

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Special Emphasis Panel. Clinical Trial Planning Grant (R34).

Date: January 3, 2006.

Time: 4:50 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, One Democracy Plaza, 6701 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Yan Z. Wang, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, 6701 Democracy Blvd., Suite 820, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-4957. wang1@mail.nih.gov.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.846, Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: December 14, 2005.

Anna Snouffer,

Acting Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meeting

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Oncogenic Cooperation by Ets and AP1.

Date: December 19, 2005.

Time: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Elaine Sierra-Rivera, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6184, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1779, riverase@csr.nih.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Toxicology Program (NTP); Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction (CERHR); Plans for Future Expert Panel Evaluations of Bisphenol A and Hydroxyurea; Request for Comments and Nominations of Scientists Qualified To Serve on These Expert Panels

AGENCY: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

ACTION: Request for comments, nominations of scientific experts.

SUMMARY: The CERHR plans to convene two expert panels to evaluate the scientific evidence regarding the

potential reproductive and developmental toxicities of bisphenol A and hydroxyurea. Each expert panel will consist of approximately 12 scientists, selected for their expertise in various aspects of reproductive and developmental toxicology and other relevant areas of science. The CERHR invites the submission of public comments on these chemicals and the nomination of scientists to serve on the expert panels for their evaluation (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below). These meetings are tentatively scheduled for late 2006, although the exact dates and locations have not yet been established. As plans are finalized, they will be announced in the **Federal Register** and posted on the NTP Web site (<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov>). CERHR expert panel meetings are open to the public with time scheduled for oral public comment.

DATES: Comments received by February 6, 2006 will be made available to the CERHR staff and the expert panels and posted on the CERHR Web site. Nominations of scientists received by February 6, 2006 will be considered for these panels and for inclusion in the CERHR Expert Registry.

ADDRESSES: Correspondence should be sent to Dr. Michael D. Shelby, CERHR Director, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD EC-32, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 (mail), (919) 541-3455 (telephone), (919) 316-4511 (fax), or shelby@niehs.nih.gov (e-mail). Courier address: CERHR, 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Building 4401, Room 103, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Evaluation of Bisphenol A

Bisphenol A (CAS RN: 80-05-7) is a high production volume chemical used in the production of epoxy resins, polyester resins, polysulfone resins, polyacrylate resins, polycarbonate plastics, and flame retardants. Polycarbonate plastics are used in food and drink packaging; the resins are used as lacquers to coat metal products such as food cans, bottle tops, and water supply pipes. Some polymers used in dental sealants and tooth coatings contain bisphenol A. Exposure to the general population can occur through direct contact or by exposure to food or drink that has been in contact with a material containing bisphenol A. CERHR selected this chemical for evaluation because of (1) High production volume, (2) widespread human exposure, (3) evidence of reproductive toxicity in laboratory animal studies, and (4) public concern.