

Ad Hoc Group Weekly Round Up – October 11, 2016

Each week, the Ad Hoc Group Weekly Round Up will feature hashtags and/or tweets suggested by members of the NIH advocacy community. We encourage all readers who are active on social media to use these messages, and welcome suggestions from the community for future issues of the Weekly Round-Up.

Tweet Tweet. The American Society for Cell Biology (ASCB) is encouraging the community to use #WeAreResearch to promote basic research funding.

Follow us on Twitter. The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is now on Twitter: @fundNIH

1. NIH Operating under a Continuing Resolution

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Oct. 7 [announced](#) that it is operating under a continuing resolution (CR) as a result of the president recently signing a spending package that keeps the government funded through Dec. 9, 2016 and continues funding for most federal agencies at a rate of operations that is 0.496 percent below the FY 2016 level. The NIH noted that it “will issue non-competing research grant awards at a level below that indicated on the most recent Notice of Award (generally up to 90% of the previously committed level).”

2. NIH Grantee Wins 2016 Nobel Prize in Chemistry

A NIH grantee was [awarded](#) the 2016 Nobel Prize in chemistry. Fraser Stoddart, Ph.D., of Northwestern University, shares the award with two other researchers for their work designing and producing molecular machines. The molecular machines the awardees designed “are tiny molecules with controllable movements, which can perform a task when energy is added.”

3. NIH Announces Common Fund Awardees

The NIH Oct. 4 [announced](#) that it awarded 88 grants through its High-Risk High-Reward Research (HRHR) program, which is supported by the NIH’s Common Fund. As the title of the program suggests, these grants are awarded to scientists who are taking risky approaches to major challenges in biomedical research. The NIH Common Fund supports projects that require trans-NIH collaboration to succeed.

4. *Annual Brown Lecture in Education Research*

Public Education and Social Contract: Restoring the Promise in an Age of Diversity and Division

Thursday, October 20, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center Amphitheater, Washington, D.C.

A reception will follow.

The 13th Annual American Educational Research Association (AERA) *Brown Lecture* will focus on whether it is possible to rewrite the social contract so that education is a fundamental right, so that it is uniform across states. Marta Tienda, Ph.D., will highlight her work at Princeton University, where she received funding from the National Institute on Child Health and Human Development to conduct her research on social inequality. Please see the attached invitation for more information.

Please RSVP for the event [here](#).

5. Partnering for Cures Health Care Event

**Partnering for Cures
Sunday, November 13 – Tuesday, November 15
Grand Hyatt New York, New York**

This event will feature hundreds of speakers across the medical research system who will discuss ways to reduce the time and cost of discovering therapies and treating patients. NIH Director Francis Collins, M.D., Ph.D. and Greg Simon, Executive Director for the White House's Cancer Moonshot Task Force, will be among the speakers at this event. You can find more information about the event [here](#).

6. Congressional Briefing on Environmental Health Research

**NIEHS at NIH: Marking 50 Years of Connecting Environmental Health Research to
Community Needs
Wednesday, November 16, 2016
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Russell Senate Office Building, Room 385**

This briefing will highlight how the NIH National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) research addresses community health needs and discuss how exposures to environmental toxicants can lead to health problems.

Speakers:

- **Linda S. Birnbaum**, Ph.D., D.A.B.T., A.T.S, Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) & the National Toxicology Program;
- **Christopher Gavigan**, Co-Founder and Chief Purpose Officer, The Honest Company;
- **Joel Kaufman**, M.D., MPH, Professor of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, University of Washington School of Public Health;
- **Virginia Rauh**, Sc.D., Professor of Population and Family Health, Director, Child, Adolescent and Family Health Certificate, Columbia University Medical Center; and

- **Robert Wright**, M.D., MPH, Professor of Environmental Medicine & Public Health, Director, Division of Environmental Health, Mount Sinai Department of Preventative Medicine.

Please RSVP to chughes@thoracic.org.

7. *Webinar on Inspiring New Researchers*

Teaching Reproducible Research: Inspiring New Researchers to Do More Robust and Reliable Science

Sponsored by the American Statistical Association and the Center for Open Science

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Webinar

This webinar will highlight how research experts teach undergraduate and graduate students to make their research reproducible. Additionally, the speakers will discuss how they instill best practices in students as early as possible. You can find more information about the webinar [here](#).

Speakers:

- **Karl Broman**, Ph.D., Professor of Biostatistics and Medical Informatics, University of Wisconsin;
- **Mine Cetinkaya-Rundel**, Ph.D., Director of Undergraduate Studies and Associate Professor of the Practice, Department of Statistical Science, Duke University; and
- **Benjamin Baumer**, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in the Statistical & Data Sciences Program, Smith College.

Please register for the webinar [here](#).

8. *Congressional Reception for NIEHS*

50th Anniversary of the NIH National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

Sponsored by the Friends of NIEHS

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Rayburn House Office Building, Room B-369

This reception will highlight the 50th Anniversary of the NIH National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) and the innovative research the NIEHS is conducting.

Speakers:

- **Lawrence A. Tabak**, D.D.S., Ph.D., Deputy Director, National Institutes of Health, Master of Ceremonies; and

- **Linda S. Birnbaum**, Ph.D., Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and National Toxicology Program.

Please RSVP to Lesia Griffin at griffin@hmcw.org.

Please Note: If you have information of interest to the NIH advocacy community that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Group, please forward it to Tannaz Rasouli at trasouli@aamc.org or Clay Crabtree at ccrabtree@aamc.org.