

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Division of Intramural Research Board of Scientific Counselors National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Health and Human Services	2024
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.

Division of Intramural Research Board of Scientific Counselors National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases	143
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4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	07/01/1986		

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No		

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority	Authorized by Law		
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
42 U.S.C. 282(b)(16)	11/20/1985	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this Fiscal Year
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17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities	17d. Total
0	0	0	0	0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Section 402(b)(9) of the Public Health Service Act states that “the Director, NIH...shall assure that research at...the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with section 492.”

Section 492(b) states that the “Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the National Institutes of Health. The mission of the Board of Scientific Counselors is to assess the quality of the Institute’s intramural research programs and to evaluate the productivity and performance of intramural scientists and shall

also, as requested by the Director, NIH, undertake peer review of extramural funding applications as required by section 492 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended.” The Board is composed of scientific and technical experts. The Board continues to provide indispensable evaluation and advisory functions in the science management of the intramural research programs. Besides the formal meetings for peer review of each laboratory, the chairman and individual Board members are frequently consulted for advice on staff appointments and program development. The actions of the laboratories reviewed are in keeping with the recommendations of the Board. The Board provides the National Advisory Allergy and Infectious Diseases Council with a review and description of its activities. During FY 2023 the Board made 10 recommendations concerning individual labs and tenure track investigators.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Board consists of approximately 12 members who are outstanding authorities knowledgeable in the specialized fields of microbiology, immunology, and clinical research allergy and infectious diseases. The advisory role of the board is scientific and substantive. The Board, through periodic visits to the laboratories, assesses the research in progress and evaluates productivity and performance of staff scientists.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Board met two times, December 12-14, 2022, and June 12-14, 2023, during this reporting period. The Board holds approximately two formal meetings each year for the peer review of

intramural laboratories on a rotating basis as required by the PHS Act.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This Board is composed entirely of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities from outside the NIH in order to secure unbiased and objective evaluation of intramural research programs. Their recommendations are invaluable because the complex nature of research in each laboratory requires a unique balance and breadth of expertise not available on the NIH staff or from other established resources.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The meetings of the Board of Scientific Counselors, NIAID, were closed for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual programs and projects conducted by the Institute, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, the competence of individual investigators, and similar items, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Section 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permits the closing of meetings where discussion could reveal personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

21. Remarks

Committee Function: Other - Scientific and Technical Peer Review. Reports: This committee did not produce any public reports during the fiscal year. The DFO and Decision Maker positions are held by the same person, the Director, Division of Intramural Research, NIAID. The Board makes

recommendations on Intramural lab and confidential personnel matters and the Institute Director has decided that federal staff involvement will be minimal. Dr. Katherine Fitzgerald was reassigned from regular member to serve as Chair from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Member Dr. Michael L. Diamond was inadvertently omitted on the 2022 ACR report, but has been included on this 2023 report showing his term of 07/01/2022 to 06/30/2027.

Designated Federal Officer

Steven M. Holland Director, Division of Intramural Research

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Diamond, Michael	09/11/2022	06/30/2027	Professor, Washington University School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Drake, Wonder	12/05/2021	06/30/2026	Senior Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs; Director of Special Sarcoidosis Center; Professor of Medicine at University of Maryland School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fitzgerald, Katherine	02/18/2020	06/30/2024	Professor and Director University of Massachusetts Medical School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Garcia-Sastre, Adolfo	03/29/2020	06/30/2024	Professor, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Levitz, Stuart	12/22/2019	06/30/2024	Professor, University of Massachusetts Medical School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Martinez, Fernando	12/05/2021	06/30/2026	Regents Professor, University of Arizona	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Ramilo, Octavio	02/18/2020	06/30/2024	Chair, Department of Infectious Diseases, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ross, Susan	01/03/2022	06/30/2026	Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sibley, Carol	01/21/2020	06/30/2024	Professor, University of Washington	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 9

Narrative Description

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What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Increased customer satisfaction ☐
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements ☐
- Other ☐

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None ☐
- Unable to Determine ☒
- Under \$100,000 ☐
- \$100,000 - \$500,000 ☐
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 ☐
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 ☐
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 ☐
- Over \$10,000,000 ☐
- Cost Savings Other ☐

Cost Savings Comments

NIH supported basic and clinical research accomplishments often take many years to unfold into new diagnostic tests and new ways to treat and prevent diseases.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

181

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Board made 10 recommendations concerning the laboratories that were reviewed.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Information on the research funded by NIH is available through the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website. RePORT provides access to reports, data, and

analyses of NIH research activities that advance the mission of the NIH, including information on NIH expenditures, strategic plans, reports on NIH funding, and reports on the organization and people involved in NIH research and research training. The RePORT website is located at <http://report.nih.gov>.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Information resulting from closed Board of Scientific Counselors meetings is subject to the Freedom of Information Act. The public can view information on NIH Intramural Research Reports found on the NIH Intramural Research Sourcebook website located at <https://oir.nih.gov/sourcebook/intramural-research-communications-resources/annual-reports-bit>

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

The Scientific Director and other NIH officials use the recommendations made by the BSC in evaluating the quality of the intramural research programs including scientific priorities and resources available. No changes were made to existing laboratory research priorities or resources.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Although grant reviews are included in the duties of this Board, there were no grant reviews performed during this fiscal year.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Contact IC Committee Management Officer. 240-669-5201