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Velleman, Shelley

“The Identification of Non-Verbal Oral, Motor Speech & Phonological Impairment in Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder”

Cure Autism Now

\$59,913

November, 2005

Exercise Science

Van Emmerik, Richard

“The Developmental Integration of Posture and Manual Control”

National Institutes of Health

\$26,706

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Public Health

Foulkes, Andrea

“Pediatric Immune Correlates of Early Anti-HIV Therapy”

Wistar Institute

\$21,790

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Foulkes, Andrea

“Antiviral Activity of peg-IFN-a in Chronic HIV-1 Infection

Wistar Institute

\$16,779

January, 2006

Nutrition

Cohen, Nancy

“University of Massachusetts Amherst Multicultural Nutrition Scholars Program”

Coop State Res, Educ and Ext Service

\$90,000

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Cohen, Nancy

“Mineral Nutrition and Bone Fractures”

Army

\$2,198

January, 2006

Sullivan-Werner, Lisa

“U-Mass Extension Family Nutrition Program”

MA Dept of Transitional Assistance

\$1,750,417

November, 2005

Speeding CSR/NIH Review Cycles

Many changes are underway at the NIH Center for Scientific Review, and we are now e-mailing more frequent Peer Review Notes to keep you informed and involved.

CSR Takes Two Steps to Shorten the Review Cycle

1. As of October 2005, we are posting summary statements of most reviews within one month after the study section meeting instead of two to three months after the meeting. Applicants who discover they need to resubmit will have that much more time to respond to the critiques and improve their application.

2. Beginning with the February 2006 receipt date, we will initiate a pilot study to cut one and a half months from our review process as recommended by a special trans-NIH committee. Forty CSR study sections will participate in this pilot, which will speed the reviews of investigator-initiated (R01) applications submitted by new investigators in these study sections.

Our ultimate goal is to enable the NIH review process to keep better pace with the rapid changes in science while preserving the rigor and fairness of NIH peer review and preserving the quality of feedback given to applicants. See the links below for more information.

Press Release

[Speedier NIH Review of Research Applications Planned: NIH/CSR Pilot Study for New Investigators Begins Early 2006](#)

NIH Guide to Grants and Contracts Notice

[Pilot Study to Shorten the Review Cycle for New Investigator R01 Applications](#)

If You Have Questions or Concerns

Let us know what you think we should address in the larger January issue of Peer Review Notes. Feel free to send an e-mail to PRN@csr.nih.gov.

Center for Scientific Review at the National Institutes of Health

The Center for Scientific Review at the National Institutes of Health has posted the latest issue of *Peer Review Notes* on its Web site: <http://www.csr.nih.gov/prnotes/prnotes.asp>

Check out the following news and articles in this issue:

- * CSR Director Discusses Reforms
- * Electronic Grant Application Update
- * Skiing Chairman Hits the Ice But Still Makes Peer Review
- * New Data on NIH Peer Reviews of Clinical Research Applications
- * New Reimbursement System Sends \$4 Million to Reviewer Bank Accounts

The NIH Center for Scientific Review publishes *Peer Review Notes* to inform reviewers, NIH staff and others interested in news related to our grant application review policies, procedures and plans. Comments may be sent to Don Lockett, Communications Director, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health. E-mail:

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AHRQ IDENTIFIES RESEARCH PRIORITIES AND FUNDING FOR FY 2006

The mission of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is to improve the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of healthcare for all Americans. AHRQ achieves this mission by supporting a broad program of health services research and by working with partners to promote improvements in clinical and health systems practices, including the prevention of diseases and other health conditions. AHRQ supports programs designed to (1) improve clinical practice, (2) improve the health care

system's ability to provide access to and deliver high quality, high-value health care, and (3) provide policymakers with the ability to assess the impact of system changes on outcomes, quality, access to, cost, and use of health care services. For a detailed list of AHRQ's research priorities, funding levels and a grant application, see <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-HS-06-032.html>.

HRSA ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

As of January 1, 2006, HRSA no longer accepts applications for grant opportunities in paper form. Applicants submitting New and Competing continuations and a selected number of non-competing continuation applications will be required to submit their materials electronically through Grants.gov for all opportunities posted after January 1. All applicants must submit in this manner unless the applicant is granted a written exemption in advance by the Director of HRSA's Division of Grants Policy. For more information on this change, see <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants>

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February 15, 2006	TREx Community Lecture "Successful Aging from the Muscle's Viewpoint" Dr. Jane-Kent Braun	SOM Rm 137	7:00pm
March 29, 2006	TREx Community Lecture "Incorporating Activity into Your Lifestyle: Why & How" Dr. Frank Rife	SOM Rm 137	7:00pm
March 30, 2006	SPHHS 9 th Annual Research Day Dr. David Katz, Yale Prevention Center "The Basic Care & Feeding of Homo sapiens: Are We Truly Clueless?"	CC 1009	12:00-5:00pm
April 6, 2006	Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith Harvard School of Public Health "Violence in Adolescent Girls"	CC 1009	4:00-6:00pm
April 26, 2006	Virginia A. Beal Lecture & Seminar	Log Cabin Restaurant	4:30-9:00pm
May 27, 2006	Commencement Breakfast	CC TBA	8:00am
June 22 & 23, 2006	Exercise Science 6 th Annual Muscle Symposium	GRT 16 th FLR	Thursday 1-9pm Friday 7:30-12:30pm