

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

*Place:* Gerontology Research Center, 4940 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21224.

*Closed:* October 24, 2001, 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

*Place:* Gerontology Research Center, 4940 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21224.

*Open:* October 24, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

*Agenda:* Committee Discussion.

*Place:* Gerontology Research Center, 4940 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21224.

*Closed:* October 24, 2001, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individuals investigators.

*Place:* Gerontology Research Center, 4940 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21224.

*Closed:* October 24, 2001, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* Committee Discussion.

*Place:* Gerontology Research Center, 4940 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21224.

*Closed:* October 24, 2001, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

*Place:* Gerontology Research Center, 4940 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21224.

*Contact Person:* Dan L. Longo, MD, Scientific Director, National Institute on Aging, Gerontology Research Center, National Institutes of Health, 5600 Nathan Shock Drive, Baltimore, MD 21224-6825, 410-558-8110, dl14q@nia.nih.gov.

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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 persons information concerning

individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Neuroscience Integrated Review Group, Visual Sciences A Study Section.

*Date:* October 7-9, 2001.

*Time:* 6:30 pm to 4 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Mayflower Renaissance Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20036.

*Contact Person:* Mary Custer, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5102, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1164, custerm@csr.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.

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

*Date:* October 8, 2001.

*Time:* 7 pm to 9:30 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Georgetown Suites, 1000 29th St., NW., Washington, DC 20007.

*Contact Person:* Eileen W. Bradley, DSC, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5102, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1179, bradleye@csr.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.

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

*Date:* October 8, 2001.

*Time:* 9:30 pm to 10 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Georgetown Suites, 1000 29th St., NW., Washington, DC 20007.

*Contact Person:* Eileen W. Bradley, DSC, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5102, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1179, bradleye@csr.nih.gov.

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*Name of Committee:* Surgery, Radiology and Bioengineering Integrated Review Group, Diagnostic Radiology Study Section.

*Date:* October 9-10, 2001.

*Time:* 8 am to 5 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Georgetown Suites, 1000 29th St., NW., Washington, DC 20007.

*Contact Person:* Eileen W. Bradley, DSC, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5102,

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*Name of Committee:* Surgery, Radiology and Bioengineering Integrated Review Group, Diagnostic Imaging Study Section.

*Date:* October 9-10, 2001.

*Time:* 8 am to 4 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Bethesda Holiday Inn, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*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.

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*Name of Committee:* Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Integrated Review Group, Virology Study Section.

*Date:* October 9-10, 2001.

*Time:* 8:30 am to 5 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, Montgomery Village Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20879.

*Contact Person:* Rita Anand, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4188, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1151, anandr@csr.nih.gov.

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*Name of Committee:* Pathophysiological Sciences Integrated Review Group, Alcohol and Toxicology Subcommittee 4.

*Date:* October 9-10, 2001.

*Time:* 8:30 am to 4 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn—Chevy Chase, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* Rass M. Shayiq, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2182, MSC 7818, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-2359, shayiqr@csr.nih.gov.

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

*Date:* October 9, 2001.

*Time:* 11:00 am to 12 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

*Contact Person:* Aghela Y. Ng, PhD, MBA Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4142, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1715, nga@csr.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.

*Name of Committee:* Cell Development and Function Integrated Review Group, Cell Development and Function 3.

*Date:* October 10–11, 2001.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* Gerhard Ehrenspeck, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5138, MSC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1022, ehrenspeckg@nih.csr.gov.

*Name of Committee:* Biophysical and Chemical Sciences Integrated Review Group, Medicinal Chemistry Study Section.

*Date:* October 10–11, 2001.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Ronald J. Dubois, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4156, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1722.

*Name of Committee:* Integrative, Functional and Cognitive Neuroscience Integrated Review Group, Visual Sciences B Study Section.

*Date:* October 10–11, 2001.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

*Contact Person:* Christine 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.

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

*Date:* October 10, 2001.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

*Contact Person:* Victor A. Fung, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4120, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20814–9692, (301) 435–3504, fungv@csr.nih.gov.

*Name of Committee:* Molecular, Cellular and Development Neuroscience Integrated Review Group, Visual Sciences C Study Section.

*Date:* October 11–12, 2001.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

*Contact Person:* Michael H. Chaitin, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5202, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–0910, chaitinm@csr.nih.gov.

*Name of Committee:* Integrative, Functional and Cognitive Neuroscience Integrated Review Group, Integrative, Functional and Cognitive Neuroscience 7.

*Date:* October 11–12, 2001.

*Time:* 8 am to 5 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Chevy Chase Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* Bernard F. Driscoll, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5158, MSC 7844m (301) 435–1242.

*Name of Committee:* Social Sciences, Nursing, Epidemiology and Methods Integrated Review Group, Epidemiology and Disease Control Subcommittee 1.

*Date:* October 11–12, 2001.

*Time:* 8 am to 5 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* J. Scott Osborne, PhD, MPH, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4114, MSC 7816, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1782.

*Name of Committee:* Cardiovascular Sciences Integrated Review Group, Hematology Subcommittee 1.

*Date:* October 11–12, 2001.

*Time:* 8 am to 5 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* Robert 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.

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

*Date:* October 11–12, 2001.

*Time:* 8:30 am to 3 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*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.

*Name of Committee:* Biochemical Sciences Integrated Review Group, Medical Biochemistry Study Section.

*Date:* October 11–12, 2001.

*Time:* 8:30 am to 3 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* State Plaza Hotel, 2117 E Street, Washington, DC 20037.

*Contact Person:* Alexander S. Liacouras, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center

for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5154, MSC 7842, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1740.

*Name of Committee:* Cell Development and Function Integrated Review Group, Cell Development and Function 1.

*Date:* October 11–12, 2001.

*Time:* 8:30 am to 5 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Georgetown Suites, 1111 30th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20007.

*Contact Person:* Michael H. Sayre, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5128, MSC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1219, sayrem@csr.nih.gov.

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

*Date:* October 11–12, 2001.

*Time:* 8:30 am to 5 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Loews L'Enfant Plaza, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20024–2197.

*Contact Person:* Lee S. Mann, PhD, JD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3186, MSC, 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–0677.

*Name of Committee:* Immunological Sciences Integrated Review Group, Experimental Immunology Study Section.

*Date:* October 11–12, 2001.

*Time:* 8:30 am to 5 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn Chevy Chase, Terrace Room, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

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

*Date:* October 11, 2001.

*Time:* 8:30 am to 6:00 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* The Churchill Hotel, 1914 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20009.

*Contact Person:* Noni Byrnes, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4196, MSC, 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1217, byrnesn@csr.nih.gov.

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

*Date:* October 11–12, 2001.

*Time:* 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Governor's House, 1615 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

*Contact Person:* Julian L. Azorlosa, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of

Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3190, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1507.

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

*Date:* October 11, 2001.

*Time:* 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Richard Marcus, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5168, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1245, richard.marcus@nih.gov.

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

*Date:* October 11, 2001.

*Time:* 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

*Contact Person:* Victor A. Fung, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4120, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20814-9692, (301) 435-3504, fungv@csr.nih.gov.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Public Health Service

#### National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) National Toxicology Program (NTP)

EPISKIN™, EpiDerm™, and Rat Skin Transcutaneous Electrical Resistance Methods: In Vitro Test Methods Proposed for Assessing the Dermal Corrosivity Potential of Chemicals; Notice of Availability of a Background Review Document and Proposed ICCVAM Test Method Recommendations and Request for Public Comment.

#### Summary

The NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM) announces availability of a background review document (BRD) entitled "EPISKIN™, EpiDerm™, and Rat Skin

Transcutaneous Electrical Resistance (TER) Methods: In Vitro Test Methods for Assessing the Dermal Corrosivity Potential of Chemicals," and proposed test method recommendations from the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) on the use of these methods. The NICEATM invites public comment on the BRD and ICCVAM recommendations.

#### Availability of Background Review Document and Proposed ICCVAM Recommendations

An electronic version of this BRD and proposed ICCVAM test method recommendations may be obtained from the NICEATM/ICCVAM web site at <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov>. For a paper copy (a limited number are available), please contact the NICEATM at (919) 541-3398 or via email at [niceatm@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:niceatm@niehs.nih.gov).

#### Request for Public Comment

NICEATM invites written public comments on the BRD on in vitro corrosivity methods and the proposed ICCVAM recommendations for these methods. The deadline for submission of comments is November 13, 2001. Comments submitted via email are preferred; the acceptable file formats are MS Word (Office 98 or older), plain text, or PDF. Comments should be sent to Dr. William Stokes, Director, NICEATM, NIEHS, MD EC-17, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC, 27709; telephone 919-541-3398; fax 919-541-0947; email [niceatm@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:niceatm@niehs.nih.gov). Persons submitting written comments should include their contact information (name, affiliation, address, telephone/fax numbers, and email) and sponsoring organization, if any.

Public comments received in response to this **Federal Register** notice will be posted on the NICEATM/ICCVAM web site <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov> and provided to the ICCVAM. ICCVAM will consider all comments prior to finalizing its test recommendations on EpiDerm™, EPISKIN™, and Rat Skin TER. In accordance with Public Law 106-545, ICCVAM test recommendations will be forwarded to appropriate Federal agencies and will be made available to the public on the NICEATM/ICCVAM website.

#### Background

ICCVAM and the ICCVAM Corrosivity Working Group (CWG) recently evaluated three in vitro test methods for assessing the dermal corrosivity potential of chemicals and chemical mixtures—EpiDerm™, EPISKIN™, and Rat Skin TER. EpiDerm™ and

EPISKIN™ utilize a three dimensional human skin model comprised of a reconstructed epidermis and a functional stratum corneum. The test chemical is applied to this reconstructed epidermis for a specified time and subsequent cell viability is measured. Rat Skin TER assesses the skin corrosivity of a chemical by applying the test material to the epidermal surface of a rat skin disc for two and 24 hours; subsequently, the transcutaneous electrical resistance (TER) of the skin disc is measured. NICEATM prepared a background review document summarizing the available data and prior reviews for the three test methods, which was then considered by the CWG and ICCVAM. The CWG concluded, based on the information provided and outcomes of the previous reviews, that further evaluation by an independent scientific peer review panel did not appear necessary, and recommended that these methods undergo ICCVAM evaluation using an expedited review process (ICCVAM, 2001). ICCVAM agreed with the CWG recommendation for expedited review. This process involves the development of a draft ICCVAM position (proposed ICCVAM test recommendations) and publishing the position in the **Federal Register** for public comment. Public comments are considered by ICCVAM, and if no major problems are found, ICCVAM then finalizes its test recommendations and forwards to federal agencies for their determination of regulatory acceptability. If major problems are noted, then ICCVAM will determine an appropriate process for further evaluation, such as an independent peer review panel evaluation.

#### ECVAM Evaluation

The European Center for the Validation of Alternative Methods (ECVAM) conducted validation studies on these three in vitro methods (Barratt et al., 1998; Fentem et al., 1998; Liebsch et al., 2000). The ECVAM Management Team concluded that EpiDerm™, Rat Skin TER, and EPISKIN™ were scientifically valid for use as replacements for the animal test currently used to distinguish between corrosive and non-corrosive chemicals and for all chemical classes (Fentem et al., 1998; Liebsch et al., 2000).

#### Other Reviews

The validation status of these three methods was then evaluated by the ECVAM Scientific Advisory Committee (ESAC). The ESAC also concluded that the Rat Skin TER, EpiDerm™, and the EPISKIN™ tests were scientifically