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Report on Carcinogens Webinar on Trichloroethylene; Notice of Public Webinar and Registration Information

SUMMARY: The National Toxicology Program (NTP) announces a public webinar, “Human Cancer Studies on Exposure to Trichloroethylene (TCE): Methods Used To Assess Exposure and Cancer Outcomes.” The Office of the Report on Carcinogens (ORoC), Division of the NTP (DNTP), National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) will hold the webinar using Adobe® Connect™, and the public can register to attend.

DATES:
Webinar: March 17, 2014, 9:00 a.m. to approximately 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background: The Report on Carcinogens (RoC) is a congressionally mandated, science-based, public health report that identifies agents, substances, mixtures, or exposures (collectively called “substances”) in our environment that are cancer hazards for people living in the United States. The NTP prepares the RoC on behalf of the Secretary of Health and Human Services following an established, four-part process (http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/rocprocess) and using established criteria (http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/15209).

Trichloroethylene (TCE) is a chlorinated alkene used primarily as a metal degreaser and is currently listed as reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen in the RoC. The NTP selected TCE for re-review for possible change in listing status in the RoC following solicitation of public comment and review by the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors on June 21–22, 2012 (http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/9741) (for more information on the status of the NTP review of TCE see http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/37899).

The purpose of this webinar is (1) to obtain external scientific input, focusing on issues related to the assessment of information (exposure and cancer outcomes) in epidemiologic studies of TCE, which will be used to inform the NTP’s evaluation of the level of evidence from human cancer studies of TCE exposure, and (2) to obtain public input on the protocol for preparation of the draft RoC monograph on TCE. The first part of the webinar will consist of three presentations, with a short question-and-answer period after each presentation, followed by a general discussion session on scientific issues across all presentations. The goals of the individual presentations are (1) to address the adequacy of methods used in the epidemiologic studies to assess exposure and cancer outcomes (primarily lymphohematopoietic cancers), (2) to discuss and compare reported or estimated exposure levels or exposure prevalence across studies, (3) to discuss how this information (e.g., data from TCE exposure assessments, quality of exposure assessment, TCE exposure levels or prevalence, classification of non-Hodgkin lymphoma) is used in the epidemiologic studies and can be used to inform the cancer evaluation across studies. The second part of the webinar will be a discussion session when the public can either make comments on or ask questions about the proposed protocol for preparation of the draft RoC monograph on TCE (http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/NTCP/roc/thirteenth/Protocols/TCE_Protocol12-31-13_508.pdf).

Webinar and Registration: The webinar is scheduled for March 17, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m. EDT. The webinar may end early if the presentations and discussions are finished. Registration for the webinar is required and is open from February 6, 2014 through March 13, 2014, at http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/pcpwebinar.
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National Institute on Drug Abuse; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of changes in the meeting of the National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel, February 19, 2014, 08:00 a.m. to February 20, 2014, 05:00 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 7301 Waverly Street, Bethesda, MD 20814 which was published in the Federal Register on January 22, 2014, 79, 15 FR 2014–01189. The date and time of the meeting are changed to February 19, 2014, 08:00 a.m. to February 19, 2014, 06:00 p.m. The meeting is closed to the public.

Dated: January 14, 2014.

Michelle Trout, Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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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. App.), 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; Member Conflicts: Kidney and Urological Physiology and Pathophysiology.

Date: February 27, 2014.

Time: 1:00 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: Martha Garcia, Ph.D., Scientific Reviewer Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2186, MSC 7818, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1243, garciamic@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Risk, Prevention and Intervention for Addictions Overflow.

Date: March 3–4, 2014.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: The Palomar Hotel, 2121 P Street NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: Kristen Prentice, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3112, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–496–0726, prenticek@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Small Business: Basic and Integrative Bioengineering.

Date: March 5, 2014.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport, 1489 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

Contact Person: Paul Sammak, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6185, MSC 7892, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–0601, sammakp@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Integrated Review Group; Host Interactions with Bacterial Pathogens Study Section.

Date: March 6, 2014.

Time: 7:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Sir Francis Drake Hotel, 450 Powell Street at Sutter, San Francisco, CA 94102.

Contact Person: Fouad A El-Zaatari, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3186, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1149, elzaataf@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Neuroscience Integrated Review Group; Drug Discovery for the Nervous System Study Section.

Date: March 6–7, 2014.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Lorien Hotel & Spa, 1600 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Contact Person: Mary Custer, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4148, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1164, custom@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; RFA Panel: Investigations on Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases.

Date: March 6, 2014.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Mayflower Park Hotel, 405 Olive Way, Seattle, WA 98101.

Contact Person: Scott Jakes, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4198, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–495–1506, jakess@email.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Small Business: Cardiovascular Sciences.

Date: March 6–7, 2014.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.


Contact Person: Margaret Chandler, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4126,