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LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

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 meetings.

The meetings 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: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: August 13, 2001.

Time: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Jeanne N. Ketley, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4130, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1789.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: August 16, 2001.

Time: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Jeanne N. Ketley, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4130, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1789.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: August 16, 2001.

Time: 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Prabha L. Atreya, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5152, MSC 7842, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-8367.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

National Toxicology Program; Workshop

SUMMARY: National Toxicology Program (NTP); National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS); Announces a Workshop on the "Assessment of the Allergenic Potential of Genetically Modified Foods," September 24-26, 2001, Durham Marriott at the Civic Center, 201 Foster Street, Durham, NC.

Background

There is growing concern among the general public and the scientific community regarding the potential toxicity of genetically modified (GM) foods. Of specific interest is the ability of GM proteins to elicit potentially harmful immunologic responses including hypersensitivity and/or autoimmunity. The lack of information

on the potential toxicity of these products has created a considerable backlash against the producers and users of these crops. This workshop will gather experts in food allergy, GM crops, and the regulatory aspects of these products, along with bench scientists and clinicians, to examine the current state of knowledge in the area, identify the critical issues regarding these materials, and develop testing strategies to examine the allergenicity of these compounds.

Sponsors for the workshop include the Office of Research and Development, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; National Toxicology Program, Department of Health and Human Services; National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, National Institutes of Health; Office of Rare Diseases, National Institutes of Health; Center for Food Safety and Nutrition, U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The workshop is organized by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the National Toxicology Program, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

Preliminary Meeting Agenda

Monday, September 24, 2001

8:30 a.m.

Meeting Begins/Welcome

Introduction: What are the issues?—

Dr. Dean Metcalfe

National Center for Food Safety and Technology Conference Conclusion, November 2000—Dr. Steven Gendel

Session I: Clinical Aspects and Clinical Investigation of Food Allergy

Clinical Spectrum of Food Allergy—

Dr. Hugh Sampson

Clinical Assessment of Food Allergy

to Novel Proteins—Dr. Sam Lehrer

Contribution of Inhalation

Allergenicity—Occupational/Rural

Exposures—Dr. Leonard Bernstein

The Role of Eosinophils in Food Allergy—Dr. Marc Rothenberg

12:00 p.m.

Lunch

Post-Marketing Surveillance—Dr.

Carol Rubin

Session II: Toxicological Evaluation of Novel Proteins

Assessment of Protein Structure,

Sequence Homology and Stability—

Dr. Tong-Jen Fu, Dr. Gary Bannon

Session III: Regulatory Considerations

Panel Discussion: This session will consist of short presentations from regulatory and industry scientists followed by a panel discussion. Panelists will consider what studies (data) are most useful in assessing the