

## Ad Hoc Group Weekly Round Up – October 31, 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.

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### 1. Vice President Delivers Remarks about Cancer Moonshot

Vice President Joe Biden Oct. 28 [delivered](#) the White House’s weekly address highlighting the progress of the White House Cancer Moonshot initiative. The Vice President’s remarks come after last week’s [release](#) of the Cancer Moonshot Task Report that discussed the progress made during the first year of the initiative. The Vice President noted that the report is “everything from enhancing prevention efforts, expanding access to care, and forging an international commitment to this fight” and added that the “private sector is also reimagining what it can and should do. In just the last few months, more than 70 new public and private sector commitments have been made...”

### 2. Senate Majority Leader Highlights the Importance of NIH

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) Oct. 26 [highlighted](#) (beginning around the 24:30 mark) the importance of NIH at a research grant ceremony at the University of Kentucky. Leader McConnell noted that there are “two things that are health-related that either have been done or will be done by the end of this year...” Leader McConnell continued with, “One is a massive increase in NIH funding, which is a top priority of mine.” The Majority Leader also said that there is strong bipartisan support for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures bill, and noted that “we are going to do it before the end of this year.” McConnell also noted that he has a “particular interest in regenerative medicine.”

### 3. *NHGRI Director to lead Trans-NIH GeroScience Interest Group Seminar*

**From the Human Genome Project to Precision Medicine: A Journey to Advance Human Health**

**Thursday, November 3, 2016**

**12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH**

The Trans-NIH GeoScience Interest Group ([GSIG](#)) was formed to discuss the relationships between the biology of aging and the biology of diseases and conditions that are studied across the NIH. The National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) Director Eric Green, M.D., Ph.D., will lead a discussion on the work of NHGRI and its work to accelerate the application of genomics to medical care. The seminar will be video cast [here](#).

#### 4. *Science Policy Happy Hour*

##### **DC Presidential Edition of Science Policy Happy Hour**

**Thursday, November 3, 2016**

**5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**Teddy & The Bully Bar, 1200 19<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Washington, D.C.**

Engaging Scientists and Engineers in Policy (ESEP) will be hosting a regular happy hour for D.C.-based people interested in or already engaged in science policy.

For more information about the event, please contact Erin Heath, AAAS, at [eh Heath@aaas.org](mailto:eh Heath@aaas.org) or Toby Smith, AAU, at [toby\\_smith@aau.edu](mailto:toby_smith@aau.edu).

#### 5. *Partnering for Cures Health Care Event*

##### **Partnering for Cures**

**Sunday, November 13 – Tuesday, November 15**

**Grand Hyatt New York, New York**

This event, organized by *FasterCures*, 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 Preventive Medicine.

Please RSVP to [chughes@thoracic.org](mailto:chughes@thoracic.org).

**7. *Congressional Reception for NIEHS***  
**50<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:griffin@hmcw.org).

**8. *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](#).

*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](mailto:trasouli@aamc.org) or Clay Crabtree at [ccrabtree@aamc.org](mailto:ccrabtree@aamc.org).*