

the support of international cooperation across the continuum of basic, clinical and applied biomedical, behavioral and health sciences. The findings will provide valuable information concerning: (1) specific research advances attributable to FIRCA support; (2) specific capacity and career enhancing advances that are attributable to FIRCA funding; and (3) policy

implications for the FIRCA program based on USPI and IRC responses. *Frequency of Response:* Once. *Affected Public:* Individuals. *Types of Respondents:* US researchers and their foreign research collaborators. *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1072. *Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1. *Average Burden Hours Per Response:* 1. *Estimated Total*

*Annual Burden Hours Requested:* 1072. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at \$26,130. Tables 1 and 2 respectively present data concerning the burden hours and cost burdens for this data collection. There are no capital costs, operating, and/or maintenance costs to report.

TABLE 1.—ESTIMATE OF HOUR BURDEN

Type of respondents	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average time per response (hr)	Total annual hour burden
USPIs .....	536	1	1.0	536
IRCs .....	536	1	1.0	536
Total .....	1072	.....	.....	1072

TABLE 2.—ANNUALIZED COST TO RESPONDENTS

Type of respondents	Number of respondents	Response frequency	Hourly wage rate	Respondent cost
USPIs .....	536	1	\$38.75	\$20,770
IRCs .....	536	1	10.00	5,360
Total .....	1072	.....	.....	26,130

**Request for Comments:** Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Direct Comments to OMB:** Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503. Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Dr. Linda Kupfer,

Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health, 16 Center Drive, Building 16, Bethesda, MD 20892-6705, call the non-toll-free number 301-496-3288, or E-mail your request, including your address, to: [Kupferl@mail.nih.gov](mailto:Kupferl@mail.nih.gov).

**Comments Due Date:** Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Dated: April 15, 2004.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Cancer Institute; 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 contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial

property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

**Name of Committee:** National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel.

**Date:** May 17, 2004.

**Time:** 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Agenda:** To review and evaluate contract proposals.

**Place:** National Institutes of Health, 6130 Executive Blvd., Rockville, MD 20852 (Telephone Conference Call).

**Contact Person:** Lalita D. Palekar, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Special Review and Resources Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6116 Executive Boulevard, Room 8105, Bethesda, MD 20892-7405, (301) 496-7575.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.392, Cancer Construction; 93.393, Cancer Cause and Prevention Research; 93.394, Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research; 93.395, Cancer Treatment Research; 93.396, Cancer Biology Research; 93.397, Cancer Centers Support; 93.398, Cancer Research Manpower; 93.399, Cancer Control, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: April 14, 2004.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**  
Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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