

## NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

### National Endowment for the Arts; Arts Advisory Panel

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that three meetings of the Arts Advisory Panel to the National Council on the Arts will be held at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506 as follows:

International (application review): January 27, 2006 from Room 514. This meeting, which will be by teleconference from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., will be closed.

Partnership/National Services (application review): February 7, 2006 from Room 710. This meeting, which will be by teleconference from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., will be open.

American Masterpieces/Visual Arts on Tour (application review): February 14, 2006 in Room 716. This meeting, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., will be closed.

The closed portions of meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of April 8, 2005, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels that are open to the public, and if time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, 202/682-5532, TDY-TDD 202/682-5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to these meetings can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: January 9, 2006.

**Kathy Plowitz-Worden,**  
Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations,  
National Endowment for the Arts.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541)

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Permit Applications Received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by February 13, 2006. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wisconsin Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-7405.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), as amended by the Antarctica Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctic and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas as requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

#### Permit Application No. 2006-026

**Applicant:** Rudolf S. Scheltema, Department of Biology, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Woods Hole, MA 02543.

**Activity for Which Permit Is Requested:** Introduce non-indigenous species into Antarctica. The applicant proposes to bring algal cultures of *Thalassiorira pseudomonas*, *Isochrysis galbana*, and *Dunaliella teriolecta* to be used in rearing the larvae of indigenous benthic invertebrates collected in Antarctica waters. The living larvae taken from Zooplankton samples are to be reared in the ship's laboratory using the three unicellular

species of algae as a food source. The study will deal with the identification of larvae and life history of benthic invertebrates in the region of the South Shetland Islands. After completion of the study the algal cultures will be disposed of by heat sterilization.

**Location:** South Shetland Islands region.  
**Dates:** January 1, 2006 to March 30, 2006.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

**Name:** Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering (1173).

**Dates/Time:** February 2, 2006, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and February 3, 2006, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Place:** National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235 S, Arlington, VA 22230.

**Type of Meeting:** Open.

**Contact Person:** Dr. Margaret E.M. Tolbert, Senior Advisor and Executive Liaison, CEOSE, Office of Integrative Activities, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-8040. [mtolbert@nsf.gov](mailto:mtolbert@nsf.gov).

**Minutes:** May be obtained from the Executive Liaison at the above address.

**Purpose of Meeting:** To provide advice and recommendations concerning broadening participation in science and engineering.

#### Agenda

Thursday, February 2, 2006

Welcome and Opening Statement by the CEOSE Chair

Introductions

Review of the CEOSE Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Topics for Discussions/Presentations/Reports:

OSTP/NSF/CEOSE Multi-Federal Agency Meeting Held December 20, 2005

CEOSE Subcommittee Activities

Institutional Transformation

Representation of Persons with Disabilities

Plans for the CEOSE Biennial Report

Discussion with NSF Director and/or Deputy Director

Friday, February 3, 2006

Opening Statement by the CEOSE Chair

Discussions/Presentations:

Subcommittee Deliberations and Reports

Report of CEOSE Liaisons to National

Science Foundation Advisory Committees

Completion of Unfinished Business