

limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel, Variceal Bleeding.

Date: April 19, 2005.

Time: 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Carol J. Goter-Robinson, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 748, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-5452, (301) 594-7791, goterrobinsonc@extra.niddk.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.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Library of Medicine, Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the fourth meeting of the Commission on Systemic Interoperability.

The meeting will be open to the public, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

The mission of the Commission on Systemic Interoperability is to submit a report to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and to Congress on a comprehensive strategy for the adoption and implementation of health care information technology standards that includes a timeline and prioritization for such adoption and implementation. In developing that strategy, the Commission will consider: (1) The costs

and benefits of the standards, both financial impact and quality improvement; (2) the current demand on industry resources to implement the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 and other electronic standards, including HIPAA standards; and (3) the most cost-effective and efficient means for industry to implement the Standards.

Name of Committee: Commission on Systemic Interoperability.

Date: April 22, 2005.

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

Agenda: Healthcare Information Technology Standards.

Place: Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 800, 200 Independence Avenue, Washington, DC 20201.

Contact Person: Ms. Dana Haza, Director, Commission on Systemic Interoperability, National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Building 38, Room 2N21, Bethesda, MD 20894, 301-594-7520.

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The comments should include the name, address, telephone number and, when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Toxicology Program (NTP); Liaison and Scientific Review Office (LSRO); Announcement of National Toxicology Program (NTP) Workshop on "Animal Models for the NTP Rodent Cancer Bioassay: Strains & Stocks—Should We Switch?"

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

ACTION: Meeting Announcement.

SUMMARY: Over the past year, the National Toxicology Program (NTP) has developed and refined a vision for toxicology in the 21st century ("NTP Vision") and a roadmap for implementing this vision ("NTP Roadmap") that will strategically position the program at the forefront for providing scientific data and the interpretation of those data for public health decision-making (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for

additional detail). As part of the NTP Roadmap, the program will convene a series of public workshops to review aspects of the existing testing program. The first workshop is scheduled for June 16-17, 2005, at the NIEHS in Research Triangle Park, NC and will focus on evaluating stocks and strains currently used in the NTP rodent cancer bioassay in order to improve the ability of the bioassay to identify substances that may pose a carcinogenic hazard for humans. In particular, the goal of this workshop is to seek scientific input as to whether the NTP should continue to use both the F344 rat and B6C3F1 mouse models, use other strains, and/or use multiple strains as previously suggested (Festing, 1995). Future workshops will address other study design issues such as diet, length of study, and age at exposure. The NTP invites public comments on the appropriateness of the F344N and B6C3F1 models currently used and the submission of historical control data for rodent models that the NTP might consider at the workshop. The program will include plenary sessions as well as three breakout group meetings for in-depth discussions of rat models, mouse models, and the multiple strain approach. Following the meeting, the NTP will prepare a workshop report and present its proposed testing strategy to the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors for their consideration and input.

Attendance at the meeting is limited only by the space available. Members of the public may register to attend the workshop on a first-come, first-served basis per the procedures outlined below. A copy of the agenda and any additional information on the workshop, including participants and background materials, will be posted on the NTP Web site when available (<http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov> select "Meetings and Workshops")

DATES: The workshop will be held June 16-17, 2005. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day and end at 5 p.m. on June 16 and approximately 12 p.m. on June 17.

Comments: Written comments and historical control data should be received by May 19, 2005, to enable review by NIEHS/NTP staff and workshop panelists prior to the meeting (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** below). The deadline for registration to present oral comments at the meeting is June 9, 2005.

Registration: Individuals who plan to attend are strongly encouraged to register by June 9, 2005, in order to ensure access to the NIEHS campus (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** below). Persons needing special assistance, such as sign language