

## Ad Hoc Group Weekly Round Up – September 19, 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.

**Tweet Tweet.** The Rally for Medical Research Hill Day is on Thursday, September 22, and you are encouraged to participate on Twitter using #rallymedres.

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### 1. Negotiations Continue on Stopgap Spending Bill

House and Senate leadership and appropriators through the weekend continued discussions about a continuing resolution (CR) to extend current funding levels for all federal agencies temporarily and avoid a government shutdown when the new federal fiscal year (FY) begins Oct. 1. Though negotiations continue, the Senate Sept. 19 is scheduled to conduct a procedural vote on the expected vehicle for the CR, the House-passed Legislative Branch appropriations bill. Lawmakers reportedly have been working toward agreement on a stopgap that would expire Dec. 9, but also have been discussing supplemental funding to address Zika and other items that could be included with the CR.

### 2. Final Golden Goose Awardees Announced

The 2016 Golden Goose Awards will [recognize](#) the Georgia Tech engineers John J. Bartholdi III, Ph.D.; Sunil Nakrani, D.Phil.; Craig A. Tovey, Ph.D.; and John Hagood Vande Vate, Ph.D.; and Cornell University biologist Thomas D. Seeley, Ph.D., for their study of honey bee foraging behavior and the development of the “Honey Bee Algorithm” to allocate shared web servers to internet traffic. The Golden Goose Award celebrates obscure basic research that has led to major biomedical research breakthroughs and important practical applications. The Golden Goose Award Ceremony will take place Thursday, Sept. 22, at 5:30 p.m., in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library of Congress, and a reception will follow. Please RSVP for the event [here](#).

### 3. New Podcast Highlights NIH Research

United for Medical Research (UMR) Sept. 12 [launched](#) the Amazing Things podcast series, which will highlight how NIH-funded research has played a pivotal role in advancing biomedical research. The stories will note how NIH-funded research is helping save dollars across the health care spectrum, and discuss discoveries made by NIH-funded research that has improved the nation’s health.

### 4. Rally for Medical Research Hill Day and Reception

This year's Rally for Medical Research Hill Day will take place Thursday, September 22. More than 300 people, which is a record number of registrants, from 37 states have signed up to participate in this year's Hill Day, and if you have any questions, please contact [info@rallyformedicalresearch.org](mailto:info@rallyformedicalresearch.org).

#### **5. *Congressional Briefing on the ABCD Study – Today!***

##### **Brain Development and Our Kids' Future - the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) Study**

*Sponsored by the Friends of NIAAA and Friends of NIDA*

**Monday, September 19, 2016**

**12:00 – 1:30 p.m.**

**Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2168 (The Gold Room)**

This briefing will provide an overview of the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) Study, which is the largest long-term study of brain development and child health. The briefing also will highlight the impact the ABCD study will have for education and mental health.

##### **Speakers:**

- **Sandra Brown**, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Research and Distinguished Professor, University of California San Diego, Co-Director ABCD Study Coordinating Center;
- **Sharon Levy**, M.D., Director, Adolescent Substance Use Disorder Program, Boston Children's Hospital;
- **Thomas Brock**, Ph.D., Commissioner, National Center for Education Research, Institute of Education Sciences;
- **Kevin Gray**, M.D., Director, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Medical University of South Carolina;
- **Nora Volkow**, M.D., Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH; and
- **George Koob**, Ph.D., Director, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, NIH.

Please RSVP to Cynthia Malley at [cmalley@apa.org](mailto:cmalley@apa.org).

#### **6. *Congressional Briefing on Diabetes Research***

##### **NIH Diabetes Research: New Approaches and Technologies**

**Tuesday, September, 20, 2016**

**12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Capitol Visitor Center, Room SVC-200**

*Lunch will be provided.*

This briefing will highlight the latest advances in diabetes research, and new technologies treating the disease. In addition, this briefing will discuss ways Congress can support diabetes research and

public-private partnerships to prevent and treat diabetes. The Co-Chairs of the NIH Caucus, Senators Graham and Durbin, will give opening remarks.

**Speakers:**

- **Griffin Rodgers**, M.D., M.A.C.P., Director, National Institute of Digestive, Diabetes and Kidney Disease;
- **Peter P. Stein**, MD, Vice-president, Late Stage Development, Diabetes and Endocrinology, Merck Research Laboratories;
- **David Ehrmann**, M.D. Professor, Department of Medicine - Section of Endocrinology, The University of Chicago;
- **Payton Gibbs**, Type II Diabetes Patient; and
- **Kady Helm**, Type 1 Diabetes Patient.

Non-Hill staff must RSVP to [RSVP@ACTforNIH.org](mailto:RSVP@ACTforNIH.org)

*7. Congressional Briefing on the Cancer Progress Report*

**AACR Cancer Progress Report 2016: Saving Lives through Research**

*Sponsored by the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)*

**Wednesday, September 21, 2016**

**12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Russell Senate Office Building, Room 385**

*Lunch will be provided.*

This briefing will highlight the impact of federally funded research. It will discuss the release of AACR's 2016 Cancer Progress Report, which highlights the importance of biomedical research as well as the need to increase funding for the NIH.

**Speakers:**

- **The Honorable Donald M. Payne, Jr.**, U.S. Representative for New Jersey's 10th congressional district, Co-chair, Congressional Men's Health Caucus;
- **Margaret Foti**, Ph.D., M.D., Chief Executive Officer of the AACR;
- **Nancy E. Davidson**, M.D., President of the AACR and Chair, AACR Cancer Progress Report 2016; Director, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute; Hillman Professor of Oncology, Associate Vice Chancellor for Cancer Research, and Distinguished Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh;
- **Elizabeth M. Jaffee**, M.D., Deputy Director, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins; Dana and Albert "Cubby" Broccoli Professor of Oncology, and Co-Director, Skip Viragh Center for Pancreas Cancer, Johns Hopkins University; Chair, National Cancer Advisory Board;
- **Nancy McGuire**, Survivor of leiomyosarcoma;
- **Steve McKinion**, Parent of a child with acute lymphoblastic leukemia; and
- **Philip Prichard**, Survivor of renal cell carcinoma.

Please see the attached invitation for more information, and RSVP to Dash Delan at [govrelations@aacr.org](mailto:govrelations@aacr.org).

**8. *Congressional Briefing on Aggressive Lymphoma Research***

**Cancer Genome Project: New Hope for Aggressive Lymphoma**  
***Hosted by the Congressional Biomedical Research Caucus***  
**Wednesday, September 21, 2016**  
**Rayburn House Office Building, Room B-340**  
***Lunch will be provided.***

This briefing will highlight precision medicine in cancer, and the National Cancer Institute will discuss the progress being made in developing new therapies for the most aggressive and common type of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

**Speakers:**

- **Louis Staudt, M.D., Ph.D.**, Senior Investigator, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health.

Please RSVP to Tommy Mattocks at [cls@coalitionforlifesciences.org](mailto:cls@coalitionforlifesciences.org)

**9. *Congressional Reception for Rally for Medical Research***

**Rally for Medical Research: "Reception to Celebrate Medical Research"**  
**Wednesday, September 21, 2016**  
**5:30 p.m. – 7:30 pm**  
**Cannon Caucus Room: 345 Cannon House Office Building**

To kick off the 2016 Rally for Medical Research Hill Day, join more than 300 organizations, who make up the Rally for Medical Research, for a special, community-wide "Reception to Celebrate Medical Research."

To RSVP for the reception, please email [info@rallyformedicalresearch.org](mailto:info@rallyformedicalresearch.org).

**10. *Congressional Briefing on the Zika Virus***

**Zika: A Case Study in Emergency Response across the Public Health Continuum**  
***Sponsored by the Congressional Public Health Caucus***  
**Friday, September 23, 2016**  
**12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Rayburn House Office Building, Room B-369**  
***Lunch will be provided.***

As the Coalition for Health Funding's annual "Public Health 101" briefing, this briefing will discuss with public health experts the current state of the Zika virus. In addition, speakers will highlight the vaccine research that is being developed to address the Zika virus.

**Speakers:**

- **Phyllis Arthur**, Managing Director for Infectious Diseases and Diagnostics Policy, Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO);
- **Janet Hamilton**, Surveillance Section Administrator, Florida Department of Health;
- **Edward R.B. McCabe**, M.D., Ph.D., Chief Medical Officer, March of Dimes;
- **Nancy J. Murray**, President, The Arc of Greater Pittsburgh at ACHIEVA; and
- **Laura E. Riley**, M.D., Vice Chair, Obstetrics, Massachusetts General Hospital Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine.

To attend, please RSVP to [crdfellow@dc-crd.com](mailto:crdfellow@dc-crd.com)

**11. Congressional Briefing on Cancer Moonshot**

**Cancer Moonshot Panel Discussion**

**Tuesday, September 27, 2016**

**12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room G-11**

This panel discussion will highlight the recently-released Cancer Moonshot Blue Ribbon Panel Report. The panelists will discuss the various recommendations made from the Report. Douglas Lowy, M.D., Acting Director of the National Cancer Institute, will speak at the event as well as members of the Blue Ribbon Panel.

Please RSVP by Friday, Sept. 23, to Rachel Marcus at [Rachel.marcus@cancer.org](mailto:Rachel.marcus@cancer.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](mailto:trasouli@aamc.org) or Clay Crabtree at [ccrabtree@aamc.org](mailto:ccrabtree@aamc.org).*