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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Gene Therapy Policy Conference; Notice of Conference

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of a Gene Therapy Policy Conference entitled: Prenatal Gene Transfer:

Scientific, Medical, and Ethical Issues on January 7-8, 1999. The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda Hotel, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, starting on January 7 at approximately 8:00 a.m., and will recess at approximately 5:30 p.m. The conference will reconvene on January 8 at approximately 8:00 a.m. and will adjourn at approximately 6:00 p.m. The conference will be open to the public and free of charge; however, registration is required. Registration is available online at <http://www.nih.gov/od/orda> or you can contact Ms. Anne Dunne, Strategic Results, 6004 Lakeview Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21210, Phone 410-377-0110, Fax 410-377-6429. Ms. Dunne will provide conference information upon request. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Ms. Dunne in advance of the conference.

On July 8, 1996, the NIH Director published a Notice of Intent to Propose Amendments to the NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant DNA Molecules Regarding Enhanced Oversight of Recombinant DNA Activities (61 FR 3577). One significant component of the NIH Director's proposal was to establish Gene Therapy Policy Conferences (GTPC). These conferences are intended to offer the unique advantage of assembling numerous participants who possess significant scientific, ethical, and legal expertise and/or interest that is directly applicable to specific recombinant DNA issues. In order to enhance the depth and value of scientific and ethical/social discussion, each GTPC will be devoted to a single issue relevant to scientific merit and/or safety as it relates to research on the use of novel gene delivery vehicles and applications to human gene therapy, novel applications of gene transfer, or relevant ethical/social implications of a particular application of gene transfer technology.

The findings and recommendations of each GTPC will be made available to multiple Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) components, including the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Office for Protection from Research Risks (OPRR). The NIH Director anticipates that this expanded public policy forum will serve as a model of interagency communication and collaboration, concentrated expert discussion of novel scientific issues and their potential societal implications, and enhanced opportunity for public discussion of specific issues and the potential impact

of such applications on human health and the environment.

On January 7-8, 1999, the NIH will hold its third GTPC entitled: Prenatal Gene Transfer: Scientific, Medical, and Ethical Issues. Topics will include preclinical studies of prenatal gene transfer; prenatal genetic screening and diagnostic tools; optimal clinical trial design focusing on patient safety and measurements of outcome; ethical, legal, and social issues raised by prenatal gene transfer; diagnostic testing and clinical care of patients post gene transfer; and patient education, informed consent, and eligibility.

The findings and recommendations of this conference will be submitted in the form of a report to the NIH Director.

Dated: December 15, 1998.

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#### National Eye Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Eye Institute Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* January 8, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* 6120 Executive Blvd., Suite 350, Rockville, MD 20892.

*Contact Person:* Andrew P. Mariani, Phd, Chief, Scientific Review Branch, 6120 Executive Blvd., Suite 350, Rockville, MD 20892, 301/496-5561.

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