

Ad Hoc Group Weekly Round Up – November 14, 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. Researchers and Scientists Provide NIH Recommendations for Transition Team

A team of scientists and researchers issued a [report](#), *A Vision and Pathway for NIH, Recommendations for the New Administration*, offering recommendations for the new administration that would further advance the NIH. The recommendations are to “better align NIH organization and policies with present and future strategies to achieve the greatest impact in research and training, improving health, and combating disease.”

2. Day of Advocacy for 21st Century Cures

Research!America has coordinated an advocacy push on Monday, November 14, to urge Congress to pass 21st Century Cures legislation. Congress begins its lame duck session on November 14, and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) has suggested that approving 21st Century Cures legislation is a top priority for the lame duck session. Research!America developed a [toolkit](#) for organizations to use, and is encouraging groups to use #CuresNOW.

3. 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.

4. *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.

5. *Webinar on FY 2017 Budget Outlook*

After Election Day: What's Next for Research Funding
Hosted by FASEB
Wednesday, November 16, 2016
2:00 p.m.

This webinar will discuss the latest news about the FY 2017 budget outlook for NIH, and provide tools for advocates to use to contact Members of Congress to explain the impact NIH funding has in states and districts.

Speakers:

- **Jennifer Zeitzer**, Director of Legislative Affairs, Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology; and
- **Benjamin Krinsky**, Legislative Affairs Officer, Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology.

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

6. *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](#).

7. *Congressional Briefing on Prescription Drug Costs*

High Out-of-Pocket Prescription Drug Costs: Patient Perspective

Sponsored by Senators Capito (D-W.Va.) and Murphy (D-Conn.)

Hosted by the Coalition for Accessible Treatments

Thursday, November 17, 2016

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

United States Capitol, SVC 210-212

This briefing will highlight high out-of-pocket drug costs and affordability issues affecting chronic disease patients, and discuss the barriers patients face in accessing their medications.

Speakers:

- The Honorable Tim Hutchinson, Former Senator from Arkansas;
- Brian Connell, Co-Chair, Coalition for Accessible Treatments;

- Angus B. Worthing, MD, FACP, FACR; Chair, American College of Rheumatology (ACR) Government Affairs Committee; Rheumatologist, Arthritis and Rheumatism Associates, P.C.;
- Michael Geruso, Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Texas at Austin; Faculty Research Fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research; and
- Jaime Weinstein, Patient, Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America.

Please RSVP to Joseph Stewart at Stewart@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.