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## *News & Notes from the National Institute of Nursing Research: April 2011*

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### **1. The Science of Compassion: Future Directions in End-of-Life and Palliative Care**

As part of the ongoing NINR 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemoration, NINR is pleased to announce a summit on “The Science of Compassion: Future Directions in End-of-Life and Palliative Care,” an interdisciplinary examination of end-of-life and palliative care research, practice, and policy.

Please mark your calendars for this special event to be held on August 10–12, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda in Bethesda, Md.

The Summit’s objectives include:

- Examining the current status of end-of-life and palliative care research, practice, and policy
- Proposing strategies to overcome barriers and ensure scientific and methodologic rigor in our research
- Delineating new action items that galvanize progress in this vital area of science, and
- Envisioning and mapping pathways to ensure a future rich with scientific endeavor and achievements.

The three-day event will bring together scientists, researchers, health professionals, educators, policy makers, members of professional organizations and individuals with life-limiting illnesses as well as their caregivers.

The summit will begin Wednesday evening, August 10, 2011 in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, Maryland from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in a special public event titled, “The Ethics of Science at the End of Life: A Town Hall Discussion.”

With assistance from the NIH Clinical Center Department of Bioethics, this opening event will bring together leading experts in science, medicine, and bioethics to converse with the public on critical, relevant issues faced in both research and in practice as we build the evidence-base for compassionate and dignified care for those at the end of life. We know that this Town Hall event will provide a unique opportunity to engage the public, provide awareness and education, and draw attention to the important and timely ethical questions surrounding end-of-life research and practice.

The summit will then continue at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda on August 11 – 12, with a keynote presentation by [Dr. Ira Byock](#), three plenary discussions, and break-out sessions. The event will conclude with a presentation by [Dr. J. Randall Curtis](#) who will provide a review of the entire summit and describe new scientific directions for the future.

A poster session will be held in conjunction with the Summit’s evening reception. Research poster abstract submissions are now being accepted, and **the deadline for abstract submission is May 9, 2011**. Abstracts will be peer reviewed and all submitters will be notified no later than June 1.

For more information on the Summit, and to register or submit a poster abstract online, please visit:

<http://www.ninr.nih.gov/scienceofcompassion>.

To date, this event is sponsored in part by the NIH Office of Rare Diseases Research, the NIH Office of Research on Women's Health, the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, and the National Institute on Aging. Portions of this event have also been made possible by the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health, with generous support by Pfizer Inc.

## **2. Request for Information (RFI): To Solicit Input on Future Training and Career Development Programs for Nurse Scientists (NOT-NR-11-009)**

On March 4, NINR released a new “Request for Information (RFI): To Solicit Input on Future Training and Career Development Programs for Nurse Scientists ([NOT-NR-11-009](#)).”

NINR has a long-standing commitment to research training and biomedical workforce development, ranking near the top among NIH institutes and centers in the percentage of its annual budget directed to research training. As the conduct of research and nursing workforce needs evolve, NINR wants to ensure that our training and career development activities effectively meet current needs and anticipate emerging opportunities.

NINR is particularly interested in developing programs for early career scientists to essentially “fast-track” their research training. While NINR currently supports programs that cross-train students, we are seeking to develop other innovative interdisciplinary training programs.

To assure the broadest possible input, NINR is inviting nursing faculty members, nursing administrators, current and former pre-doctoral and postdoctoral trainees, industry representatives, scientific organizations, and other interested parties to provide input and advice on this initiative by responding to a set of questions posted on the NINR website at: <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/RFITraining.htm>.

**Responses will be accepted until April 18, 2011.**

For more information, please see the full RFI at:  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-NR-11-009.html>.

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## **3. The 2011 NINR Summer Genetics Institute: New Video Goes “Inside the SGI,” Application Deadline April 18**

The application deadline for the 2011 NINR Summer Genetics Institute (SGI) is rapidly approaching. The SGI provides an intensive 4-week, 8-credit-hour graduate level program in genetics that includes both classroom and laboratory components. Applicants should demonstrate potential for highly productive research or clinical careers.

This year’s SGI will take place from June 6 - July 1, 2011, on the NIH campus. More information is available at: <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/sgi>.

**The application period will close on April 18, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. EST.**

NINR has produced a new web video, “Inside the NINR Summer Genetics Institute,” in which students from the 2010 SGI describe in their own words how the program helped them to improve skills to further their research careers.

The video can be viewed online at:

<http://www.ninr.nih.gov/sgi>.

The SGI program is administered by the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES) as one of the Bio-Trac programs, and is sponsored by NINR tuition-free. However, attendees are responsible for their own expenses incurred during the program, including room, board, and transportation.

#### **Important application notes:**

- **Complete application instructions are available at: <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/sgi>. To avoid confusion, applicants for the 2011 SGI are strongly urged to review the instructions on this page and the “How to Apply” page.**
- **Applicants must use the ARTiE Graduate Partnerships Program (GPP) application system at: <https://gpp-nih.symphlicity.com>, and follow instructions to select “NINR Summer Genetics Institute.”**
- **In addition, applicants who have applied to the SGI or the GPP in previous years must send an email to [ninrsgi@mail.nih.gov](mailto:ninrsgi@mail.nih.gov) before beginning the application process, because the previous application must first be deleted from the system.**

For more information on the SGI, please email [ninrsgi@mail.nih.gov](mailto:ninrsgi@mail.nih.gov) or visit:

<http://www.ninr.nih.gov/sgi>.

#### **4. NINR Co-Sponsoring Meeting on Interdisciplinary Research**

The National Center for Research Resources and NINR are co-sponsoring a half-day meeting designed to improve interdisciplinary research participation. *Bringing Science to Life: The Interdisciplinary Advantage* will be held on April 27, 2011, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., in conjunction with the joint annual meeting of the Association for Clinical Research Training and the Society for Clinical and Translational Science. Experts will share information about successful interdisciplinary collaborations that have advanced the translational trajectory from bench to bedside, and to community practice. Presenters will:

- Identify opportunities and challenges when planning and conducting interdisciplinary research
- Highlight successful exemplars of interdisciplinary research
- Analyze essential components of interdisciplinarity and characteristics that enhance research, and
- Discuss and develop strategies to maximize diverse disciplinary strengths.

The full agenda is available at: <http://www.acrtraining.org/2011-annual-meeting/ancillary-meetings>.

There is no fee for this meeting, but space is limited so please register early. Registration is available at: <http://www.acrtraining.org/2011-annual-meeting/science-life-interdisciplinary-advantage>.

If you plan to attend the full conference, visit [www.acrtraining.org/2011-annual-meeting/registration](http://www.acrtraining.org/2011-annual-meeting/registration) to learn more about fees.

For additional information or special accommodations, contact Dr. Donna Jo McCloskey at [mccloskd@mail.nih.gov](mailto:mccloskd@mail.nih.gov) or 301-451-4216.

**Location:**

Omni Shoreham Hotel  
2500 Calvert Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20008

**5. Application Deadline Extended for the 2011 Graduate Partnerships Program**

The application deadline for the 2011 NINR [Graduate Partnerships Program \(GPP\)](#) has been **extended until 10 a.m. EST on April 18, 2011.**

The GPP is a doctoral fellowship training program that coordinates training and funding for doctoral students attending a school of nursing supported by an NINR-funded Institutional Research Training (T32) grant. The program combines the academic environment of a university and the breadth and depth of research at NIH.

**Please note:** To be eligible for the NINR GPP, the applicant must currently attend (or be accepted to) a school of nursing supported by a T32 grant funded by NINR.

Application instructions and answers to frequently asked questions are available online at: (<https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/gpp/appinfo>).

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**6. NINR – NIH Clinical Center Joint Conference on Symptom Mechanisms, Measurement, and Management**

As part of the ongoing NINR 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events, NINR and the NIH Clinical Center will host a joint conference: “Symptom Mechanisms, Measurement, and Management,” on May 12, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Masur Auditorium on the NIH campus.

Distinguished guest speakers from across the country will present lectures on a variety of symptom-related topics, including symptom self-management in oncology patients, pain management at end of life, sleep disorders, and genetic mechanisms of cancer treatment-related fatigue.

Attendees will gain a foundation in symptom mechanisms, measurement, and management, particularly those associated with chronic illnesses such as cancer and sickle cell disease. Researchers, clinicians, science writers, and the interested public are encouraged to attend this free event.

Registration is required to attend the NINR-NIH CC Joint Conference. To register for the Joint Conference on a first-come, first-served basis, please complete the form located at:

<https://meetings.ninr.nih.gov/?id=1996>.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.ninr.nih.gov/SymptomConf> or email [NINRIRPtraining@mail.nih.gov](mailto:NINRIRPtraining@mail.nih.gov).

For a complete list of 25th Anniversary events, please visit: [www.ninr.nih.gov/25years](http://www.ninr.nih.gov/25years).

## **7. New Grants Initiative on Innovations in Maternal and Newborn Healthcare**

USAID, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the government of Norway, Grand Challenges Canada, and the World Bank have joined to launch “Saving Lives at Birth: A Grand Challenge for Development.” The project calls upon the brightest minds across the globe to identify and scale up transformative prevention and treatment approaches for pregnant women and newborns in rural, low-resource settings around the time of birth.

The partnership of funders seeks innovative ideas in three main domains: (1) technology; (2) service delivery; and (3) “demand side” innovations that empower women and their families to be aware of, and access, health care around the time of birth.

**The deadline for applications is April 29, 2011**, with awards to be made in September. For more information and to apply, please visit: <http://www.savinglivesatbirth.net>.

## **8. “Bringing Science to Life: A Healthier Tomorrow” - NINR’s 25th Anniversary Concluding Scientific Symposium: October 13, 2011**

Mark your calendars and save the date for “Bringing Science to Life: A Healthier Tomorrow,” NINR’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concluding Scientific Symposium.

The Symposium will be held October 13, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC.

The day will include presentations, a panel discussion, and poster presentations. This event is free of charge but registration is required.

NINR continues to seek poster abstracts for a poster session to be held during the Symposium.

We invite submissions on:

- Clinical Research
- Basic Research
- Innovative programs with applications to nursing research
- Comparative Effectiveness Research.

These submissions can be:

- Completed work
- Work in progress
- Work presented at other meetings
- Work previously published.

For submission guidelines, please visit:

[http://www.ninr.nih.gov/ResearchAndFunding/DEA/OEP/2011\\_Symposium\\_CallForAbstracts.htm](http://www.ninr.nih.gov/ResearchAndFunding/DEA/OEP/2011_Symposium_CallForAbstracts.htm)

**The abstract submission deadline has been extended to May 15.** Selections will be announced by June 1, 2011.

For more information, please contact:

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NINR's concluding symposium falls in between the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science's (CANS) 2011 Special Topics Conference and Poster Session and the American Academy of Nursing's (AAN) 38th Annual Meeting and Conference. Both events are also being held at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill.

The CANS Special Topics Conference, "Comparative Effectiveness and Patient-Centered Outcomes Research: The Intersection of Nursing Science and Health Care Delivery," will be held on October 12, 2011. For more information and to register, please visit the Council's web site at: [www.nursingscience.org](http://www.nursingscience.org).

The AAN Annual Meeting and Conference, "Health Promotion Across the Lifespan: Focus on Evidence," will take place October 13-15, 2011. Registration opens on May 1, 2011. Please visit the Academy's web site, [www.aannet.org](http://www.aannet.org), to register.

Please visit NINR's Anniversary website for information on speakers and registration for the Symposium, as it becomes available: [www.ninr.nih.gov/25years](http://www.ninr.nih.gov/25years).

## **9. The 2011 NINR Pain Methodologies Boot Camp**

NINR is pleased to offer its second Pain Methodologies Boot Camp this summer. The Pain Methodologies Boot Camp is a one-week intensive research training course held on the NIH campus, sponsored by NINR and administered by the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES) as one of the Bio-Trac programs.

The Pain Boot Camp provides a foundation in pain methodology to increase the research capability of graduate students and faculty. The course will feature lectures by distinguished guest speakers, classroom discussion, and laboratory training. Course topics will include pain measurement, pain treatment, and pain genetics.

The course is provided by the NINR at no cost. Attendees are required to pay for housing, food, and transportation expenses incurred during program participation.

Graduate students and faculty who are citizens or permanent U.S. residents may apply. Applicants should demonstrate potential for productive research careers.

The Pain Boot Camp will be held Monday, July 25 to Friday, July 29, 2011. Classes will begin daily at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at or before 5:30 p.m. All sessions will be held at Building 60 (The Cloisters) on the NIH campus.

**Online registration for the Pain Boot Camp will open on April 25 and close on May 25.**

To register, visit:  
<https://meetings.ninr.nih.gov/meetings/painbootcamp>.

Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis with a class limit size of 70 participants.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.ninr.nih.gov/Training/TrainingOpportunitiesIntramural/painbootcamp> or contact:

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## **10. 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 website 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>.

## **11. 74th Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research**

The open session of the 74th meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research (NACNR) will take place on May 17, 2011 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room 6C6, Building 31, C wing, on the NIH campus. 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 is available online at:  
<http://www.ninr.nih.gov/AboutNINR/NACNR>.

Information on visiting the NIH campus is available online at:  
<http://www.nih.gov/about/visitor/index.htm>.