# Agenda

**NTP Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC) Meeting**

*Rodbell Auditorium, Rall Building*

*National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)*

*Research Triangle Park, NC*

**June 16, 2015**

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<td><strong>Contract Concepts</strong></td>
<td>Ms. Velvet Torain, NIEHS</td>
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<td>- Statistical Support – ACTION</td>
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<td>- Conduct of Studies to Evaluate the Toxicologic Potential of Selected Test Agents for the NTP – ACTION</td>
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<td>12:15 PM</td>
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<td><strong>Office of Health Assessment and Translation</strong></td>
<td>Dr. Kristina Thayer, NIEHS/DNTP</td>
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<td>- Introduction</td>
<td>Dr. Abee Boyles, NIEHS/DNTP</td>
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<td>- Clearing New Ground with New Tools: Identifying Research Needs for Assessing Safe Use of High Intakes of Folic Acid</td>
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<td><strong>NTP Tools and Approaches for Enhancing Evaluation and Communication of Analysis Activities</strong></td>
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<td>- SWIFT: A Text-mining Workbench for Systematic Review</td>
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<td><strong>Health Assessment Workplace Collaborative (HAWC)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Updating Level of Concern Categories</strong></td>
<td>Dr. Mary Wolfe, NIEHS/DNTP</td>
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