

Happy Veterans Day! Thank you to all who have served.

Ad Hoc Group Weekly Round Up

November 11, 2019

Each week, the Ad Hoc Group Weekly Round Up will feature hashtags and/or tweets (follow us at [@fundNIH](#)) suggested by members of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) advocacy community. We encourage all readers who are active on social media to use these messages, and we welcome suggestions from the community for future issues of the Weekly Round Up. Here is this week's featured tweet:

National Institutes of Health @NIH

Many military personnel, veterans, and their families turn to complementary and integrative health approaches such as [#mindfulness](#) meditation to help manage chronic [#pain](#) and associated problems. Find out more on this [@NIH_NCCIH](#) webpage: [bit.ly/2CbNLdb](#) [#NIHVeterans](#)

Appropriators To Meet November 12 To Discuss Spending Bill Caps

Reports the week of November 4 indicated that the White House would like to avoid a government shutdown on November 22, following expiration of the current continuing resolution (CR) on November 21. The administration may also be backing down on demands for \$8.6 billion for the border wall in FY 2020 ([CQ, subscription required](#)). Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) separately shared that leadership of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees intend to meet November 12 to discuss allocations for the 12 spending bills.

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) November 8 sent a "Dear Colleague" letter to members of the House of Representatives indicating that the House will take up consideration of a new continuing resolution the week of November 18. Ongoing discussions amongst Congressional leadership indicate an interest in extending the next CR into mid- to late-December.

Rep. Peter King to Retire at End of Current Term

Rep. Peter King (R-N.Y.) November 11 [announced that he will not run for re-election](#) in 2020. Rep. King is currently serving his 14th term in Congress and serves as a lead sponsor of the yearly NIH "Dear Colleague" letter in the House.

NIH Releases Draft Policy for Data Sharing and Management, Seeks Public Comment

The NIH November 6 released for public comment in the [Federal Register](#) a Draft NIH Policy for Data Management and Sharing along with supplement draft guidance. According to [a blog post authored by NIH Associate Director of Science Policy](#), Carrie Wolinetz, PhD, "The draft policy furthers NIH longstanding commitment to making available the results and products of the research we fund and conduct." NIH has established a [web-portal](#) where the public can provide their feedback. Responses must be submitted no later than January 10, 2020.

NIAID Blog on Stigma and HIV

The National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) posted a [November 4 blog post "about HIV-related stigma](#), its effects on health, and how research is informing strategies to reduce stigma and improve HIV outcomes." The blog included an interview with Dianne Rausch, Ph.D., director of the Division of AIDS Research (DAR) at NIH's National Institute of Mental Health, and

Gregory Greenwood, Ph.D., DAR program officer and stigma expert. The interviewees discussed how research on HIV stigma is leading to new interventions to help patients cope with stigma, and is also helping to increase awareness of interventions such as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

Upcoming Hill Briefings and Other Events

Congressional Briefing on Thyroid Eye Disease - November 14

Please join the Alliance for Eye and Vision Research (AEVR) as they host the first ever briefing on thyroid eye disease. The briefing will take place on Thursday, November 14, from 12:00-1:15pm in 2075 Rayburn House Office Building. Please [see the attached flyer](#) for additional details and RSVP to Dina Beaumont @ 202-407-8325 or dinabeau@aol.com

NIH Inaugural NExTRAC Meeting - December 5-6

The Novel and Exception Technology and Research Advisory Committee (NExTRAC) to the NIH Director will hold its inaugural meeting December 5-6 on the NIH Campus in Bethesda, MD. Additional details about the [agenda](#), attending the meeting, or viewing the videocast are available on the [NIH Office of Science Policy website](#).

NIH Fall Regional Seminar - November 6-8

The NIH is hosting the Fall 2019 NIH Regional Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration in Phoenix, AZ, from Wednesday, November 6 through Friday, November 8. Visit the [website](#) to learn more about the program and to [register](#).

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NCATS Workshop on Repurposing Off-Patent Drugs - December 5-6

The National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) is hosting the Cures Acceleration Network Review Board Workshop titled, "Repurposing Off-Patent Drugs: Research & Regulatory Challenges" on December 5-6, 2019 in Rockville, Md. The workshop will assess challenges around finding new uses for drugs that are already on the market but lack commercial and regulatory incentives for research and development. Please visit the [Federal Register notice](#) for additional information and to register by December 2.

Call for Nominations for the 2020 Golden Goose Award - December 20

[Nominations are open for the Golden Goose Award](#), which honors federally funded researchers whose work may sound silly, odd, obscure, wasteful of taxpayer funding, or serendipitous, but has had a major, if not unintended, positive impact on society. [Fill out the nomination form](#) by **December 20** for the best chance to be considered for the 2020 award. In addition, please consider spreading the word about the nomination process in your organization's newsletter or email list, in a social media post, and/or [consider a donation or sponsorship](#) to support the award in 2020. [Contact us here](#) or visit our website for more information.

Job Postings

ASBMB Seeks Federal Affairs Manager

The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) seeks a Manager, Federal Affairs to join the Public Affairs team. The federal manager will assist in the development and execution of ASBMB public affairs programs with respect to federal science funding agencies; help manage Public Affairs Advisory Committee operations, and work closely with ASBMB public affairs leadership in developing, articulating, communicating and implementing public policy positions on behalf of ASBMB. Visit the [posting of the full job description](#) to learn more and review application instructions.

ASM Seeks Federal Affairs Specialist

The American Society for Microbiology (ASM) seeks a Federal Affairs Specialist to work with the Director of Federal Affairs to advance microbial sciences, focusing on agricultural, energy, and environmental legislation and public policy. The position requires working collaboratively with internal departments to gather input from and communicate to stakeholders—including members, organizational partners, and media—about policy and advocacy efforts. Visit the ASM website for the [full job description](#). Please submit salary requirements, cover letter and resume to HR@asmusa.org.

HIVMA Clinical Fellowship Program Application Open

The HIV Medicine Association awards grants to support one-year of HIV clinical training to up to two fellows per year. Grants are made to the institution to support the fellow's stipend, to offset administrative costs, and to provide for additional educational opportunities. One of the program's goals is to increase the diversity of the HIV clinical workforce particularly from populations and communities that have been disproportionately impacted by HIV. Physicians who are underrepresented in medicine or interested in working in the Southeastern US are strongly encouraged to apply. The application deadline is January 7, 2020. For more information, please contact [Asha Farrah](#) or visit the [fellowship website](#).

AACR Seeks Senior Manager, Congressional Relations

The American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) seeks an experienced professional to serve as Senior Manager of Congressional Relations in its Washington, DC office. This position plays an integral role in advancing the AACR's science policy and advocacy work on Capitol Hill. The position assists the Associate Director of Congressional Relations in the communication of the AACR's policy priorities and positions to congressional offices, develops persuasive and informational materials, assists in the development and execution of advocacy strategies, and coordinates special events such as Capitol Hill lobby days and congressional briefings. For more information and to apply, please visit the [AACR Career Portal](#).

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 Christa Wagner at chwagner@aamc.org or Tannaz Rasouli at trasouli@aamc.org.