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News & Notes from the National Institute of Nursing Research: April 2010

1. Celebration of the Life of Ruth L. Kirschstein, M.D.

On Monday, May 17, 2010, the NIH community will commemorate the life and accomplishments of Ruth L. Kirschstein, M.D., who passed away on October 6, 2009. The all-day event will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Natcher Auditorium, Building 45, on the NIH campus. Current and former employees of NIH and members of Congress will be on hand that day to help celebrate her legacy.

The day will continue with a look forward as Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award recipients deliver scientific presentations and reflect on their own inspiration in the pursuit of excellence. Speakers will include: Laurie Boyer, Ph.D., from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Howard Chang, M.D, Ph.D., from Stanford University; Francis Lee, M.D., Ph.D., from Weill Cornell Medical College; Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa, M.D., from the Johns Hopkins University; Gonzalo Torres, Ph.D., from the University of Pittsburgh; Dorothy Sipkins, M.D., Ph.D., from the University of Chicago; Anna Penn, M.D., Ph.D., from Stanford University; Sara Cherry, Ph.D., from the University of Pennsylvania; and Julie Pfeiffer, Ph.D., from the University of Texas Southwestern. The day will conclude with a poster session and reception from 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m., in which NINR scientists will participate.

Dr. Kirschstein made innumerable contributions to biomedical research, including her early work on the development of a safety test for the polio vaccine. She blazed a trail for women in science and served in a number of key leadership roles at NIH. Dr. Kirschstein was the first woman to direct an NIH institute, the National Institute of General Medical Sciences. She later served as Principal Deputy Director of NIH for six years and as Acting Director twice—once for two and a half years. She also served as Acting Director of the Office of Research on Women's Health and Acting Director of the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine.

The day's presentations will be available for viewing via NIH videocasting during the event at <http://videocast.nih.gov> and in archived format later. For more information, please e-mail John Burklow, Director, NIH Office of Communications and Public Liaison, at burklowj@od.nih.gov.

2. New on the NINR Web Site: REACH Program Research Highlight; Symptom Management Spotlight Page

The REACH Program Improves the Health of Informal Caregivers of Patients with Alzheimer's Disease:

NINR-supported researchers explore and address some of the most important challenges affecting the health of the American people. Each month, the NINR web site will highlight research from the community of NINR-supported scientists across the U.S. The current Featured

Highlight describes the Resources for Enhancing Alzheimer’s Caregiver Health (REACH) program, which was developed to assist informal caregivers of individuals living with Alzheimer’s disease (AD).

More details on the current Featured Highlight and the study’s lead researcher, Dr. Lou Burgio of the University of Michigan, are available at:

<http://www.ninr.nih.gov/ResearchAndFunding/ResearchHighlights/#FEATURE>.

New Symptom Management Research Web Page:

NINR has developed a new web page giving a broad overview of NINR’s activities in symptom management research and highlighting recent program initiatives and research findings.

Throughout its 25 year history, NINR has supported research on new and better ways to manage the symptoms of illness. Symptom management research supported by NINR focuses on understanding the biological and behavioral aspects of symptoms such as pain and fatigue, with the goal of developing new knowledge and new strategies for improving patient health and quality of life.

The new web page details NINR symptom management related research funding opportunities, research findings, contact information for key personnel and links to outside resources. It is online at: <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/ResearchAndFunding/symptommanagement.htm>.

3. NIH Director Collins to Speak at Upcoming Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research

NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins is scheduled to speak at the open session of the 71st meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research (NACNR) on May 18, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. Visitors are welcome to attend.

The NACNR meets three times a year to provide recommendations on the direction and support of the nursing, biomedical, social, and behavioral research that forms the evidence base for nursing practice. More information about the NACNR, including the full agenda for the May 2010 meeting, is available at: <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/AboutNINR/NACNR>.

Date and Time: May 18, 2010, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: NIH campus, Building 1, Wilson Hall

Information on visiting the NIH campus is available at:

<http://www.nih.gov/about/visitor/index.htm>.

4. Dr. Grady Interviewed in Johns Hopkins, Georgetown Magazines

NINR Director Dr. Patricia A. Grady was recently interviewed in magazines produced by the Johns Hopkins University and Georgetown University. A new article on nursing research, “A Curious Mind: Patients, Providers, and Communities Find Healing Thanks to the Nurses Who Ask Why,” appeared in the Spring 2010 issue of *Johns Hopkins Nursing*. The article includes an interview with Dr. Grady, along with a sidebar on NINR funding for doctoral training programs entitled, “Critical at every juncture: national funding propels nursing research forward.”

This article can be found on the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing web site at:

http://web.jhu.edu/jhnmagazine/spring2010/features/a_curious_mind.

The Spring 2010 issue of *Health Care Horizons*, the magazine of the Georgetown University School of Nursing and Health Studies, featured an alumni profile of Dr. Grady. In the article, Dr. Grady described early influences on her career, and gave an overview of NINR's work in disease prevention, wellness, symptom management, and other areas.

The *Health Care Horizons* profile can be viewed online at:

http://snhs.georgetown.edu/horizons/Spring2010/Horizons_Grady_Spr10.pdf.

5. NINR's 25th Anniversary and 2010 Science Symposium

Starting this fall, NINR will begin commemorating its 25th anniversary. In 1986, our Institute was founded on the belief that nursing science not only deserved a place within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), but also that it could contribute in new and distinctive ways to the health care sciences and improve the health of our nation's people.

Reaching our 25th anniversary is not simply a milestone—it signifies the progress and achievement of nursing science.

To kick off the 25th Anniversary events, NINR will hold a Scientific Symposium, "Bringing Science to Life," on September 30, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., in the Natcher Auditorium on the NIH Campus in Bethesda, MD. This program is free of charge.

Registration is now available on the NINR web site at: www.ninr.nih.gov/25years. This site also contains general information about the Symposium, and the agenda.

To receive notification as updates are posted, a Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feed for the NINR 25th anniversary web page is available at: <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/Rss>.

6. Application Period Open for NRSA Institutional Training (T32) Grants

NINR is currently soliciting applications for the T32 Program, one of NINR's premiere training grants for early-career scientists.

The T32 Program enables institutions with schools of nursing to make NIH National Research Service Awards (NRSAs) to individuals for predoctoral and postdoctoral research training in areas such as:

- Acute and chronic illness across the life span
- Health promotion, disease prevention, and health disparities
- HIV/AIDS
- Aging and caregiving
- Symptom management
- Self-management, and
- Care at the end of life

Please note: May 25, 2010 is the due date for applications. There are several important changes to the T32 application process for 2010, including:

- Electronic submission only; paper applications will not be accepted
- May 25th is the only due date for NINR

- Restructured forms and page limit
- Special instructions for applicants requesting \$500,000 or more in direct annual costs for any year
- Training in the Responsible Conduct of Research

Full details on these changes to the application process and more information on the T32 program are available at:

<http://www.ninr.nih.gov/ResearchAndFunding/FundedNinrGrantsCollaborativeActivities/T32App2010.htm>

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7. Current Funding Opportunity Announcements and Notices

All current NINR Funding Opportunity Announcements, including Requests for Applications (RFAs) and Program Announcements (PAs), as well as Notices of interest from NIH, are available on the NINR web site at:

<http://www.ninr.nih.gov/ResearchAndFunding/DEA/OEP/FundingOpportunities/default.htm>.

These items can also be found in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/index.html>.

RFAs of note with approaching deadlines include:

[RFA-NR-10-001](#) and [RFA-NR-10-002](#): Chronic Co-Morbid Conditions in HIV+ U.S. Adults on Highly-Effective Anti-Retroviral Therapy (R01 and R21). Both expire May 6.

[RFA-NR-10-004](#) R01 Epigenetic Factors Associated with Symptoms and Complications of Chronic Disorders (R01) and [RFA-NR-10-005](#) Epigenetic Factors Associated with Symptoms and Complications of Chronic Disorders (Competitive Revision R01). Expires May 18.

[RFA-NR-10-006](#) R01 Advancing Palliative Care Research for Children Facing Life-Limiting Conditions (R01). Expires May 18.

[RFA-NR-10-007](#) R21 Advancing Palliative Care Research for Children Facing Life-Limiting Conditions (R21). Expires May 18.

8. Application Period Open for the 2010 BNC Fellowship

The Bravewell Collaborative, NINR, and the NIH Clinical Center (BNC) have come together to sponsor the joint BNC Fellowship for research in integrative medicine. This postdoctoral fellowship provides a unique opportunity that combines the academic environment of a

university with the breadth and depth of the intramural research program at the NIH. The full-time, two-year program includes participation in clinical and research experiences with a clinical integrative health focus, and encourages interdisciplinary collaboration to optimize health and healing for individuals, families, and communities. To be eligible, an applicant must be a U.S. citizen and have successfully completed a PhD or equivalent research-based doctoral degree within the past five years.

Please note: The BNC application must be completed online. In addition, all applicants must submit by mail a hardcopy, 3-page biobehavioral research proposal on a topic relevant to integrative medicine.

The online application is due June 1, 2010. In addition, the mailed research proposal must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2010.**

More information is available at: www.ninr.nih.gov/Training/BNCFellowship.

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9. The NIH Director's ARRA Funded Pathfinder Award to Promote Diversity in the Scientific Workforce (RFA-OD-10-013)

This NIH Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), supported by funds provided to the NIH under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), invites applications for the NIH Director's ARRA Pathfinder Award to Promote Diversity in the Scientific Workforce.

The NIH recognizes a unique and compelling need to promote diversity in the biomedical, behavioral, clinical, and social sciences research workforce. The NIH expects all of its efforts to diversify the workforce to lead to the recruitment of the most talented researchers from all groups; to improve the quality of the educational and training environment; to balance and broaden the perspective in setting research priorities; to improve the ability to recruit subjects from diverse backgrounds into clinical research protocols; and to improve the Nation's capacity to address and eliminate health disparities.

This new FOA introduces a research grant program to encourage exceptionally creative individual scientists to develop highly innovative and possibly transforming approaches for promoting diversity within the biomedical research workforce. To be considered highly innovative, the proposed research must reflect ideas substantially different from those already being pursued or it must apply existing research designs in new and innovative ways to unambiguously identify factors that will improve the retention of students, postdocs and faculty from diverse backgrounds.

Awardees must commit a major portion (generally 30% or more) of their research effort to activities supported by the Director's Pathfinder Award and the proposed research must be endorsed by the highest levels of institutional management.

For more information, please visit:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-10-013.html>.

10. 2010 NIH Summer Institute on Transdisciplinary Research: Integrating Genetic and Social Work Research

The NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, in collaboration with participating NIH Institutes and Centers, will sponsor an intensive, weeklong summer research institute on the applications of genetic research techniques and methods relevant to social work problems. The summer institute is intended for junior faculty in schools of social work or related disciplines who want to improve their research skills regarding studies of genetics and gene and environment interactions as they relate to the social determinants of health.

The summer institute will be held on **Sunday August 8 through Friday August 13, 2010** at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

For detail information on eligibility and the application process, please visit the 2010 Summer Institute website: <http://conferences.thehillgroup.com/obssr/SI2010/index.html>.

Applications are due: **May 5, 2010**

11. NIH Office of Extramural Research Redesigns Electronic Submission of Grant Applications Website

Most competing grant applications to NIH require electronic submission. The NIH Office of Extramural Research (OER) has released a redesigned “Electronic Submission of Grant Applications” website. The new “Applying Electronically” site significantly condenses and simplifies information into a new streamlined design and better integrates the information into the overall OER site.

The new site reduces the number of pages involved in the process by about 75 percent. OER has asked all users to check their web links to the old address at:

<http://era.nih.gov/ElectronicReceipt/>

and update them to the new site address:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/ElectronicReceipt/>

12. Health Resources and Services Administration Announces ARRA Funding Opportunity for Nurse Faculty Loan Program

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Division of Nursing is pleased to announce a funding opportunity for the 2010 Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP). The 2010 NFLP funding opportunity will be used to award both the regular NFLP appropriation and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)-NFLP funding. Applicants may apply to one or both of these funding requests using this single program guidance. The ARRA funding option will be addressed during Phase 2 of the application process.

Please visit the HRSA Funding Opportunities web site at <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm> for additional information and application instructions. The program announcement number for the 2010 Nurse Faculty Loan Program is HRSA-10-142.

Application Due Dates:

Phase I Application Due Date in Grants.gov
Phase II Supplemental Information Due Date in EHBs

May 5, 2010
May 19, 2010

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