

Ad Hoc Group Weekly Round Up – October 24, 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 American Society for Cell Biology (ASCB) is encouraging the community to use #WeAreResearch to promote basic research funding.

Follow us on Twitter. The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is now on Twitter: @fundNIH

1. Vice President Delivers Cancer Moonshot Task Force Report

Vice President Biden Oct. 17 delivered a [report](#) on the status of the Cancer Moonshot to President Obama. The report highlighted the progress made during the first year of the initiative and discussed the initiative's five-year plan. The Task Force report notes that the Cancer Moonshot effort "isn't about scientific research or technology development; it isn't about computational power or capability; it isn't about health care records management...[it] is about the entire cancer ecosystem working together to use our resources and tools intelligently and aggressively to catalyze improvements in care and our understanding of cancer."

2. New Interactive Tool for the Federal R&D Budget

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) R&D Budget and Policy Program [launched](#) a new resource that allows users to look at historical federal R&D budget data. Not only does the tool allow users to view historical data by agency, but users can look at the composition of the overall federal budget, including mandatory spending.

3. *Aging Population Research Event*

Maximizing the Value of Healthy Aging to Society

Sponsored by the Alliance for Aging Research

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Webcast or Bipartisan Policy Center 1225 Eye St. NW

This event will highlight the work researchers are conducting to increase one's understanding of a healthy life after the age of 65 as well as innovative care that is allowing individuals to live a healthier life longer. To learn more about the event, please visit [here](#).

Speakers:

- **Carolyn Blanckmeister**, Ph.D., Global Medical Lead for Wellness, Pfizer Consumer Healthcare;
- **Richard Frank**, Ph.D., Professor of Health Economics, Harvard Medical School;
- **G. William Hoagland**, Senior Vice President, BPC; and
- **Anand Parekh**, M.D., Chief Medical Advisor, BPC.

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

4. *Partnering for Cures Health Care Event*

Partnering for Cures

Sunday, November 13 – Tuesday, November 15

Grand Hyatt New York, New York

This event, organized by *FasterCures*, will feature hundreds of speakers across the medical research system who will discuss ways to reduce the time and cost of discovering therapies and treating patients. NIH Director Francis Collins, M.D., Ph.D. and Greg Simon, Executive Director for the White House’s Cancer Moonshot Task Force, will be among the speakers at this event. You can find more information about the event [here](#).

5. *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.

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 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.

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.