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Glass Assumes Leadership of Fogarty Center

By John Makulowich

When starting new assignments, world-class leaders try to hit the ground running. For the recently named director of the Fogarty International Center, the approach was more like lifting off the ground flying. No sooner had it been announced that Dr. Roger I. Glass was FIC's new director than he was on a flight to Beijing armed with a statement to represent FIC in the launch of the center-funded Disease Control Priorities Project (DCPP). Just a few weeks later, he accompanied NIH director Dr. Elias Zerhouni to the Middle East for a brief visit to Qatar and a conference in Egypt that covered the DCPP initiative.

New FIC director Dr. Roger Glass

Feet now firmly planted on the NIH campus, Glass assumes his official roles as FIC director and NIH associate director for international programs. Formerly chief of the viral gastroenteritis section at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, he joined FIC on May 22.

The thrust of his strategy for the center will be bolstering its role as the international component of

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'Speak Plainly. Save Lives.'

NIH Honors 'Plain Language'

In its annual salute to the agency's communicators, NIH held the sixth Plain Language Awards ceremony on Apr. 19. Some awardees traveled across the country to receive the honors, which recognize NIH communication products that deliver messages clearly. Special guest recipients who attended the event included several representatives of the O'odham Nation and the communities of Gila River and Salt River in Arizona, and other American Indian communities. They collaborated with NIDDK staff to develop several award-winning communication products, including a video on slowing kidney disease and a calendar for people with diabetes.

"One of the challenges [in communication] is that there is no one-size-fits-all message," noted NIH director Dr. Elias Zerhouni, acknowledging those who contributed their expertise in cultural customs to help make the health education material more effective. "Every message has to be sensitive to its intended recipi-

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NHGRI Produces Video Podcast for Students

By Geoff Spencer

They seem to be everywhere, those white wires leading to the all-so-hip ear buds. On the other end dangles a slick portable hard-drive that Apple Computers calls the iPod. A new breed came out last year: the video iPod. As part of the 4th annual National DNA Day on Apr. 25, the National Human Genome Research Institute broke new ground by becoming the first NIH institute to produce an on-demand educational video that is available as a podcast feed for teachers and students to watch on their own video iPod.

The video podcast, titled "Genomics: Towards a Healthier You," features Barbara Biesecker, an associate investigator and head of the genetic services research unit in NHGRI's Social and Behavioral Research Branch. In the video lecture, with slides edited into the video stream and also available in a webcast format, Biesecker describes her work as a genetic counselor and discusses why it's important

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briefs

NIH To Mark 25 Years of AIDS Research

The Office of AIDS Research and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases invite employees, patients, families and friends to a 2-hour event commemorating 25 years of AIDS research at NIH. The event will take place Monday, June 5, from 10 a.m. to noon in Masur Auditorium, Bldg. 10.

The first cases of what is now known as AIDS were reported on June 5, 1981, in the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, published by the CDC. The commemorative event will highlight the history of AIDS and NIH's research contributions from a variety of perspectives.

Featured speakers include NIH director Dr. Elias Zerhouni; OAR director Dr. Jack Whitescarver; NIAID director Dr. Anthony Fauci; OAR director of clinical research and minority programs Dr. Victoria Cargill-Swiren; and Vaccine Research Center director Dr. Gary Nabel. Guest speakers include: UNAIDS executive director Dr. Peter Piot, NBC News chief science and health correspondent Robert Bazell and Yvonne Green, a clinical trials participant. As a gift to the NIH community, Swedish filmmaker Staffan Hildebrand of the Face of AIDS Project in Stockholm will premiere his documentary, *America and AIDS – A 25-Year Perspective*, which includes interviews with numerous scientists, activists and people living with AIDS.

Several exhibits providing information about NIH AIDS research and resources will be displayed in the Clinical Center during the week of June 5, including an exhibit of artwork by children who participated in NCI pediatric clinical trials. In addition, panels of the AIDS Quilt that include a connection to NIH will be displayed in the auditorium during the event. More information will be posted on the NIH web site soon, and the proceedings will be videocast.

Genomics, Cancer Are Theme of GM Conference

Some of the world's foremost researchers will present their latest findings on genomics and cancer at this year's General Motors Cancer Research Awards annual scientific conference, June 12-13. NIH investigators and staff are invited to attend the conference, which starts at 9 a.m., June 12, in Masur Auditorium, Bldg. 10. Additionally, a special edition of the Wednesday Afternoon Lecture will take place Tuesday, June 13, at 1 p.m., and will feature a presentation by the winner of the 2006 General Motors Cancer Research Award.

To obtain a copy of the conference agenda, visit http://odwww4.od.nih.gov/gmcr/. For more information about the program, contact Mary Ruemker at (919) 684-4056 or email mary.ruemker@duke.edu. Sign language interpreters will be provided. For other reasonable accommodation, phone (301) 496-1776 or email cohenp@mail.nih.gov.

Get Your *NIH Record* T-Shirt

Through the generosity of the R&W, its stores are now carrying a limited supply of official *NIH Record* T-shirts. The collector's item shirts feature drawings by cartoonist Richard Thompson, whose work appears regularly in the *Washington Post*. Be the first on the beach, boardwalk or boulevard this summer to be sporting a sign of your NIH affiliation. A second printing of the shirts, which cost only $7.90 each, may be possible if the garments prove popular. Get yours today.

Symposium on Genomics of Critical Illness, Injury

The fourth symposium on the "Functional Genomics of Critical Illness and Injury—Surviving Stress: From Organ Systems to Molecules," will be held Nov. 13-14 at the Natcher conference center, sponsored by NIGMS and the Clinical Center's critical care medicine department. There will be five scientific sessions. Abstracts are due by Sept. 8. For more information and to register, visit www.strategicresults.com/fg4.

Salutaris 'Noons-in-June' 10th Anniversary

This year, the NIH Salutaris employee group will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Noons-in-June lecture series by welcoming Dr. John Corvino and author Rob Weiss.

Corvino teaches philosophy at Wayne State University in Detroit, where he specializes in ethics. He will discuss "Homosexuality, Morality and Diversity," on Monday, June 12 from 10 to 11 a.m. in Lipsett Amphitheater, Bldg. 10.

Weiss is director of the Sexual Recovery Institute in Los Angeles. A recognized professional in assessment and treatment of persons with sexual addiction, he will speak on "Understanding Sexual Addiction: Assessment, Treatment and Implications for Clinical Practice and Research," on Friday, June 16 from noon to 1 p.m. in Natcher Auditorium, Bldg. 45.

Individuals with disabilities who need reasonable accommodation to participate in the program should contact Carlton Coleman at (301) 496-2906 voice or (301) 451-2290 TTY.

CSR Names Two Top Managers

Completing a new management team for the Center for Scientific Review, Cheryl Kitt has been named deputy director and Cheryl Oros has been named director of the Office of Planning, Analysis and Evaluation.

Kitt comes from NIAMS, where she had been director of the Extramural Program; Oros hails from the Department of Agriculture, where she was director of the Office of Planning and Accountability in the department's extramural research agency, the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service.

CSR director Dr. Toni Scarpa called the appointees "two uniquely qualified managers. Dr. Kitt brings over a decade of exceptional NIH management experience and Dr. Oros brings broad experience conducting strategic planning, evaluation and policy analysis." He said, "CSR can now go full speed ahead" in the NIH effort to modernize its essential peer review system, which has been used to fund the most promising research grants for 60 years.

Kitt received her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland in biopsychology, then trained, conducted research and taught as a faculty member at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Her research focused on the neurobiology of degenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. She is an author of more than 150 book chapters and research papers in *Science*, *Nature* and other journals.

She came to NIH in 1995 to be program director for research in pain, neuroendocrinology and neurotoxicology, sleep and circadian rhythms, along with women's health research at NIAMS.

She has worked in trans-NIH activities in the areas of chronic fatigue, sleep, pain and women's health. She has been cochair of the NIH extramural staff workgroup on pain, a founder of the NIH Pain Consortium and the 2003 recipient of the John and Emma Bonica Public Service Award from the American Pain Society. She was the key coordinator for a trans-NIH research working group that won the NIH Director's Award in 2004 for fostering research in muscular dystrophy.

Oros is a veteran evaluation and planning director who has studied health programs and policies at the Department of Agriculture, the Government Accounting Office, Georgetown University and other private organizations in Washington for 25 years. She received her doctorate in psychology, specializing in applied research and evaluation, at Kent State University.

An advocate of transparent government processes, she invites participation and the cross-fertilization of ideas. Oros says she believes in "using feedback from the people affected by organizational plans."

Top:
Dr. Cheryl Kitt has been named CSR deputy director.

Bottom:
Dr. Cheryl Oros is the new director of the Office of Planning, Analysis and Evaluation.

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NIH, addressing global health challenges through innovative and collaborative research and training programs and supporting and advancing the NIH mission through international partnerships.

His comments at the Beijing launch of the three DCPP publications reflect his management approach. "As a researcher, I see these books not as the end of a process but as the springboard for a renewed effort to relieve the burden of disease worldwide. As director of Fogarty, I see them as a guide to help us initiate as well as improve international partnerships and collaborations."

Glass has received numerous awards, including the HHS Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service, the Outstanding Unit Citation from the National Center for Infectious Diseases, the Outstanding Service Medal from the Public Health Service and a PHS Commendation Medal.

He is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies, the American Academy of Microbiology, the American Society of Microbiology, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Society of Virology and the American Epidemiological Society. Glass is also a fellow in the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the American College of Epidemiology. He has coauthored more than 400 research papers and chapters.

He is married to Dr. Barbara Stoll, the George W. Brumley, Jr. professor and chair of the department of pediatrics at Emory University School of Medicine and medical director of the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston. He and his wife have three children.

Glass takes the helm from Dr. Sharon Hrynkow, who served as FIC acting director for 29 months.

Glass graduated from Harvard College in 1967, received a Fulbright fellowship to study at the University of Buenos Aires in 1967, and received his M.D. from Harvard Medical School and his M.P.H. from the Harvard School of Public Health in 1972. He joined the CDC in 1977 as a medical officer assigned to the Environmental Hazards Branch. Glass received his doctorate from the University of Goteborg, Sweden, in 1984, and joined the NIH Laboratory of Infectious Diseases, where he worked on the molecular biology of rotavirus. In 1986, he returned to the CDC to become chief of the viral gastroenteritis unit at the National Center for Infectious Diseases.

His interests are the prevention of gastroenteritis from rotaviruses and noroviruses through the application of novel scientific research. He has maintained field studies in India, Bangladesh, Brazil, Mexico, Israel, Russia, Vietnam, China and elsewhere. He targets his research toward epidemiologic studies to anticipate the introduction of rotavirus vaccines. He is fluent, and often lectures, in 5 languages and is an avid biker and jogger.

NIGMS's Poodry Honored by Native Research Network

Not that long ago, Dr. Clifton Poodry was one of just two Native American geneticists. Today, he directs the NIGMS Minority Opportunities in Research program, which encourages underrepresented minorities to pursue careers in biomedical science. For promoting "integrity, respect, and excellence in research," Poodry received the first Frank Dukepoo Research Award from the Native Research Network, an organization that supports scientific networking and mentoring opportunities for indigenous peoples of the Americas. The award pays tribute to the late Dr. Dukepoo, who formed the other half of the original Native American genetics community. "Frank was a good friend, so I was delighted to see him recognized," Poodry said. "I was pleased and surprised to be the first recipient of an award honoring his memory." Poodry accepted the award, which included a plaque and an Iroquois Confederacy Pendleton blanket, on behalf of NIH at the annual Indian Health Service Research Conference in New Mexico in April.

NIAMS at 20

"From the outset, we gave high priority to research on women's and minority health in such diseases as osteoporosis, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis and scleroderma. As we do today, we had a talented and devoted staff."—Dr. Lawrence E. Shulman, director emeritus

Historical Perspective

By Dr. Stephen Katz, NIAMS director

Throughout our 20-year history, NIAMS has supported research and programs that have improved the lives of people with some of the most chronic, costly and common disorders of our time. A sampling of the institute's successes might include:

• The discovery that treatment with cyclophosphamide and prednisone prevents or delays kidney failure due to lupus nephritis, one of the most serious complications of the disease.

• A registry for people with the blistering skin disorder epidermolysis bullosa that resulted in new diagnostic methods, disease criteria and a technique for wound-healing in certain forms of the disease.

• The Osteoarthritis Initiative, a public-private partnership to speed discovery of biological markers for changes in bone or cartilage critical to diagnosing and monitoring OA, developing new treatments and identifying people at risk for the disease or its progression.

• A concerted effort to hasten scientific progress in our understanding of the muscular dystrophies.

• Advances in therapies for osteoporosis and dramatic progress in joint replacements.

• The Health Partnership Program, a collaborative effort between NIAMS and local community representatives to reduce morbidity and mortality associated with rheumatic diseases and their complications, particularly in Washington, D.C.-area African-American and Hispanic/Latino communities.

We remain committed to solving the mysteries of bone, joint, muscle and skin conditions, and look forward to the discoveries the next decade will bring!

New Performance Management Appraisal Program Debuts Soon

The human resources staff at NIH has made substantial progress with its efforts to implement the new HHS-wide performance program. The Office of Human Resources has sponsored many briefings and publicized key features throughout NIH. The PMAP replaces existing pass/fail performance programs and covers General Schedule, Title 42 and wage grade, but excludes SES and Commissioned Corps employees. The new program has four "tiers" or possible employee summary ratings: exceptional, fully successful, minimally successful and unacceptable. The NIH transition is scheduled for no later than June 30. More detailed information, including sample performance plans, IC resources and other guidance can be found at http://hr.od.nih.gov/PerfMgmt/default.htm.

Additionally, the NIH Employee Assistance Program and the OHR Workforce Relations Division are sponsoring several stress management seminars designed exclusively for NIH supervisors and employees. The seminars focus on techniques to deal with the changes NIH is currently experiencing. Pre-registration is not necessary. The next two lunchtime seminars will be held on Executive Blvd. Also, they will be webcast and may be viewed by visiting http://videocast.nih.gov/.

The June 6 seminar is for employees, and will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in Executive Plaza North Rms. C, D, E and F. The June 7 seminar, in the Neuroscience Center's Rm. C, is for supervisors and managers and will also be held from noon to 1 p.m.

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Top left:
Guest speaker Burkey Belser, designer of the Nutrition Facts label, greets an attendee.

Top right:
NIH director Dr. Elias Zerhouni (standing, r) welcomes special guest recipients who attended the Plain Language Awards ceremony including several representatives of the O'odham Nation and the communities of Gila River and Salt River in Arizona.

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ent. Culturally sensitive communication cannot be applied across the board. When you want to communicate, you can't just listen to yourself—you have to listen to the public you're trying to reach."

NIH's Executive Secretariat, which hosts the Plain Language Initiative, and the plain language coordinating committee, received more than 175 nominations for material produced in 2005. Awards were given for outstanding, excellent and honorable mention.

Guest speaker Burkey Belser, designer of the Nutrition Facts label found on virtually all U.S. food and beverage products (and many millions more worldwide), discussed the Communication Index, a formula he developed to measure how well messages reach their targets.

His formula assigns a numerical value between one and 10 to each of four categories: difficulty of subject matter, difficulty of presentation, motivation of the reader and expertise of the reader. The difficulty values are multiplied and then divided by motivation times expertise to arrive at the CI. The higher the CI, the least likely the communication works. In fact, messages are deemed fully successful only at scores from 0.01 to 1.0. Between 1 and 10, communications enter a warning zone where they become more difficult to understand. After the 10-point mark, the audience tunes out completely.

Belser also acknowledged a gap between so-called "super-knowers" and "street-level knowers" that all communicators are ultimately trying to close. Super-knowers speak "in code." They often complain of having to simplify material it has taken them a lifetime to understand themselves. Street-level knowers speak in "stories based on cause and effect." They often worry that "This is too hard. I don't understand. Why can't this be simplified?"

Belser said, "If there's any take-away from this presentation, it's that motivation needs to be at the heart and soul of what we do. We have to consider the motivation of the reader. And we have to bank on the worst, particularly if it's about public policy."

Finally, showing slides of FDA's now nearly universally used Drug Facts label, which he also designed to make clearer, Belser addressed the consequences of not delivering important messages simply: "With poor communication, you may die," he said bluntly, with somewhat deadpan humor. "It's true, isn't it? You and your customers may die. Your citizens may die. You, your customers and your citizens may be seriously injured. With poor communication, your family and your pets may die…He or she may divorce you." If we don't communicate well, he concluded, then our health, work, families and social relationships all may suffer.

So, only half kidding, Belser came up with a bumper sticker that he wants everyone to have: "SPEAK PLAINLY. SAVE LIVES."

To find out more about the Plain Language Initiative and see a list of the current award-winning products, visit http://execsec.od.nih.gov/plainlang/awards/index.html.—**Carla Garnett**

Cafeterias Offer 'Balanced Choices Campaign'

The ORS Division of Employee Services, in partnership with Eurest Dining Services, recently launched a new Balanced Choices campaign in the 6 Eurest dining centers on campus.

The program was developed by a task force of registered dietitians, chefs and managers, and "provides a wellness vision for the Eurest dining centers," according to ORS. "The program is anchored by comprehensive training and is updated to reflect emerging nutrition and wellness trends."

The Balanced Choices icon system enables customers to identify menu items that meet their dietary needs.

Can you identify the icons at left?

Each Balanced Choices entrée will display a product identification card at the point of service. The card will note the menu item name and the icon(s) for that particular entrée. Each menu item has been analyzed to meet the specific icon criteria.

A few of the breakfast items customers can choose from include the Denver scrambled eggs with low-fat cheese and low-cholesterol eggs, or the orange oatmeal muffins. Lunch items include a honey dijon chicken sandwich, or a garden salad with lime cilantro dressing. Balanced Choices entrées and sides will change daily but will always carry the product identification card. In addition, all of the deli salads and salad bar entrées are now made with light mayonnaise.

Look for the Balanced Choices campaign board at the entrance of each Eurest dining center for up-to-date nutrition information. Also, don't forget to pick up a handy pocket *Food Icon Guide*.

For more information about the campaign and to obtain monthly coupons good for free and discounted items, visit http://does.ors.od.nih.gov/food/balancedChoices.htm.

Intercultural Cancer Council Visits NIH

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As part of its mentoring component, the Intercultural Cancer Council offered several dozen of its student members the chance to come to NIH Apr. 20 for a morning of lab visits and meetings about programs that address health disparities. ICC is an advocacy organization that promotes policies, programs, partnerships and research to eliminate the unequal burden of cancer among racial and ethnic minorities and medically underserved populations in the United States and its associated territories. The group was in town for its 10th Biennial Symposium on Minorities, the Medically Underserved & Cancer held recently at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. The visit to NIH sought to expose students to state-of-the-art research and other opportunities to complement their training and career aspirations.

***Above**:*
While here, students heard from NIGMS's Dr. Anthony Rene (l), Dr. Clifton Poodry (r), Dr. Adolphus Toliver and Dr. Shawn Drew, program directors for the institute's Division of Minority Opportunities in Research. In addition to the 11 NIH labs that opened their doors for tours and demonstrations, NCI offered briefings on its Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities and the Comprehensive Minority Biomedical Training Program; the Clinical Center gave an overview of bench-to-bedside research and opportunities for internships and fellowships.

Below:
Dr. Barry Gause (foreground) of NCI's Medical Oncology Branch discussed his clinical trial that uses idiotype vaccines in patients with advanced stage follicular lymphoma, offering background information on the basic biology and rationale for such vaccines.

VIDEO PODCAST

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for all people to learn more about genetics and genomics.

National DNA Day, begun in April 2003, commemorates the successful completion of the Human Genome Project and the anniversary of the discovery of DNA's double helix by Watson and Crick in 1953. The goal of DNA Day, planned and carried out by NHGRI's Education and Community Involvement Branch, is to provide educational resources to excite teachers and students about genomics research and careers.

According to Larry Thompson of NHGRI, "The video iPod [shown above, with Barbara Biesecker on screen] is just another tool to deliver information about" the electrifying field of genomics research.

"The video iPod is just another tool to deliver information about this electrifying field of research," said Larry Thompson, chief of NHGRI's Communications and Public Liaison Branch, which created the videos. "We started last year with multi-media programming on the institute's web site for National DNA Day. We thought the novelty of the video podcast might engage students about genomics research, just because it's cool. We did worry a bit that some kids might get harassed for putting such a nerdy subject on their cool iPod instead of the latest *Lost* episode."

Podcasting is simply a way to distribute video in the form of a computer file over the Internet. Video files can come in many flavors, but podcasts are typically in the MP4 format and can be played on many different devices similar to the iPod such as personal digital assistants (PDA) like a PocketPC, and even a cell phone. The Center for Information Technology web site, http://videocast.nih.gov, began making other MP4 files available for download in February 2006.

NHGRI's video podcast gives users several pathways by which to access the video, said David Smith, technical team lead for NHGRI's web site. The institute registered its podcasts with Apple's iTunes store, a companion web service specifically designed to work with iPods. The user can click a link on NHGRI's web site and go directly to the iTunes download page for that podcast; NHGRI videos are, of course, free.

The podcasts, however, are not limited to iPods. Any type of player that supports the MP4 format can be used, and subscribers will automatically receive future videos in their portable media player through their subscriptions to the NHGRI video feed. Other information such as the video title, running-time and a description of what the video contains is automatically provided through the feed.

"This is similar in concept to when consumers subscribe to a Really Simple Syndication (RSS) text feed allowing them to automatically receive updates from selected web sites without having to check for them," Smith said. "RSS feeds are something NHGRI also recently began offering for its newsroom and calendar items and we hope to expand our offerings in the future."

So far, more than 800 users have downloaded NHGRI's DNA Day video podcast from http://genome.gov/DNAday. In addition, the webcast format of the presentation was accessed more than 1,300 times on DNA Day alone. Two other educational webcasts produced for last year's National DNA Day, one featuring NHGRI director Dr. Francis Collins and the other featuring Dr. Elaine Ostrander, chief of NHGRI's Cancer Genetics Branch, also are available.

From 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on National DNA Day, NHGRI also hosted its second live online chatroom to answer questions from students and teachers around the United States, as well as from South America, Europe, India, South Africa and China. Dozens of basic, clinical and ethics research staff—from postdocs to Collins and scientific director Dr. Eric Green—answered more than 600 questions, nearly twice as many as were answered the year before. Dr. Belen Hurle, a postdoctoral fellow at NHGRI and native of Spain, even answered several questions in Spanish.

According to Green, "An impressive number of questions were answered during the day and it was rather remarkable how the answers tapped into the diverse expertise available at NHGRI. It was gratifying to see so many different NHGRI researchers and staff actively engaged in this educational effort."

A transcript of the chat, which can be sorted by expert, is available at http://www.genome.gov/18516768.

milestones

ORS's Dattoli, Ambassador of NIH Security, Dies

By Brad Moss

John M. Dattoli, acting associate director, Security and Emergency Response and director, Division of Physical Security Management in the Office of Research Services, died unexpectedly of a heart attack on Apr. 1 while jogging in his neighborhood.

Dattoli was instrumental in overseeing the development of the new Perimeter Security System on the main campus from design to implementation. In addition to his leadership in physical security, he helped guide policy for the police, fire, fire marshal, emergency preparedness and personnel security programs.

"The staff will sorely miss all the advice, guidance and support that John provided us. In particular, we will all miss John's sense of humor and ability to get us all laughing...especially when he knew firsthand that we were all working under very demanding conditions," said NIH Fire Marshal J.P. McCabe.

"John was a quiet hero," said John Burklow, NIH associate director for communications and public liaison. "I don't think many people at NIH knew of the important and lasting contributions he made to the agency. John helped lead NIH through a very difficult time as we responded to the increased requirements for security. He is a tremendous loss to NIH and our hearts go out to his family."

A native of Gloversville, N.Y., and civil engineer by trade, Dattoli spent the past 20 years in the federal government with the General Services Administration and the Defense Logistics Agency before arriving at NIH in 1993.

At NIH, he began his career as chief, shops section of the former Division of Engineering Services, rising up the ranks to special assistant to the director of Property Management in the Office of Research Facilities and Development (ORF) after ORS and ORF split into two separate organizations. He transitioned to ORS in November 2003 as director of the Division of Physical Security Management and assumed the role of acting associate director in May 2004.

Juanita Mildenberg, current ORF acting director and Dattoli's former supervisor in DES, sees his passing as a "great loss to the NIH. His dedication and commitment to keeping our facilities operational was unmatched. He responded no matter what the hour and often interrupted his family activities to do so. His humor and gentle personality were ever present. His passion for work and love of life, family and religion made him a very special person and friend."

John Dattoli (r) was the recipient of an NIH Merit Award from NIH director Dr. Elias Zerhouni.

He was a graduate of Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y., with a degree in civil and environmental engineering. He began his career working for the Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Corp. in Pittsburgh, Pa., prior to his work with the government.

Dattoli was a member of St. Andrew Apostle Catholic Church in Silver Spring. He also coached for the Catholic Youth Organization and several of his children's athletic teams. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Mary Bronakowski Dattoli of Silver Spring, three children, Navy Ensign Matthew Dattoli, 24, of Virginia Beach, Va., and Meredith, 16, and Anthony, 13, both of Silver Spring; a brother, Joseph Dattoli of Thurmont, Md.; and a sister, Joan Spencer of Queensbury, N.Y.

An educational trust fund has been established for Dattoli's children. Memorial contributions can be made to: Dattoli Children's Educational Trust Fund, c/o Suntrust Bank, 5504 Norbeck Rd., Rockville, MD 20853.

Saunders, Formerly of NCI, Is Mourned

Dr. J. Palmer Saunders, who worked at the National Cancer Institute from the early 1950's until 1974, passed away on Apr. 16, in Baltimore. In 1965, he was appointed deputy director of NCI's chemotherapy program. Two years later, he became associate director in charge of extramural programs, helping shape cancer research and care in the U.S. He retired from NCI in 1974 to become dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at the University of Texas Medical Branch. Saunders was recognized for his generous support and commitment to graduate biomedical education by establishing, in 2001, a professorship for the University of Texas Medical Branch Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

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NLM Hosts First 'Genomics in Perspective' Lecture

Dr. Daniel J. Kevles (r), Stanley Woodward professor of history at Yale University, was the inaugural speaker at NLM's spring lecture series, "Genomics in Perspective." He is shown here with Dr. Elizabeth Fee, chief of the library's History of Medicine Division, which is sponsoring the series. Kevles drew parallels between the development of the transcontinental railroad system in the late 19th century and the evolution of the Human Genome Project today, with comparable tensions between private property rights and the public interest.

Five Named to Women's Health Committee

Five new members have been appointed to the advisory committee on research on women's health. They are: Constance Howes, president and chief executive officer of Women and Infants Hospital in Rhode Island; Nancy J. Norton, founder and president of the International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders; Dr. Eugene P. Orringer, executive associate dean for faculty affairs and faculty development in the School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Dr. Susan P. Sloan, associate professor of medicine and associate residency program director of internal medicine at the James H. Quillen College of Medicine, East Tennessee State University; and Dr. Barbara W.K. Yee, professor and chair of family and consumer sciences at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

ORWH Lecture Tackles Caregiving Burdens

The next lecture in the Office of Research on Women's Health Seminar Series will be "Caregiving: Burdens and Satisfactions," on Tuesday, June 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. in Lipsett Amphitheater, Bldg. 10. The talk is open to the public and no registration is required.

volunteers

Lyme Disease Study

Do you think you have Lyme disease? People with active Lyme disease are invited to participate in a study at NIH. Evaluation and treatment provided. For information call (301) 496-8412.

Volunteers Needed for Anthrax Vaccine Study

NICHD is seeking healthy men and women, ages 18-45, to participate in an investigational anthrax vaccine study conducted at NIH. The vaccine is expected to be as effective as the licensed anthrax vaccine (AVA) but it is purer and should be safer. Medical tests will determine eligibility. Compensation will be provided. Call 1-877-444-9980 (TTY 1-866-411-1010). Refer to study 04-CH-0283.

Asthma Study Recruits

An asthma study at NIH is recruiting children ages 5 to 17. The study will determine the usefulness of a new procedure for evaluating asthma in children. All study-related tests will be provided at no cost. Compensation is provided. Call 1-866-444-2214 (TTY 1-866-411-1010). Se habla español.

Follicular Lymphoma Vaccine Study

Your own body may be your best defense. Patients age 18 and older who have not had chemotherapy and are diagnosed with stage II bulky or stage III or IV follicular lymphoma may be eligible for this study. Patients will receive chemotherapy then be randomly selected to receive a vaccine (created from the patient's own cells) that may eliminate tumor cells that remain after chemotherapy. Call 1-866-444-2214 (TTY 1-866-411-1010).

Study of Ovarian Function

Healthy women ages 18 through 25 are needed for an ovarian function study. Compensation is provided. Call 1-866-444-2214 (TTY 1-866-411-1010). Refer to study 00-CH-0189.

Siblings with Rheumatic Disorders

Siblings with systemic rheumatic disorders (one who has it, one who doesn't) are invited to participate in NIH study 03-E-0099. Compensation provided. Call 1-866-444-2214 (TTY 1-866-411-1010).

Parkinson's Disease Study

You may qualify for this study if you are diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Call 1-866-444-2214 (TTY 1-866-411-1010).

Siblings with Rheumatoid Arthritis

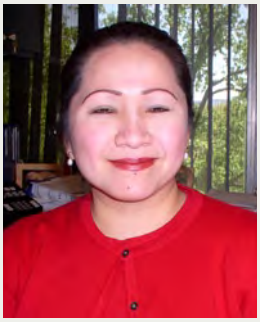
Siblings with rheumatoid arthritis (one who has it, one who doesn't) are invited to participate in NIH study 03-E-0099. Compensation provided. Call 1-866-444-2214 (TTY 1-866-411-1010).

Salazar Recognized by Tech Magazine

Cyrus Salazar of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity Management has been named one of the "100 most important Hispanics in Technology and Business" for 2006 by the editors of Hispanic Engineer & Information Technology *magazine. Honorees are chosen because of their leadership and outstanding work in the field of technology. They will be feted at an event in Baltimore this September, during Hispanic Heritage Month. Salazar is NIH Hispanic Employment Program manager.*

NCI's Adhya Honored by University of Calcutta

*This year the University of Calcutta, India, celebrated the sesquicentennial of its founding in 1856. In a convocation ceremony held Mar. 27, the university conferred a doctor of science (*honoris causa*) degree on Dr. Sankar Adhya of NCI's Laboratory of Molecular Biology for his seminal contributions in the field of molecular genetics.*



O'Hanlon Named to NHLBI Post

Nancy O'Hanlon was recently named deputy ethics counselor, NHLBI. She joins the institute with more than 8 years of experience in ethics and personnel management, most recently with the Defense Intelligence Agency. She is responsible for overall management of the ethics program at NHLBI.

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Burst of Campus Flowers Draws Fans

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Confidential to anyone who's not immune to beauty: The east wall of Bldg. 14 is only one of several spots on campus where folks can enjoy profuse displays of roses.

Top:
Edwine Desruisseau, NHLBI

Bottom:
Judy Yu, NHLBI

Right:
Dr. Nasir Malik, NIDA

NIH Police Day: Good Dogs, Good Chow, Good Cops

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Clockwise from top left:
Coco, a German shorthaired pointer, ID's which bag has the explosive residue.

Cops cook: Lt. Jim Skyrm (l) and Lt. Joe Cox do beautiful food together.

Montgomery County Police officers Marcus Dixon and Joy Patil on infant-car-seat beat.

Sgt. Rick Hawkins with drug-sniffer Flyer. Black Labrador Retrievers are prized for their high "fetch" drive.

The Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority's SWAT team vehicle allows access to aircraft.