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The staff of the CMBB is saddened and disheartened by the events of September 11, 2001 and our prayers go out to all of the victims and their families. We hope that none of you were personally effected by the tragedy.

We also hope that all of you had a wonderful summer and are back to work/school well rested and ready to face the new challenges that this fiscal year will bring with it. We are looking forward to another year of working with all of you and looking forward to seeing you at our annual workshop and possibly other meetings too.

NCI DIRECTOR RESIGNS

The following is an excerpt of Dr. Richard Klausner's letter of resignation to President Bush:

"I am writing to inform you of my decision to step down as Director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) on September 30, 2001. I will have completed over six years of service in this position. It has been the most challenging and rewarding experience of my career. It has been a privilege and an honor to head one of the world's great scientific institutions dedicated to the advancement and application of science aimed at reducing the burden of one of humanity's feared diseases. I appreciate the extraordinary support of your Administration for me, for the NCI, and for biomedical research.

While it is time for me to move on to my own next venture, I am looking forward to continuing a close and productive relationship with NCI, NIH, and with the scientific community. I feel excited to be able to continue to be totally engaged in our struggle to use science and technology to better the world, but now from a new a novel institution outside of the government. I am pleased that I will be staying in Washington and will be delighted to be available to you, your Administration and the Congress with any help that I can provide.

Sincerely,

*Richard D. Klausner, M.D.
Director
National Cancer Institute"*

We at CMBB wish Dr. Klausner much success with his new position and thank him for all the support he gave to our branch. He will certainly be missed.

DANA-FARBER/HARVARD CANCER CENTER NAMES FIRST MINORITY DIRECTOR

Dr. Faye Austin, formerly of the NCI and now Senior Vice President for Research, Dana-Farber Cancer Institutue, advises that the **Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center** is pleased to announce that **Dr. Karen Burns White** has joined the staff of DFCI Office of Research as Assistant Director for Minority Initiatives effective August 6, 2001. She will

be working directly with Dr. Fred Li, Associate Director of DF/HCC for Minority Initiatives, and with other leaders of the Cancer Center to coordinate the planning and implementation of the Center's efforts to increase minority participation in cancer research—in basic science, population science and clinical research, at all levels of Cancer Center activities.

One of Karen's first projects will be to coordinate the preparation of an application for a CURE Program supplement to the Cancer Center's Support Grant to support opportunities to bring outstanding minority high school and undergraduate students into research labs of the DF/HCC. She will be contacting members of the Cancer Center in the very near future to determine their interest in participating in this ongoing NCI program.

CMBB ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2001

As well as attending many meetings around the country, the CMBB had a very busy year. Awards made this year:

- 183 minority supplements
- 6 Cancer Center CURE supplements
- 4 SPORE supplements
- 3 Cancer Education CURE supplements
- 2 Institutional Clinical Oncology CURE supplements
- 26 Mentored Career Development Awards
- 4 Minorities in Clinical Oncology Awards
- 1 Mentored Patient Oriented Research for Underrepresented Minorities Award
- 30 Predoctoral Fellowship Awards for Minority Students
- 4 Institutional Training Grant CURE supplements for minority individuals
- 12 Planning Grants for Minority Institution/Cancer Center Collaboration
- 4 Cooperative Planning Grants for Minority Institution/Cancer Center Partnership
- 4 Comprehensive Minority Institution/Cancer Center Partnerships

CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Luis A. Martinez, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, one of our Mentored Career Development Award recipients, on being awarded a Chateaubriand Fellowship. This fellowship is awarded by the French government for the duration of one year. The goal is to foster long-term collaborations between laboratories from the United States and France. Dr. Annick Harel-Bellan from the Institut Andre Lwoff, Villejuif, France has agreed to host Dr. Martinez in her laboratory.

Dr. Kola Okuyemi, University of Kansas Medical Center and **Dr. Michelle Shipp**, University of Alabama, one time minority supplement recipients, on receiving their K07 Career Development Awards.

Dr. Pebbles Fagen, formerly of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and now a Program Director with the Tobacco Control Research Branch, Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, NCI. Congratulations Dr. Pebbles, and welcome to the NCI.

TWO CMBB PROGRAMS MAKE NATIONAL NEWS!

Appearing in the Herald Sun, Durham, North Carolina, "For years, research has shown that the diagnosis and death rates for prostate cancer among American black men are the highest of any ethnic or racial group worldwide.

While scientists suspect certain risk factors lie behind this disparity, few in-depth studies have examined the prevalence of cancer among minority populations.

Researchers at **N.C. Central University and UNC** plan to broaden these studies and draw a clearer picture of how cancers strike minorities, particularly black people, with help from a \$2.5 million grant from the National Cancer Institute" (CMBB).

The grant was awarded in July to **NCCU's Biomedical/Biotechnology Research Institute and UNC's Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center** for five years for collaborative work.

In the Philadelphia Inquirer on July 21, 2001, the headlines read "Biomedical research gets a new battery of recruits." The lead-in to the story said "A Wistar Institute program graduated its first class. Area laboratories will benefit from their efforts." **The Wistar Institute** and the Community College of Philadelphia have announced the graduation of the first class of the Biomedical Technician Training program. This program is funded in part by the CURE (Continuing Umbrella of Research Experiences) program. The first graduating class consisted of four students; a fifth student transferred to a four-year college.

FY 2002 WORKSHOPS IN EARLY PLANNING STAGES

We have started making plans for our next Professional Development Workshop. A tentative date has been set; **April 29 - May 1, 2002** in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Pencil that date on your calendars.

Plans are also underway for our next Technical Assistance Workshop for the next issuance of the Minority Institution/Cancer Center Program RFAs. Tentative dates are **June 3-4, 2002**, possibly in Chicago.

More details will be given as they become available. Mark your calendars if you are interested in attending.

DATE SET FOR NEXT MI/CCP REVIEWS

We received 18 P20s, 16 U56s, and 6 U54s MI/CCP applications for the next round of review. These applications will be reviewed by a Special Review Group and will take place December 3 - 4, 2001. If you are interested in serving as a reviewer, please

submit your name to either Dr. Sanya Springfield at ss165i@nih.gov or Dr. Ray Bramhall, the Scientific Review Administrator, rb61z@nih.gov.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Biomedical Research Symposium will be held in Orlando, FL from October 31 - November 1, 2001. The CMBB plans to attend and exhibit at the meeting.

Dr. Sanya Springfield, Chief, CMBB will be a speaker at the *National Minority Research Symposium* which will be held in Cancun, Mexico from October 17-20, 2001.

The next *American Association for Cancer Research* (AACR) annual meeting will take place in San Francisco from April 6-10, 2002. The CMBB supports two awards to AACR for travel to AACR meetings: Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Faculty Award and the Minority Scholar Awards in Cancer Research. If you are an eligible ethnic minority and are interested in attending, please see information below:

The **AACR-HBCU Faculty Scholar Awards** is for scientists at the level of Assistant Professor or above at an HBCU who are engaged in meritorious basic, clinical, or translational cancer research. Financial support (up to \$1800 per Awardee) will be provided to Awardees.

The **AACR Minority Scholar Awards in Cancer Research** are offered to eligible minority students and scientists. Those eligible for these awards are graduate and medical students, residents, clinical and postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty.

The AACR is also pleased to announce the availability of 2002-2003 **Science Education Awards for Undergraduate Students**. These awards are to inspire young science students to enter the field of cancer research. This award program applies to full-time, third-year undergraduate students

majoring in science. Undergraduate students should be enrolled in the following science programs or related disciplines: chemistry, biochemistry, biology, pharmacology, molecular biology and genetics, microbiology, chemical engineering, or pathology. Only citizens of the United States and Canada, or students who are permanent residents enrolled in institutions in those countries, may receive one of these awards.

This two-year award will consist of a waiver of registration fees for participation in the 2002 and 2003 AACR Annual Meetings, and a \$1500 stipend each year to be used by the awardee for expenses incurred in connection with attendance at these meetings, as well as related school projects or events throughout the year. The deadline for receipt of applications is November 30, 2001.

For the above mentioned AACR programs, please contact::

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Public Ledger Building, Suite 826
150 S. Independence Mall West
Philadelphia, PA 19106-3483
Telephone: 215-440-9300
FAX: 215-440-9412
E-mail: constituencies@aacr.org
<http://www.aacr.org>

National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities ANNOUNCES ENDOWMENT PROGRAM

Congress has determined that the establishment of Federally supported endowment funds is an appropriate method of building research and training capacity in institutions that make significant investments in the education and training of underrepresented minority and socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals.

For more detailed information, go to <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-02-007.html> and <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MD-01.001.html>.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL

The UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill seeks candidates for a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in cancer prevention and control research. Qualified individuals must have completed a Ph.D., M.D. or equivalent degree and must be a U.S. citizen or have permanent resident status. For further information see <http://cancer.med.unc.edu/training/prevention> or contact: Michael O'Malley, Ph.D., UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, CB#7295, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7295. (clover@med.unc.edu)

Applications are due December 15, 2001. The fellowship will begin in summer 2002.

FIRST MI/CCP TENURE TRACK FACULTY POSITION FOR A CANCER RESEARCH SCIENTIST AT MEHARRY

The Meharry Medical College/Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center Partnership (MMC/VICC Partnership), one of the first U54 cooperative agreement grants awarded as part of the MI/CCP) is currently soliciting applications for one cancer basic research scientist for a full tenure track position at Meharry Medical College with a joint appointment at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. The qualified candidate will also be considered for either full or associate membership status at the VICC. The candidate will be expected to develop and maintain fully funded competitive research. Initially, the position will be fully funded by the NCI's U54 Cancer Center Partnership grant to the MMC/VICC Partnership, whose principal investigators are Dr. Harold Moses, Director of VICC and Dr. Samuel Evans Adunyah, Chairman of Biochemistry at Meharry Medical College. Basic scientists

(Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D.) with cancer research interests in any of the areas listed below are encouraged to apply:

-regulation of cell growth and differentiation; receptors and growth factors; signal transduction in cancer progression and control; cytokines and regulation of cellular functions; hematopoiesis and hematopoietic growth factors; apoptosis; molecular carcinogenesis; regulation of gene expression during normal and abnormal growth; DNA damage and repair; angiogenesis; cox inhibitors in cancer control; cancer progression, metastasis and intervention; biochemical/pharmacological basis for cancer drug development.

Send a full application with research description, current CV and references to:

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Co-PI, MMC/VICC Partnership
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Nashville, TN 37208
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**ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
(TENURE TRACK)
Nutrition, Obesity and/or Physical Activity)**

The Department of Preventive Medicine, University of Kansas Medical Center, is undergoing expansion and is recruiting three faculty and six postdoctoral fellows. The department has a strong track record in assisting students and junior faculty engage in mentored research and obtain independent funding. Excellent collaborative research opportunities, and joint appointments, exist with the Center on Aging, The Kansas Cancer Institute, The Center for Urban Child Health, the Department of Health Policy and Management, and the Department of Dietetics and Nutrition.

Two tenure-track faculty lines are available in the area of nutrition, obesity and/or physical activity. Candidates should have a doctoral degree in epidemiology, social/behavioral sciences, nutrition, health education, or psychology, and have experience in collaborative extramurally

funded research, publications, and teaching. The responsibility of these faculty will be to build an active program of research with minimal teaching in the medical school and the department's innovative and fully accredited Master of Public Health Program.

Also at the University of Kansas Medical Center:

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

Six postdoctoral positions including:

- Two postdoctoral research fellowship positions in behavioral medicine/health psychology with an emphasis on nicotine dependence/smoking cessation research.
- One postdoctoral research fellowship position in nutrition, obesity and/or physical activity intervention research.
- One postdoctoral research fellowship in health services research and outcomes research.
- One postdoctoral fellowship in disparities in health care.
- One postdoctoral research fellowship in prostate cancer epidemiology.

Send a letter of interest, CV, and three references or support letters to:

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REMINDER

It is time for all minority supplement awardees, career award recipients (K01, K08, K23) going into in their last year of funding to begin preparing for your next funding opportunity:

**CMBB OPPORTUNITIES FOR
MINORITIES IN CANCER RESEARCH**

**Research Supplements for
Underrepresented Minorities
(PA-01-079)**

CURE Supplements

✓ **NCI Cancer Center (P30)
Supplements for High School and
Undergraduate Student Research
Experiences**

✓ **Minority Supplements to the
NCI Cancer Education and Career
Development Program (R25T)**

✓ **Minority Supplements to
Institutional Clinical Oncology Research
Development Awards (K12)**

✓ **Supplements to National
Research Service Awards (T32)**

(Call us for the guidelines)

Individual AWARDS

✓ **NIH Predoctoral Fellowship
Awards for Minority Students (F31)
(PA-00-069)**

✓ **NCI Mentored Career
Development Award for
Underrepresented Minorities (K01)
(PAR-01-016)**

✓ **NCI Transition Career
Development Award for
Underrepresented Minorities (K22)
(PAR-01-074)**

✓ **Minorities in Clinical Oncology
(K08)
(PAR-00-040)**

✓ **Mentored Patient-Oriented
Research for Underrepresented
Minorities (K23)
(PAR-00-042)**

**Minority Institution Cancer Center
Program (MI/CCP) AWARDS**

✓ **Planning Grant for Minority
Institution/Cancer Center Collaboration
(P20)
(RFA-CA-02-006)**

✓ **Cooperative Planning Grant for
Comprehensive Minority
Institution/Cancer Center Partnership
(U56)
(RFA-CA-02-007)**

✓ **Comprehensive Minority
Institution/Cancer Center Partnership
(U54)
(RFA-CA-02-005)**

For more information go to the PA or RFA
announcement listed under the
mechanism or call us for the guidelines.

Check our web page:
<http://deainfo.nci.nih.gov/cmbs.htm>