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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel Epithelial Protein Review.

Date: August 25, 2003.

Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications and/or proposals.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

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Name of Committee: Surgery, Radiology and Bioengineering Integrated Review Group, Surgery and Bioengineering Study Section.

Date: October 6-7, 2003.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn Select Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Dharam S. Dhindsa, DVM, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Surgery and Bioengineering Study Section, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5110, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1174, dhindsad@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Biophysical and Chemical Sciences Integrated Review Group Medicinal Chemistry Study Section.

Date: October 8-9, 2003.

Time: 8 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications and/or proposals.

Place: Holiday Inn Select Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Robert Lees, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4182, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-2684, leesro@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Oncological Sciences Integrated Review Group Tumor Progression and Metastasis Study Section.

Date: October 8-10, 2003.

Time: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn Georgetown, 2101 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel Fogarty International Clinical Research.

Date: October 9-10, 2003.

Time: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008.

Contact Person: Hilary Sigmon, PHD, RN, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5216, MSC 7852, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-594-6377, sigmonh@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Neuroscience Integrated Review Group Neurodegeneration and Biology of Glia Study Section.

Date: October 9-10, 2003.

Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Latham Hotel, 3000 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

Contact Person: Gillian Einstein, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4148, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20817, (301) 435-4433, einsteig@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Endocrinology and Reproductive Sciences Integrated Review Group Biochemical Endocrinology Study Section.

Date: October 9, 2003.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn Select Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Michael Knecht, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6176, MSC 7892, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1046.

Name of Committee: Biophysical and Chemical Sciences Integrated Review Group Metallobiochemistry Study Section.

Date: October 9-10, 2003.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Churchill Hotel, 1914 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20009.

Contact Person: Janet Nelson, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4168, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1723, nelsonja@csr.nih.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Consensus Development Conference on Total Knee Replacement

Notice is hereby given of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Consensus Development Conference on "Total Knee Replacement" to be held December 8-10, 2003, in the NIH Natcher Conference Center, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, Maryland 20892. The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. on December 8 and 9, and at 9 a.m. on December 10, and will be open to the public.

Total knee replacement (TKR) has shown increasing success in relieving knee pain and improving joint function for patients suffering from knee problems due to injury, degenerative disease, and inflammation. Each year, approximately 300,000 TKR surgeries are performed in the United States for end-stage arthritis of the knee joint. As the number of TKR surgeries performed each year increases and the indications for TKR extend to younger patients, a review of available scientific information is necessary to enhance clinical decision making and stimulate further research.

Despite the increased success of TKR, questions remain concerning which materials and implant designs are most effective for specific patient populations and which surgical approach is optimal for a successful outcome. Physical, social, and psychological issues may influence the success of TKR, and understanding patient differences could facilitate the decision making process before, during, and after surgery, thereby achieving the greatest benefit from TKR. Particular attention also must be given to the treatment and timing options related to the revision of failed TKR surgery.

This two-and-a-half-day conference will examine the current state of knowledge regarding total knee replacement and identify directions for future research.

During the first day-and-a-half of the conference, experts will present the latest research findings on total knee replacement to an independent panel. After weighing all of the scientific