

Ad Hoc Group Weekly Round Up – November 7, 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. Open Mike Blog Discusses Trends in Grant Applications and Awards

NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research Mike Lauer, M.D., [discussed](#) in his Open Mike blog trends and relationships of R01 and R21 grant applications and awards across NIH's extramural research program. Dr. Lauer found that the "R21 mechanism is increasingly popular," adding that the growth rates for R21 grant applications and awards are exceeding R01 grants. He also noted that "most R21 applicants and awardees have previously received some NIH funding."

2. New Toolkit to Highlight Government-Funded Vision Research

The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) [launched](#) a new resource highlighting optical coherence tomography (OCT). This technology allows one to see the back of the eye without the need for dilation. The toolkit includes videos and advocacy materials highlighting the imaging technology. Join the conversation on Twitter with #OCTimaging.

3. *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 Cancer Moonshot Task Force Executive Director Greg Simon will be among the speakers at this event. You can find more information about the event [here](#).

4. *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.

5. *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.

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](#).

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.