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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Aging; 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: National Institute on Aging Special Emphasis Panel; "Signal Transduction".

Date: May 19, 2006.

Time: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, National Institute on Aging, Gateway Building, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 2C-212, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Ramesh Vemuri, PhD, Scientific Review Office, National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 2C-212, Bethesda, MD 20892. 301-402-7700. *rv23r@nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Aging Special Emphasis Panel; "Calcium and Muscle Aging".

Date: May 26, 2006.

Time: 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, National Institute on Aging, Gateway Building, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 2C-212, Bethesda, MD 20894. (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Ramesh Vemuri, PhD, Scientific Review Office, National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 2C-212, Bethesda, MD 20892. 301-402-7700. *rv23r@nih.gov*.

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National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; Notice of Closed Meeting

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Name of Committee: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Initial Review Group; Health Services Research Review Subcommittee.

Date: July 12-13, 2006.

Time: 8:30 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.

Contact Person: Lorraine Gunzerath, PhD, MBA, Scientific Review Administrator, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Office of Extramural Activities, Extramural Project Review Branch, 5635 Fishers Lane, Room 3043, Bethesda, MD 20892-9304. 301-443-2369. *lgunzero@mail.nih.gov*.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.271, Alcohol Research Career Development Awards for Scientists and Clinicians; 93.272, Alcohol National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.273, Alcohol Research Programs; 93.891, Alcohol Research Center Grants, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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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: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Eukaryotic Pathogens.

Date: May 17, 2006.

Time: 1 p.m. to 4:30 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: 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, Member Conflicts: Psychopharmacology.

Date: May 24, 2006.

Time: 1:30 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*.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Membrane Lipids, Transport and Signaling.

Date: May 26, 2006.

Time: 1 p.m. to 3 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: Raya Mandler, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5217, MSC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 402-8228, *rayam@csr.nih.gov*.

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

Date: June 1–2, 2006.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Admiral Fell Inn, 888 South Broadway, Baltimore, MD 21231.

Contact Person: Richard A. Currie, 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, currieri@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Cardiovascular Sciences Integrated Review Group, Atherosclerosis and Inflammation of the Cardiovascular System Study Section.

Date: June 6–7, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 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: Larry Pinkus, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4132, MSC 7802, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1214, pinkusl@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Cell Biology Integrated Review Group, Cellular Signaling and Dynamics.

Date: June 8–9, 2006.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn Chevy Chase, 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, ehrenspg@csr.nih.gov.

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

Date: June 8–9, 2006.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

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

Date: June 8–9, 2006.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Clarion Hotel Bethesda Park, 8400 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, osbornes@csr.nih.gov.

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

Date: June 12–13, 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: Janet Nelson, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4168, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1723, nelsonja@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Bioengineering Sciences & Technologies Integrated Review Group, Biodata Management and Analysis Study Section.

Date: June 12–13, 2006.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Doubletree Crystal City, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

Contact Person: Marc Rigas, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4194, MSC 7826, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–402–1074, rigasm@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Integrative, Functional and Cognitive Neuroscience Integrated Review Group, Neuroendocrinology, Neuroimmunology, and Behavior Study Section.

Date: June 13–14, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 3:30 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, 301–435–1119, msemanoff@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Neuroscience Integrated Review Group, Molecular Neuropharmacology and Signaling Study Section.

Date: June 14–15, 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: Syed Husain, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4150, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892–7850, (301) 435–1224, husains@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Surgery, Anesthesia, and Trauma Member conflict.

Date: June 14, 2006.

Time: 2 p.m. to 5 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: Roberto J. Matus, MD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5108, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–2204, matur@csr.nih.gov.

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

Date: June 15–16, 2006.

Time: 8 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: 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: Endocrinology, Metabolism, Nutrition and Reproductive Sciences Integrated Review Group, Molecular and Cellular Endocrinology Study Section.

Date: June 15–16, 2006.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Double Tree Hotel, 8120 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Syed M. Amir, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6172, MSC 7892, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1043, amirs@csr.nih.gov.

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

Date: June 15–16, 2006.

Time: 8 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: 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: Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Neuroscience Integrated Review Group, Biophysics of Neural Systems Study Section.

Date: June 15–16, 2006.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

Contact Person: Carole L. Jelsema, PhD, Chief and Scientific Review Administrator, MDCN Scientific Review Group, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4146, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1248, jelsemac@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Cardiovascular Sciences Integrated Review Group,

Hypertension and Microcirculation Study Section.

Date: June 15–16, 2006.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Clarion Hotel Bethesda Park, 8400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Ai-Ping Zou, PhD, MD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4118, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1777, zouai@csr.nih.gov.

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

Date: June 15–16, 2006.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

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

Name of Committee: Genes, Genomes, and Genetically Integrated Review Group, Genetic Variation and Evolution Study Section.

Date: June 15–16, 2006.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: David J. Remondini, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2210, MSC 7890, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1038, remondid@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Neuroscience Integrated Review Group, Synapses, Cytoskeleton and Trafficking Study Section.

Date: June 15–16, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 4 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: Jonathan K. Ivins, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4040A, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-1245, ivinsj@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Topics in Bacterial Pathogenesis.

Date: June 15–16, 2006.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: Rolf Menzel, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3196, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-0952, menzelro@csr.nih.gov

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

Date: June 15, 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.

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Name of Committee: Biobehavioral and Behavioral Processes Integrated Review Group, Language and Communication Study Section.

Date: June 15–16, 2006.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

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Name of Committee: Health of the Population Integrated Review Group, Neurological, Aging and Musculoskeletal Epidemiology.

Date: June 15–16, 2006.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Intercontinental Harbor Court Hotel, 550 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Contact Person: Mary Ann Guadagno, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3170, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 451-8011, guadagma@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Brain Injury and Neurovascular Pathologies: Quorum.

Date: June 15–16, 2006.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

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

Date: June 15–16, 2006.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Wyndham City Center Hotel, 1143 New Hampshire Ave., 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: June 15–16, 2006.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

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

Date: June 15–16, 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: Health of the Population Integrated Review Group, Kidney, Nutrition, Obesity and Diabetes.

Date: June 15–16, 2006.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Community Level Health Promotion R21, R15 and R03s.

Date: June 16, 2006

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: Fungai F. Chanetsa, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3028B, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1262, chanetsaf@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Review of Collaborative Applications in Mood, Eating, and Impulsivity Disorders.

Date: June 16, 2006.

Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

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, Bioengineering, Technology, and Surgical Sciences Member Conflict.

Date: June 16, 2006.

Time: 2 p.m. to 5 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: Roberto J. Matus, MD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5108, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-2204, matusr@csr.nih.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

First-Generation Guidelines for NCI-Supported Biorepositories

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Cancer Institute (NCI).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The NCI is establishing common guidelines for the collection of biospecimens and their accompanying data by NCI-sponsored biorepositories. These guidelines are intended to standardize and enhance the quality of research material and data used in cancer research.

DATES: *Effective Date:* May 30, 2006.

ADDRESSES: These guidelines are open for public comment for a period of 30 days. After the comment period has closed, any comments received will be considered in a timely manner by the NCI Office of Biorepositories and Biospecimen Research and appropriate changes will be made and the final guidelines will be published and voluntarily in effect. After the effective

date of publication of the final guidelines, written comments will continue to be accepted for the first year of implementation and can be sent to: First-Generation Guidelines, Office of Biorepositories and Biospecimen Research, Office of the Deputy Director for Advanced Technologies and Strategic Partnerships, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, 31 Center Drive, Room 10A03, Bethesda, MD 20892. Comments submitted via e-mail should use biospecimens@mail.nih.gov and enter "First-Generation Guidelines Comment" in the subject line. During the first year of implementation, the NCI will review any additional comments and experience with the guidelines to evaluate a possible need for future guidelines modification.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Implementation assistance and inquiries should be directed to senior staff of the relevant NCI Extramural and Intramural Program offices.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The guidelines assembled in this document are intended as a first step toward unifying policies and procedures for NCI-supported biorepositories. This process was initiated by the NCI through a multiyear process that began in 2002, including a 2004 report compiled for the National Cancer Advisory Board that showed substantial heterogeneity in biorepository management practices across the Institute (NCAB 2004). This study showed that NCI-supported biorepositories are not optimized in terms of operational, legal, and ethical policies and procedures, nor are they coordinated to provide a unique resource value. Specifically, it showed that:

- The NCI invests more than \$50 million annually in biorepository programs, not including biorepositories supported through individual investigator grants, such as R01s.
- The 125 programs included in the study collected, maintained, and/or stored approximately 4 million human biospecimens in FY 2003.
- These programs support basic, epidemiologic, translational, and clinical research.
- Most programs collect frozen biospecimens and support genomic and proteomic research.
- Across the broad range of programs, there are no common standard operating procedures (SOPs) or Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) measures.

- The programs lack a common database.

- There is no consistent, defined mechanism to access NCI-supported biospecimen resources.

II. Background

In 2005 the NCI took several actions to respond to these findings, including establishment of the Biorepository Coordinating Committee (BCC) in early 2005. The BCC is advisory to the NCI's Office of Biorepositories and Biospecimen Research (OBBR). The primary purpose of the BCC is to work with the OBBR to coordinate the NCI's biorepositories in a manner that optimizes the quality and accessibility of biospecimens for the broad cancer research community. Toward this goal, the OBBR and the BCC organized two workshops during the summer of 2005 to inform the development of specific recommendations on policy and operational issues. These workshops, which were based on the development of a series of white papers that consolidated documents and the overall knowledge base in biospecimens, brought together diverse representatives from the cancer research community as well as ethics, policy, and legal experts to discuss and propose approaches that could help unify, integrate, and improve the transparency of NCI-supported biorepository activities. The report and recommendations that resulted from the workshops are summarized in the document Harmonizing Processes and Policies for NCI-Supported Biorepositories, which was presented to the National Cancer Advisory Board in September, 2005. The report can be found at http://biospecimens.cancer.gov/biorepositories/bcc_summary.asp.

NCI defines a biorepository as a place, room, or container where human biospecimens are stored. Biorepositories may vary considerably, ranging from formal organizations to informal collections of materials in an individual researcher's freezer.

Currently biorepositories serve as critical resources to the research community in the performance of postgenomics cancer research. It is becoming increasingly important that all biorepositories strive to achieve the best possible biospecimen quality, which would necessarily call for the adoption of consistent documentation, collection, processing, storage, and retrieval guidelines such as those outlined in this document. The workshops' recommended approaches were reported to the NCAB in September 2005. Proposed approaches, as well as additional meetings and work over the