

## Ad Hoc Group Weekly Round Up – May 7, 2018

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:

### **Research!America (@ResearchAmerica)**

*“Check out this @WBJonline Q&A with our president and CEO @MaryWoolleyRA! She discusses @NIH funding and exciting new research. #FridayFacts #FridayFeeling #FundScience #KeepNIHstrong [bit.ly/2KBTFr7](http://bit.ly/2KBTFr7)”*

### **1. NIH Launches “All of Us” Research Program**

On May 6, the NIH's [“All of Us” Research Program](#) launched nationwide, opening enrollment to this momentous effort to advance individualized prevention, treatment and care for people of all backgrounds. The overall aim of the program is to enroll one million or more volunteers and oversample communities that have been underrepresented in research to make the program the largest, most diverse resource of its kind. By partnering with communities across the country who share information about themselves over many years, the “All of Us” Research Program will enable research to more precisely prevent and treat a variety of health conditions. The program is an innovative and bold approach to research that has the potential to benefit everyone living in the United States by moving toward medical care tailored to individual needs. Learn more about the “All of Us” Research Program and what it means to be a participant at [www.joinallofus.org](http://www.joinallofus.org).

### **2. NIH Council of Councils Meeting – May 18**

Through a Federal Register [notice](#), the NIH announced a meeting of the Council of Councils, scheduled for May 18. Agenda items include announcements and updates, evaluating the “Broadening Experiences in Scientific Training (BEST)” Awards, National Institute on Drug Abuse update, an introduction to the use of Non-Human Primates (NHP) in addiction research, and NHP models of drug addiction. The meeting will take place at NIH campus, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, C Wing, 6th Floor, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, MD 20892.

### **3. Deadline Senate Labor-HHS FY 2019 Outside Witness Testimony**

The Senate Appropriations Labor-HHS Subcommittee [posted](#) instructions for submitting outside witness testimony ahead of its work on FY 2019 appropriations. According to the instructions, testimony should be no longer than four pages and sent to the subcommittee no later than close of business on June 1.

### **4. Updated FASEB NIH Factsheets Now Available**

The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) has updated its [factsheet series](#) documenting the value of federal funding for NIH in all 50 states and nearly 400 congressional districts. The revised documents include a new infographic format and FY 2017 spending data from NIH, NSF, USDA, and the Department of Energy Office of Science. Each NIH state factsheet also includes data demonstrating how research grants add value to local communities by improving health, training the next generation of scientists, and boosting the economy through the creation of new businesses and higher paying jobs.

#### **5. Congressional Briefing on Research at the National Institute on Aging – May 9**

From 8:30 to 10:30am on May 9, the Friends of the National Institute on Aging will host an educational briefing titled, “Translating Scientific Discovery into Better Care: Groundbreaking Research at the National Institute on Aging.” Attendees will hear from Sen. Ed Markey (D-Mass.) and Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.). Richard Hodes, MD, director of the National Institute on Aging (NIA), and Marie Bernard, MD, the institute’s deputy director, will also speak. Among the topics discussed will be pioneering research at NIA and translating research into improving care and quality of life for older adults, including but not limited to new treatments, falls prevention, and family caregiving. The event will take place at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, Rotunda Conference Room, located at 101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC. Check-in and continental breakfast begin at 8am. To RSVP, complete this [form](#).

#### **6. Congressional Biomedical Research Caucus Briefing on Medical Marijuana – May 9**

From noon to 1pm on May 9, the Congressional Biomedical Research Caucus will host a briefing titled, “Medical Marijuana: Is It the Medical Panacea Some Hope It to Be?” The briefing will feature Kent Hutchinson, PhD, who will outline research on the health effects of medical marijuana and discuss how the potential risks need to be weighed against the potential benefits. He will highlight the need for updated and timely empirical evidence regarding the potential health benefits and risks of cannabis to guide policy making and consumer decisions regarding cannabis use, especially given the number of people who are turning to cannabis as an answer to opiate addiction and chronic pain. This event will take place in 2043 Rayburn House Office Building. To RSVP, email Lynn Marquis at [cls@coalitionforlifesciences.org](mailto:cls@coalitionforlifesciences.org). More info available on the attached flyer.

#### **7. Congressional Asthma Briefing and Interactive Experience – May 15**

Research!America invites you to a lunch briefing at noon on May 15 in 2043 Rayburn House Office Building. The briefing, titled, “From Discovery to Delivery: The Role of Research in Addressing Asthma,” will explore the individual importance of, and crucial interactions between, multiple research disciplines as scientists seek to prevent, treat and ultimately cure, severe asthma. Following the briefing at 1pm, attendees can participate in a “Walk in My Shoes Challenge,” which is a short interactive activity that enables participants to gain an understanding of what it is like to experience asthma. To RSVP, fill out this [form](#) or email James Taylor at [jtaylor@researchamerica.org](mailto:jtaylor@researchamerica.org). For more info, see the event [flyer](#).

## **8. 2018 Moynihan Lecture on Social Science and Public Policy – May 17**

On May 17, the American Academy of Political and Social Science will host John Holdren, PhD, for the 2018 Daniel Patrick Moynihan Lecture on Social Science and Public Policy. Dr. Holdren will reflect on his experience as a former science advisor to President Barack Obama, including an assessment of the ways in which science-based approaches support national goals, how science can improve government, and the gulf between the Obama and Trump administrations in their use of science to inform policymaking and governance. Visit [this website](#) to RSVP. For questions, contact Jessica Erfer at [jessica.erfer@asc.upenn.edu](mailto:jessica.erfer@asc.upenn.edu).

## **9. Senate NIH Caucus Briefing on a Universal Flu Vaccine – May 23**

On May 23, from noon to 1pm in 385 Russell Senate Office building, the Senate NIH Caucus will host a briefing titled, “A Universal Flu Vaccine: Making a Better Vaccine to Protect Against Seasonal and Pandemic Flu.” Anthony Fauci, MD, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, will address the factors that made this past flu season so severe, the ever-present threat of an influenza pandemic, and the research underway to develop “universal” vaccines to provide durable protection against multiple influenza strains. This briefing also will address how Congress can most effectively support this work. Sens. Richard Durbin (D-Ill.) and Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), NIH Caucus co-chairs, will give opening remarks. To RSVP, email [RSVP@ACTforNIHFoundation.org](mailto:RSVP@ACTforNIHFoundation.org). For more information, please contact Nick Myers in Sen. Graham’s office ([Nick\\_Myers@lgraham.senate.gov](mailto:Nick_Myers@lgraham.senate.gov)) or Jessica McNiece in Sen. Durbin’s office ([Jessica\\_McNiece@durbin.senate.gov](mailto:Jessica_McNiece@durbin.senate.gov)).

## **10. Celebrate Life Science Fair and Reception on Capitol Hill – July 18**

The Coalition for the Life Sciences (CLS) and FASEB will host the first Celebrate Life Science Fair and reception on Capitol Hill. The Life Science Fair will be held July 18, from 5pm – 7pm, in 2043 and 2044 Rayburn House Office Building. The Life Science Fair is an opportunity for the biomedical research community to engage Members of Congress and their staff about how scientific progress advances public health. Scientists will showcase their work, and attendees will have the opportunity to engage in hands-on experiments that bridge the gap between science and the society it serves. This event is open to the public; participation is not limited to CLS or FASEB members. Opportunities are limited due to room space. Please contact either Lynn Marquis ([lmarquis@coalitionforlifesciences.org](mailto:lmarquis@coalitionforlifesciences.org)) or Jennifer Zeitzer ([jzeitzer@faseb.org](mailto:jzeitzer@faseb.org)) for additional information. Please see the attached flyer for details and sponsorship opportunities.

## **11. Call for Golden Goose Award Nominations**

The [Golden Goose Award](#) team is accepting nominations for the 2018 year. The Golden Goose Awards honor federally funded research that may be odd, obscure, or serendipitous but ends up having a major impact on society. To submit a nomination, follow [this link](#), or visit [goldengooseaward.org](http://goldengooseaward.org) and click on “nominate” in the top right corner. If submitting a nomination, be prepared to talk about who you are nominating, what unexpected impact the research has had, and which U.S. federal agency funded the work. Nominations are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year.

## **12. Job Opportunity: Director of Public Affairs and Outreach, Biophysical Society**

The Biophysical Society, which has a membership of nearly 9,000 research scientists worldwide, seeks a director of public affairs and outreach to oversee the Society's policy and advocacy programs and efforts. In collaboration with Society leadership and staff, s/he will develop and execute strategies that educate and engage Society members and the public to advocate for the field of biophysics and for support of science in general. For more information and to apply for the position, please use the following link: <https://www.biophysics.org/about-bps/contact-bps/jobs-at-bps>

## **13. Job Opportunity: Public Policy Specialist, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation**

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF) seeks a [Public Policy Specialist](#). The position reports to the Senior Director, Policy and Advocacy, to play a key role in developing and advancing the Foundation's research, drug discovery and development policy agenda. The public policy specialist will serve as a subject matter expert on R&D policy issues, track and analyze relevant legislation and regulations, help shape the foundation's policy positions on these issues, and advocate for CFF's policy priorities on Capitol Hill and with federal agencies.

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