Tumor Immunology IRG. Dr. Cooper has also been a referral officer in CSR's Division of Receipt and Referral, and a member of the SRO Council and SRO Training Committee.

Dr. Cooper has a Ph.D. in pathology from the University of Southern California, and did postdoctoral training in molecular immunology at Columbia University. She was an assistant professor in the department of cell biology and the cancer center, where she led a research team studying the molecular regulation of early events in hematopoietic development. The NIH, American Cancer Society and private foundations funded her work.

OBT, a new IRG created in an effort to restructure how CSR reviews grants, is under the Division of Basic and Integrative Biological Sciences. This IRG considers applications involving basic and translational investigations that encompass cancer initiation, promotion, progression, and metastasis.

About CSR

CSR organizes the peer review groups that evaluate the majority of grant applications submitted to NIH. These groups include experienced and respected researchers from across the country and abroad. Since 1946, CSR's mission has been to see that NIH grant applications receive fair, independent, expert, and timely reviews — free from inappropriate influences — so NIH can fund the most promising research. CSR also receives all incoming applications and assigns them to the NIH institutes and centers that fund grants. For more information, go to CSR's Web site—<http://www.csr.nih.gov>—or phone 301-435-1111.

About NIH

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