

## Ad Hoc Group Weekly Round Up – February 27, 2017

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 welcome suggestions from the community for future issues of the Weekly Round-Up. This week's featured tweet:

### AAU (@AAUniversities):

*Why does university #research matter? Find out in our latest infographics*

<https://www.aau.edu/research/article3.aspx?id=18214>

### 1. House Appropriations L-HHS Subcommittee Announces Deadline for FY 2018 Submissions

House Appropriations L-HHS Subcommittee Chair Tom Cole [sent a letter](#) announcing procedures for members of Congress to submit FY 2018 programmatic and language requests. The letter states that the electronic submission system will begin accepting submissions from members of Congress on Mar. 1. Additionally, the deadline for submissions to the L-HHS subcommittee will be close of business Apr. 6.

### 2. House Appropriations L-HHS Subcommittee Members' Day Hearing

The House Appropriations L-HHS Subcommittee Members' Day hearing is scheduled for Mar. 1 at 10 a.m. in 2358-C Rayburn House Office Building. The hearing will provide members of the House an opportunity to identify their priorities for the subcommittee in the upcoming FY 2018 appropriations season. A live webcast of the hearing can be found [here](#).

### 3. 44th Meeting of the National Advisory Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities

The 44th National Advisory Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NACMHD) will hold a meeting on Feb. 28 from 8am to 3pm. The NACMHD advises the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) Director on matters related to the NIMHD's mission. The meeting will be held at the NIH Main Campus in Building 31 on the 6th floor Conference. Seating is limited but the proceedings can be viewed at the [NIH Videocast Website](#).

### 4. Panel Discussion: "The Value of a Cure: Ensuring Access and Encouraging Innovation."

On Feb. 28, *The Hill* and USC Schaeffer will hold a panel discussion on "The Value of a Cure: Ensuring Access and Encouraging Innovation." The discussion will take place at The Newseum at 8am. Participants include Rep. Diana DeGette (D-Colo.), Rep. Fred Upton (R-Mich) and Bob Cusack, editor-in-chief of *The Hill*, among several others in the health care and research communities. RSVP at [thevalueofacure.splashthat.com](http://thevalueofacure.splashthat.com)

### 5. Lunch Briefing on Basic Biophysics Research and Its Connections to Human Health

On Mar. 7, the Biophysical Society is hosting a lunch briefing titled, "The Plumbing System for Cells - Understanding it and Why it Matters." The featured speaker is Dr. Peter Agre, director of the Johns Hopkins Malaria Research Institute and recipient of the 2003 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. This briefing will take place at noon in 2253 Rayburn House Office Building. Please RSVP by emailing [eweiss@biophysics.org](mailto:eweiss@biophysics.org) or calling 240-290-5606 by Feb. 28. The event is part of Biophysics Week. Flyer attached.

### 6. House Appropriations L-HHS Subcommittee Public Witness Day Hearing

The House Appropriations L-HHS Subcommittee will hold its outside and public witness day hearings on Mar. 8 at 10am in 2358-C Rayburn House Office Building. This hearing is an opportunity for the public to provide their testimony to the subcommittee before it begins work on FY 2018 appropriations. Directions on how to submit testimony for the record can be found [here](#).

#### **7. Lunch Briefing to Recognize World Glaucoma Week 2017**

On Mar. 9, the Alliance for Eye and Vision Research (AEVR) will host a lunch briefing titled, “Translating Glaucoma Therapy from Bench to Bedside.” The featured speaker is Malik Y. Kahook, MD from the University of Colorado School of Medicine. This briefing will take place at noon in 2040 Rayburn House Office Building. Please RSVP by emailing [TaylorBeaumont1@gmail.com](mailto:TaylorBeaumont1@gmail.com) or calling 202-407-8320. Flyer attached.

#### **8. Lunch Briefing Focusing on Vital Defense-related Vision Research**

On Mar. 21, the Alliance for Eye and Vision Research (AEVR) will host a briefing titled, “Deployment-Related Vision Trauma Research: Cornea Transplant Tissue Quality and Sight Restoration.” This briefing will take place at noon in 2040 Rayburn House Office Building. Please RSVP by emailing [TaylorBeaumont1@gmail.com](mailto:TaylorBeaumont1@gmail.com) or calling 202-407-8320. Flyer attached.

*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 Joe Bañez at [jbanez@aamc.org](mailto:jbanez@aamc.org) or Tannaz Rasouli at [trasouli@aamc.org](mailto:trasouli@aamc.org).*