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Communication Disorders
Velleman, Shelley
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
January, 2006

Public Health
Foulkes, Andrea
“Pediatric Immune Correlates of Early Anti-HIV Therapy”
Wistar Institute
$21,790
January, 2006

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
January, 2006

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

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 Luckett, Communications Director, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health. E-mail: Luckettd@csr.nih.gov

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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](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](http://www.hrsa.gov/grants)

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February 15, 2006  
TREx Community Lecture  
SOM Rm 137  
7:00pm  
“Successful Aging from the Muscle's Viewpoint”  
Dr. Jane-Kent Braun

March 29, 2006  
TREx Community Lecture  
SOM Rm 137  
7:00pm  
“Incorporating Activity into Your Lifestyle: Why & How”  
Dr. Frank Rife

March 30, 2006  
SPHHS 9th Annual Research Day  
CC 1009  
12:00-5:00pm  
Dr. David Katz, Yale Prevention Center  
“The Basic Care & Feeding of Homo sapiens: Are We Truly Clueless?”

April 6, 2006  
Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith  
CC 1009  
4:00-6:00pm  
Harvard School of Public Health  
“Violence in Adolescent Girls”

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  
6th Annual Muscle Symposium  
GRT 16th FLR  
Thursday 1-9pm  
Friday 7:30-12:30pm