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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: Musculoskeletal, Oral and Skin Sciences Integrated Review Group, Skeletal Biology Structure and Regeneration Study Section.

Date: February 6-7, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Pathogenic Eukaryotes-Quorum.

Date: February 9-10, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn Georgetown, 2101 Wisconsin Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20007.

Contact Person: Robert Freund, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3200, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1050, freundr@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Bioengineering Research Partnerships—Imaging.

Date: February 10, 2006.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Drive, San Diego, CA 92109.

Contact Person: Eileen W. Bradley, DSC, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5100, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1179, bradleye@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Ultrasound Exploratory Studies.

Date: February 11, 2006.

Time: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Drive, San Diego, CA 92109.

Contact Person: Lee Rosen, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5116, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1171, rosenl@csr.nih.gov.

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

Date: February 11, 2006.

Time: 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, San Diego, CA 92109.

Contact Person: Lee Rosen, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5116, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1171, rosenl@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Fellowship—Minority and Disability Programs.

Date: February 12-13, 2006.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: The Fairmont Washington, DC, 2401 M Street, NW., Lindon Suite, Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: Abdelouahab Aitouche, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2183, MSC 7818, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-2365, abdelouahaba@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Oncological Sciences Integrated Review Group, Cancer Etiology Study Section.

Date: February 13-15, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Doubletree Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Ave., Washington, DC 20005.

Contact Person: Victor A. Fung, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6178, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-3504, fungv@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Endocrinology, Metabolism, Nutrition and Reproductive Sciences Integrated Review Group, Pregnancy and Neonatology Study Section.

Date: February 13-14, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Bioengineering Research Applications—Respiratory.

Date: February 13, 2006.

Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: Everett E. Sinnett, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2178, MSC 7818, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1016, sinnett@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, High End Mass Spectrometers.

Date: February 14, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Churchill Hotel, 1914 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20009.

Contact Person: David R. Jollie, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5158, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1722, jollieda@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Biological Chemistry and Macromolecular Biophysics Integrated Review Group, Macromolecular Structure and Function B Study Section.

Date: February 16-17, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Churchill Hotel, 1914 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20009.

Contact Person: Nancy Lamontagne, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4170, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1726, lamontan@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Biobehavioral and Behavioral Processes Integrated Review

Group, Language and Communication Study Section.

Date: February 16–17, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: St. Gregory Hotel, 2033 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Contact Person: Weijia Ni, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3190, MSC 7848, (for overnight mail use room # and 20817 zip), Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1507, niv@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Clinical and Integrative Diabetes and Obesity.

Date: February 16–17, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bethesda Marriott Suites, 6711 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817.

Contact Person: Nancy Sheard, SCD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6046–E, MSC 7892, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1154, sheardn@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Immunology Integrated Review Group, Immunity and Host Defense.

Date: February 16–17, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hotel Washington, Pennsylvania Ave at 15th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20004.

Contact Person: Patrick K. Lai, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, National Institutes of Health, Center for Scientific Review, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2215, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1052, laip@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Health of the Population Integrated Review Group, Cardiovascular and Sleep Epidemiology Study Section.

Date: February 16–17, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn Select Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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

Date: February 16, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn Select Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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Name of Committee: Biology of Development and Aging Integrated Review Group, Cellular Mechanisms in Aging and Development Study Section.

Date: February 16–17, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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Name of Committee: Hematology Integrated Review Group, Hematopoiesis Study Section.

Date: February 16–17, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Robert T. Su, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4134, MSC 7802, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1195, sur@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Biology of Development and Aging Integrated Review Group, Development—1 Study Section.

Date: February 16–17, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: The River Inn, 924 25th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: Sherry L. Dupere, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5136, MSC 7843, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1021, duperes@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Genes, Genomes, and Genetics Integrated Review Group, Molecular Genetics C Study Section.

Date: February 16–17, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: The Fairmont Washington, DC, 2401 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: Barbara Whitmarsh, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2206, MSC 7890, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–4511, whitmarshb@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Integrative, Functional and Cognitive Neuroscience Integrated Review Group, Neurobiology of Learning and Memory Study Section.

Date: February 16–17, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: George Washington University Inn, 824 New Hampshire Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: Bernard F. Driscoll, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5184, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1242, driscollb@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Cell Biology Integrated Review Group, Nuclear Dynamics and Transport.

Date: February 16–17, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Wyndham Washington, DC, 1400 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

Contact Person: Charles R. Dearolf, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5142, MSC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1024, dearolfc@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Immunology Integrated Review Group, Hypersensitivity, Autoimmune, and Immune-mediated Diseases.

Date: February 16–17, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Jurys Washington Hotel, 1500 New Hampshire Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Contact Person: Bahiru Gametchu, DVM, MS, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institute of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4204, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1225, gametchb@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Integrative, Functional and Cognitive Neuroscience Integrated Review Group, Neurotoxicology and Alcohol Study Section.

Date: February 16–17, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications and/or proposals.

Place: Hilton Washington Embassy Row, 2015 Massachusetts Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Contact Person: Joseph G. Rudolph, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5186, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–2212, josephru@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Biobehavioral and Behavioral Processes Integrated Review Group, Biobehavioral Mechanisms of Emotion, Stress and Health Study Section.

Date: February 16–17, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: The Fairmont Washington, DC, 2401 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

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Name of Committee: Biobehavioral and Behavioral Processes Integrated Review Group, Adult Psychopathology and Disorders of Aging Study Section.

Date: February 16–17, 2006.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Beacon Hotel and Corporate Quarters, 1615 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20036.

Contact Person: Mariela Shirley, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3186, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–0913, shirleym@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Neuroscience Integrated Review Group, Neurogenesis and Cell Fate Study Section.

Date: February 16–17, 2006.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC, 20037.

Contact Person: Lawrence Baizer, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4152, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1257, baizerl@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Neuroscience Integrated Review Group, Biophysics of Synapses, Channels, and Transportation Study Section.

Date: February 16–17, 2006.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Little America Hotel, 500 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84101.

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Name of Committee: Health of the Population Integrated Review Group, Nursing Science: Children and Families Study Section.

Date: February 16, 2006.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bethesda Marriott Suites, 6711 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817.

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Name of Committee: Hematology Integrated Review Group, Hemostasis and Thrombosis Study Section.

Date: February 16–17, 2006.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hills Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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Name of Committee: Genes, Genomes, and Genetics Integrated Review Group, Molecular Genetics B Study Section.

Date: February 16–17, 2006.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: One Washington Circle Hotel, One Washington Circle, Washington, DC 20037.

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Name of Committee: Biological Chemistry and Macromolecular Biophysics Integrated Review Group, Synthetic and Biological Chemistry B Study Section.

Date: February 16–17, 2006.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn Georgetown, 2101 Wisconsin Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20007.

Contact Person: Mike Radtke, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4176, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1728, rادتکە@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Biological Chemistry and Macromolecular Biophysics Integrated Review Group, Enabling Bioanalytical and Biophysical Technologies Study Section.

Date: February 16–17, 2006.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: The Watergate, 2650 Virginia Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: Noni Byrnes, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4180, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301)–435–1217, byrnesn@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Kidney, Nutrition, Obesity and Diabetes (KNOD) Epidemiology.

Date: February 16–17, 2006.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Residence Inn Bethesda, 7335 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Christopher T. Sempos, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3146, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 451–1329, semposch@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Integrative, Functional and Cognitive Neuroscience Integrated Review Group, Biological Rhythms and Sleep Study Section.

Date: February 16, 2006.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Michael Selmanoff, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3134, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892–7844, 301–435–1119, mselmanoff@scr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Cell Biology R01 Review.

Date: February 16, 2006.

Time: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Genetics of Complex Diseases.

Date: February 16, 2006.

Time: 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: Barbara J. Thomas, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2220, MSC 7890, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–0603, bthomas@csr.nih.gov.

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

Date: February 16, 2006.

Time: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Fouad A. El-Zaatari, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3206, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20814–9692, 301–435–1149, elzaataf@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Biobehavioral Mechanisms in Psychopathology, Sleep, and Eating Disorders.

Date: February 17, 2006.

Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Beacon Hotel and Corporate Quarters, 1615 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Contact Person: Mariela Shirley, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3186, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–0913, shirleym@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Member Conflicts: Auditory Processes.

Date: February 17, 2006.

Time: 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: Christine L. Melchior, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5176, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1713, melchioc@csr.nih.gov.

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Anna Snouffer,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Toxicology Program (NTP), NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM); Nomination To Hold a Workshop on Alternative Methods To Replace the Mouse LD₅₀ Assay for Botulinum Toxin Potency Testing: Request for Comments, Nominations of Experts, and Submission of In Vivo and In Vitro Data

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

ACTION: Request for comments, nominations of scientific experts, and submission of data.

SUMMARY: In October 2005, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) submitted a nomination to NICEATM requesting that alternative test methods to the mouse LD₅₀ assay for botulinum toxin potency testing be assessed and prioritized for prevalidation and validation efforts. The nomination proposed that an initial key step in this process would be for the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) to organize a workshop on this topic. ICCVAM considered the nomination and supports with a high priority the concept of a workshop to discuss alternative methods and approaches that might reduce, refine, or replace the use of animals for botulinum toxin potency testing. The Scientific Advisory Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods (SACATM) considered the

nomination and the ICCVAM proposal at its meeting on December 12, 2005, and agreed that the proposed activity should have a high priority. At this time, NICEATM requests (1) information on development and/or validation activities relevant to reduction, refinement (less pain and distress), and/or replacement alternatives for botulinum toxin potency testing, (2) public comments on the appropriateness and relative priority of proceeding with a workshop on this topic, (3) the nomination of scientific experts who might participate if a workshop occurs, and (4) the submission of data from mouse LD₅₀ botulinum toxin potency testing and *ex vivo* and *in vitro* test methods used for botulinum toxin potency testing. The HSUS nomination is available at <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/> see "Nominations and Submissions."

DATES: Comments, nominations of expert scientists, and data submissions should be received by March 13, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Correspondence should be sent by mail, fax, or e-mail to Dr. William S. Stokes, NICEATM Director, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD EC-17, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (phone) 919-541-2384, (fax) 919-541-0947, (e-mail) niceatm@niehs.nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In October 2005, the HSUS submitted a nomination to NICEATM to organize a workshop to evaluate the state-of-the-science for potential alternatives to the mouse LD₅₀ assay for botulinum toxin potency testing. The HSUS nomination is available at <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/> see "Nominations and Submissions." ICCVAM considered the nomination and supports the concept of a workshop to discuss alternative methods and approaches that might reduce, refine, or replace the use of animals for botulinum toxin potency testing with a high priority. The SACATM discussed this nomination at its meeting on December 12, 2005, and advised NICEATM and ICCVAM that they consider the development and validation of alternatives to the mouse LD₅₀ assay for botulinum toxin potency testing a high priority. SACATM also suggested that prior to convening a workshop that ICCVAM and NICEATM find out what efforts toward developing or validating alternatives might already be underway by companies that conduct botulinum toxin potency testing. NICEATM now seeks (1) information on any activities directed at the development and/or validation of alternatives to the mouse LD₅₀ assay for botulinum toxin

potency testing, (2) input from the public on this nomination for a workshop, (3) the nomination of scientific experts who might participate in any future workshop on this topic should it occur, as well as (4) data from mouse LD₅₀ botulinum toxin potency testing and *ex vivo* and *in vitro* test methods used for botulinum toxin potency testing. NICEATM and ICCVAM will consider this information and determine how to best move forward with this nomination.

Request for Comments, Nominations of Scientific Experts and Request for Data

NICEATM requests information on the status of any efforts to develop alternatives to the mouse LD₅₀ assay for botulinum toxin potency testing, as well as public comments on the appropriateness and relative priority of the proposed workshop activity. In addition, NICEATM requests the nomination of scientists with relevant knowledge and experience to potentially participate in the workshop should it be held. Areas of relevant expertise include, but are not limited to: neurophysiology, neuropharmacology, neurotoxicity, immunology, potency testing of toxins and other biologicals in animals and *in vitro* systems, development and use of *in vitro* methodologies, and biostatistical data analysis. Each nomination should include the person's name, affiliation, contact information (*i.e.*, mailing address, e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers), and a brief summary of relevant experience and qualifications.

NICEATM invites the submission of data from *in vivo* botulinum toxin potency testing, including clinical observations and corresponding time-course information, and information and data from *ex vivo* and *in vitro* test methods being used as potential alternatives to the mouse assay for botulinum toxin potency testing. Submitted data will be used to further evaluate the usefulness and limitations of *in vitro* potency test methods and may be included in future NICEATM and ICCVAM reports and publications as appropriate. The data will also be included in a NICEATM database to support the investigation of alternative test methods for assessing potency of botulinum toxin.

When submitting chemical and protocol information/test data, please reference this **Federal Register** notice and provide appropriate contact information (name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail, and sponsoring organization, as applicable).

NICEATM prefers data to be submitted as copies of pages from study