
OCL Update



To: Community Representatives

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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY LIAISON

As you know, NIH currently has under construction a new Clinical Research Center (CRC) intended to enhance patient care and research opportunities. Once completed, the new CRC will house both the in- and outpatient hospital facilities now located in the existing Warren G. Magnuson Clinical Center (Building 10), as well as all the related clinical laboratory and diagnostic facilities. It has always been implicit in NIH's planning that a staged and systematic renovation of the existing Building 10 would begin once the new CRC is operational and the clinical laboratories have been moved from Building 10 into the new CRC. The existing building has been under stress in terms of equipment and space availability for years, and its renovation will have significant benefit for NIH's intramural research programs.

Renovation of Building 10 will prove to be a complex process. There is the obvious challenge of bringing the facility up to date, but there is also the daunting task of figuring out the order in which laboratories must be renovated and **where they can be relocated at minimum cost and program disruption**. The NIH Scientific and Institute Directors are currently struggling with these questions and, until the best options for undertaking the Building 10 renovation have been decided and more information is available, we are not able to begin the update of the 1995 Master Plan this month as we had anticipated.

The delay is expected to be only a matter of three to six months—by which time we will know more about the kinds of laboratory space that will be needed for the Building 10 moves and, importantly, the population that can be accommodated on campus. Both of these issues have implications for the second phase of the 1995 Master Plan. The delay will not affect the total amount of time needed for the planning process. We will activate the three working groups (Construction Impacts, Environmental Impacts, and Transportation Management) as soon as we have resolved the Building 10 questions; I hope that all of you who have volunteered to serve on those three groups will remain committed and interested. I will keep you and the Community Liaison Council informed of further developments.

The Community Liaison Council (CLC) will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, April 19**, at **4:00 p.m.** in the Natcher Conference Center, Building 45, Conference Room D on the NIH campus.

Correction

The March issue of the *OCL Update* inadvertently stated that NIH would not proceed with development of a temporary parking lot in the northwest corner of the campus. The correct location is the southwest corner.

NIH CAMPUS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

NLM Provides Access to Human Genome

The DNA sequence of the human genome is now freely accessible for public or private use from the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI), part of the National Library of Medicine at NIH. NCBI's Web site is an integrated genomic resource for biomedical researchers around the world. Using search and analysis tools developed at NCBI, scientists can find a gene's location in the genome and identify candidate disease-causing genes. For more information and sample searches illustrating how NCBI tools can be used for scientific discovery, see the *Introduction to NCBI's Genome Resource* or take a tour of *The Draft Human Genome Sequence*, both available at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genome/guide/human>.

The completion of a "working draft" of the human genome, which was published in the February 15, 2001 issue of the scientific journal *Nature*, is an important milestone in the Human Genome Project and provides scientists with genetic tools to help prevent and treat diseases.

NCBI is currently piecing together and analyzing the multitude of data generated by the project, and it has completed its first assembly of the DNA sequence into an organized and easily accessible resource, including labels that point to important regions of the sequence.

NIH Attempts Natural Pest Control

Native song birds such as chickadees, nuthatches, and warblers may soon be a regular sight and sound on the NIH campus. NIH grounds staff

have installed about 30 birdhouses around the campus to help attract more native songbirds. They hope that the birds will naturally control insect pests such as mosquitoes and that the need to spray insecticides on campus can be avoided.

Pedestrians may come across the unpainted cedar birdhouses on footpaths near the front lawn of the Stone House, on the southeast grounds of the National Library of Medicine, and along Center Drive near the Children's Inn. The houses have been designed to discourage predator birds such as crows and starlings, as well as squirrels and raccoons. In addition to the birdhouses, three roosting houses have been installed to attract woodpeckers and two bat houses to attract small brown bats. It is hoped that the bats will prey on nighttime mosquitoes.



NIH Participates in Literary Festival

NIH has joined forces with the Bethesda Urban Partnership (BUP) to expand this year's second annual Bethesda Literary Festival, which is being held at various locations throughout Bethesda on April 26–29, 2001. The festival's kick-off event on Thursday, April 26 will be the "Literary Tailgate Party Under the Stars," a celebration of the NIH Children's Inn and its Vital Signs Poetry Project. The Vital Signs Poetry Project brings poetry to families whose children are receiving treatment at NIH by attracting poets and writers to the Children's Inn to read and discuss their work. Readings by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Henry Taylor, *Washington Post* auto columnist and poet Warren Brown, poet David Walders, and participants in the Vital Signs Poetry Project will be featured from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Chevy Chase Cars, 7725 Wisconsin Avenue.

The NIH Office of Community Liaison is co-sponsoring *Essential Bridges: Using the Humanities in Medical and Therapeutic Settings*, an all-day colloquium on Friday, April 27. Writers, doctors, therapists, and other health professionals with an interest

in the therapeutic uses of poetry can participate in workshops, panel discussions, and readings from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the NIH Neuroscience Conference Center in Rockville, Maryland. Space is limited to the first 150 registrants. A \$30 registration fee, which includes a copy of the *Vital Signs Poetry Project* book, continental breakfast, lunch, a wine-and-cheese reception, and other materials, must be received by April 6, 2001. For more information or to register for the colloquium, call Gil Brown at 301-496-5672 or Davi Walders at 301-657-3282.

Acclaimed author Judith Viorst will deliver the festival's keynote address at the Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh Street, on Saturday, April 28 from 1 to 2 p.m. Ms. Viorst is the author of 15 children's books as well as fiction, nonfiction, and poetry for adults. From 3 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Ms. Viorst will read from her work and sign books at Olsson's Books and Records, 7647 Old Georgetown Road.

Other events during the four-day literary festival include readings, workshops, book discussions, a youth poetry slam, and a hip-hop dance demonstration. Events for children include workshops in bookmaking, sculpture, and creating clay puppets. To obtain a schedule of events, call 301-215-6660 or visit <http://www.bethesda.org/events/literaryfestival.asp>.

NIH Establishes National Registry for Muscular Dystrophy

The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke are paving the way to find cures for people with two specific types of muscular dystrophy—myotonic dystrophy (DM) and facioscapulohumeral dystrophy (FSHD)—by establishing a national research registry. The registry will be based at the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York, and will provide a central information source where researchers can obtain data about these diseases for analysis.

Registry scientists will search for and classify patients with these two types of muscular dystrophy and will store their medical and family history data. Registry officials hope that the resulting research will lead to better treatments for DM and FSHD, two of nine types of muscular dystrophy, which cause progressive disabling muscle weakness.

Patient enrollment in the registry is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2001. For more information about patient enrollment, contact Lynn Cos, R.N., CCRC, at the Neuromuscular Disease Center, University of Rochester, 601 Elmwood Avenue, Box 673, Rochester, NY 14642, 716-275-7680, lynn_cos@urmc.rochester.edu.

Plain-Language Kudos Given to NIH

Four NIH Institutes received awards in March from the National Partnership for Reinventing Government for their use of "plain language" to convey important health messages to the public clearly and effectively. Congratulations to these award winners:

- The National Institute on Aging, for its senior citizen exercise guide, *Exercise: A Guide from the National Institute on Aging*;
- The National Cancer Institute (NCI), for its *Informed Consent Template*, a set of recommendations for simplifying informed consent procedures in research studies involving humans. The template is now used by most NCI-funded cancer researchers as well as by other institutes at NIH and by other federal and private researchers;
- The National Eye Institute (NEI), for its Traveling Exhibit on Low Vision, part of NEI's Low Vision Education Program; and
- NIH's Clinical Trials Database at <http://www.clinicaltrials.gov>, which provides information to the public about more than 5,200 clinical trials.

Donate Your Old Cell Phones

Do you have old cellular phones you no longer use? The National Donate-A-Phone campaign is giving wireless phones to victims of domestic violence so that they can call for assistance in violent situations. At NIH, the campaign is being promoted by the NIH Recreation and Welfare Association (R&W), the Work and Family Life Center, the Employee Assistance Program, and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Donation boxes for wireless hand-held cellular or PCS phones will be available in R&W stores through April 29. Phones can also be mailed directly to CALL to PROTECT, c/o Motorola, 1580 East Ellsworth Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48108. For more information about the campaign, visit <http://www.donateaphone.com>.

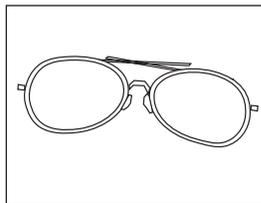
NIH Library Offers Training

Interested in learning to use electronic resources more effectively? The NIH Library in the Clinical Center (Building 10) offers free training for all NIH staff on how to effectively find, appraise, and manage information using an array of electronic library resources. Topics include how to search the biomedical literature, access full-text journals, and order and receive articles via e-mail. For more information, call the library at 301-496-2184 or go to <http://nihlibrary.nih.gov/training.htm>.

Medicine for the Public 2000 Lecture Series Now Available Online

If you happened to miss the 2000 Medicine for the Public lecture series last fall, you can now view the lectures online. Videos of each of the six lectures, which covered topics such as organ transplantation, AIDS, stroke, and prostate cancer, are available from the NIH Videocasting Web site at <http://videocast.nih.gov>. Click on Past Events and then on Special Lectures. The site will indicate what type of software is needed for viewing the lectures. In addition, free booklets based on selected Medicine for the Public lectures are available from <http://www.cc.nih.gov/cc/mfp/series.html>. For more information, call 301-496-2563.

Donate Your Old Eyeglasses



NIH's R&W and the Lions Club of Kensington are collecting donated eyeglasses to improve the eyesight of people around the world. The World Health Organization

estimates that the eyesight of one-fourth of the world's population can be improved by corrective lenses. In developing countries, however, an eye examination may cost as much as a month's wages, and many people can neither afford nor obtain eyeglasses. Old prescription eyeglasses in good condition are being collected in containers at various R&W locations throughout campus. For more information, call 301-496-6061.

NIH Blood Bank Needs Donors

The NIH Blood Bank continues to need blood donations. This month, O-positive and A-positive donations are particularly needed. To make a donation, stop by the Department of Transfusion Medicine in Building 10, NIH Clinical Center, 1st floor, Room 1C713B, between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. For more information or to make an appointment, call 301-496-1048.

NIH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2
Neuroscience Seminar Series: Potassium Channel Regulation by Lily Jan, Ph.D., University of California, San Francisco, noon, Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH. Free and open to the public. Continuing medical education (CME) credit is available. For more information, call 301-435-2232.

April 4
WFLC Faces and Phases of Life Seminar Series: Setting Limits and Delegating, noon-1:30 p.m., Conference Room 10, 6th floor, C Wing, Building 31, NIH. Free and open to the public. For more information or to pre-register, call 301-435-1619.

Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: Silencing, the Cell Cycle, in DNA Replication by Jasper D. Rine, Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, 3-4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH. Free and open to the public. CME credit is available. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

April 10
WFLC Faces and Phases of Life Seminar Series: *Taking Charge of Your Career*, noon–1:30 p.m., Conference Room 10, 6th floor, C Wing, Building 31, NIH. Free and open to the public. For more information or to pre-register, call 301-435-1619.

Human Genome Lecture Series: *Insights from the DNA Sequence of the Human Genome: What's In the Human Genome? Are We Different From Flies and Worms?* by Dr. Alex Bateman, Sanger Centre, Cambridge, England, and ***Gene Hunting in the Human Genome: Methods, Results, and Resources*** by Dr. David Kulp, Affymetrix, Inc., 10 a.m.–noon, Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 496-7531 or visit http://www.nhgri.nih.gov/CONF/genome_insights.html.

April 11
Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *Synaptic Plasticity and the Redistribution of Glutamate Receptors* by Roger A. Nicoll, M.D., University of California, San Francisco, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH. Free and open to the public. CME credit is available. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

National Library of Medicine History of Medicine Seminar Series: *Rainbow Diet Pills: The Limits of Regulation* by Dr. John Swann, Food and Drug Administration, 2–3:15 p.m., Conference Room B, Building 38, NIH. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-402-8878.

April 13
NCI Office of Communications and Office of Education and Special Initiatives Seminar Series: *The Cancer Letter* by Kirsten Boyd Goldberg, noon–1 p.m., 3rd floor Conference Room, 6116 Executive Blvd., Rockville, MD. Free and open to NIH employees. Call Jana Johnston at 301-496-6667 for more information.

April 16
Neuroscience Seminar Series: *Molecular Control of Cortical Connectivity* by Anirvan Ghosh, Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, noon, Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH. Free and open to the public. CME credit is available. For more information, call 301-402-2232.

April 18
Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *Managing and Monitoring Multicenter Clinical Trials: Who Is in Charge of What?* by David L. De Mets, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin Medical School, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH. Free and open to the public. CME credit is available. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

April 19
WFLC Faces and Phases of Life Seminar Series: *Walking the Gauntlet: Coping with Life Transitions, Part 2*, noon–1:30 p.m., Conference Room 10, 6th floor, C Wing, Building 31, NIH. Free and open to the public. For more information or to pre-register, call 301-435-1619.

April 22
Cinema Bethesda: *Strawberry and Chocolate*, a film about art and politics set in 1970s Cuba, followed by discussion, 5:30 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH, \$12. Call Beverly Zeidenburg at 301-365-3679 for more information.

April 23
Neuroscience Seminar Series: *Planning and Learning in the Central Control of Movement* by Claude P.J. Ghez, M.D., Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, noon, Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10. Free and open to the public. CME credit is available. For more information, call 301-402-2232.

April 24
WFLC Faces and Phases of Life Seminar Series: *Getting Your Message Across Assertively*, noon–1:30 p.m., Room 151, Building 1, NIH. Free and open to the public. For more information or to pre-register, call 301-435-1619.

April 25
Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *Mouse Models of Human Cancer* by Harold Varmus, M.D., Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH. Free and open to the public. CME credit is available. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

April 26
Association for Women in Science, Bethesda Chapter Seminar Series: *Career and Family: Challenges and Rewards* by Oma Cohen-Dix, Ph.D., National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Sally Kornbluth, Ph.D., Duke University; and Carole Thiele, Ph.D., National Cancer Institute, Chapel, The Cloisters (Building 60), NIH. Light refreshments at 4:30 p.m., seminar at 5 p.m. For more information, call 301-594-2379 or 1-800-446-0035, ext. 3190.

April 27
Bethesda Literary Festival Colloquium: *Essential Bridges: Using the Humanities in Medical and Therapeutic Settings*, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., NIH Neuroscience Conference Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Rockville, \$30. For more information or to register, call Gil Brown at 301-496-5672. Registration required by April 6.

April 30
Manchester String Quartet Concert: *Bartok Quartet #1, Opus 7*, 12:30 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH. Free and open to the public. For more details, call Sharon Greenwell at 301-496-1776.

OTHER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

Biodiversity Conference to be Held at NIH

An ambitious project to restore the biodiversity of Maryland's forests kicks off at a one-day conference on Saturday, April 7 in the main auditorium of NIH's Natcher Conference Center in Building 45. The Maryland Alliance for Greenway Improvement and Conservation, a nonprofit organization based in Rockville, Maryland, will launch its Appalachian Wildland Preserve–Maryland project. The goal of the project is to reconnect Maryland's forests with those of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia to restore the region's ecological richness and biodiversity.

More than 200 people are expected to attend the conference, which is open to the public and costs \$25. Pre-registration is requested, but registrations will be accepted at the door. For more information, contact Doris Fausey at 301-949-5057, doris719@aol.com or Bob DeGroot at 301-340-8348, Bobdegroot1@cs.com.



New trolley graces the streets of Bethesda.

Trolleys Debut in Downtown Bethesda

Buses out, trolleys in. Two new trolleys have replaced buses on the free Bethesda 8 shuttle service in downtown Bethesda. The trolleys, which debuted on March 19, are similar in size to Ride-On buses and can carry about 23 passengers.

The shuttle service currently runs from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday. The Bethesda Urban Partnership, which operates the service, is hoping to obtain approval and funding to add late-evening and Saturday service in the near future.

Bethesda Involved in Bike to Work Day



For the first time, Bethesda is actively participating in Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 4, 2001. The Bethesda Metro Center Plaza at Old Georgetown

Road and Wisconsin Avenue will be the site of a rally by bicycle commuters between 7 and 8:30 a.m. Free breakfast and prizes, including bicycles, will be offered. The first 1,000 registrants will receive a free T-shirt.

Bike to Work Day is an annual event to promote commuting by bicycle as an alternative to driving. It's organized by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments in cooperation with the Washington Area Bicyclists Association (WABA). For more information, contact Bethesda Transportation Solutions at 301-215-6660, call WABA at (202) 628-2500, or visit <http://www.waba.org>.

BAPA Summer Programs Set

Is your child a budding performance artist? The Bethesda Academy of Performing Arts (BAPA) summer program offers classes and performance camps for children of all ages and talents. Programs range from one-hour drama classes for preschoolers to a summer theater conservatory for high school students.

BAPA programs are offered at five sites in Bethesda, Maryland and in northwest Washington, DC. A BAPA spokesman said spaces are still available but are filling quickly. Full and partial need-based scholarships are available. To obtain a calendar and registration information, call 301-320-2550 or visit <http://www.bapaarts.org>.

Arbor Day Festival Planned

Celebrate the beauty of trees on Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Agricultural History Farm Park in Derwood, Maryland. This free event, organized by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, features activities for the whole family, including tree planting, face painting, and children's story time. The Agricultural History Farm Park is located at 18400 Muncaster Road. For more information or directions, call 301-948-5053.

YMCA Offers Programs for Parents

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase YMCA is offering two six-week parenting programs beginning in April:

- **Communicating Success to Children.** April 24–May 29 (Tuesdays), 7–8:30 p.m. Parents learn to identify the purposes of a child’s misbehavior and develop effective discipline and encouragement strategies for positively redirecting these behaviors.
- **Parenting Teens.** April 26–May 31 (Thursdays), 7–8:30 p.m. This program will teach parenting skills to help improve parent/teen relationships, develop teen self-esteem and self-reliance, and promote responsible teen behavior at home, in school, and in the community.

Sessions are held at the Ayrilawn YMCA Program Center, 5650 Oakmont Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20817, 301-530-8500. Registration fee is \$15 for each program. To register or obtain more information, call 301-229-1347.

Brookside Celebrates Wildflowers

Brookside Gardens and Brookside Nature Center in Wheaton, Maryland, are holding a Wildflower Celebration on Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event marks the grand opening of a new boardwalk that joins the two facilities and is lined by new plantings of Maryland native wildflowers, trees, and shrubs. It’s free and no registration is required.

Nursery-propagated native plants will be for sale at Brookside Nature Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Half-hour guided walking tours will be held throughout the day, and they will begin at the entrance to the boardwalk. Experts from the Brookside Gardens staff and the Audubon Naturalist Society will give talks in the Visitors Center Adult Classroom. Children’s events will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside the Visitors Center Children’s Classroom.

Brookside Gardens is located at 1800 Glenallan Avenue. For more information and directions, call 301-949-8230 or visit <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/brookside/>.

The Rivals Opens at Olney Theatre

The Olney Theatre Center presents Richard Brinsley Sheridan’s *The Rivals*—an 18th-century English comedy about love and romance against a backdrop of cunning disguises, mistaken identity, and tested loyalties—from April 17 to May 20. The Olney Theatre Center is located at 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road in Olney, Maryland. For schedule and ticket information, call 301-924-3400 or visit <http://www.olneytheatre.org/tickets.asp>.

District Heights to Hold Community Health Fair

The city of District Heights, Maryland will hold its second annual community health fair on Saturday, May 5, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Focusing on total wellness and fitness for all ages, this year’s theme is “Tip Top Health and Fitness.” City officials are planning a broad range of health and fitness workshops and demonstrations to promote healthy community life styles, including topics on exercise, healthy eating, and beauty care. Sponsored by Take Off Pounds Sensibly, a nonprofit weight-loss support organization, this free event will take place in the gym of the E. Michael Roll Municipal Building, located at 2000 Marbury Drive. For more information, call 301-336-8307.

TRY THIS WEB SITE:

<http://cancer.gov/resources>

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) recently launched a new version of the NCI Research Resources Web site, which provides researchers with access to tools and infrastructure to expedite cancer research. The site offers alphabetical listings of more than 100 products and services developed by and available from NCI, including genomic maps, tissue banks, animal resources, drug molecule databases, and statistical resources. It also includes a search engine, a listing of resources by NCI division, contact information for NCI program directors, and related links.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Postpartum Depression Study

The Behavioral Endocrinology Branch, National Institute of Mental Health, seeks female volunteers aged 18 to 40 who have had one or more episodes of postpartum depression following a full-term pregnancy. They must have no current symptoms of depression, be at least six months post-delivery and not lactating, and not be using medication. Volunteers may be asked to participate in a six-month protocol investigating the effects of stress and ovarian hormones. Call Linda Simpson-St. Clair at 301-496-9576.

Chronic Back or Leg Pain Study

Doctors at the NIH Clinical Center are conducting a study aimed at improving the treatment of

chronic back and leg pain. Study-related testing and medicine are offered at no charge. Volunteers must be 18 or older with back and leg or buttock pain resulting from a pinched lumbar nerve. For more information, please call 1-800-411-1222 (TTY: 1-866-411-1010). You may also send an e-mail to prpl@cc.nih.gov or visit <http://www.cc.nih.gov>.

Study of Allergy Shots

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases seeks volunteers aged 18 to 50 who have asthma triggered by exposure to allergens (dust, pets, pollen) for a research study of allergic immunotherapy (allergy shots). Participants will have allergy and lung function tests and will have blood drawn. Compensation is provided. Contact Mary Huber at 301-496-7935.

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