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LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases; 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 Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Special Emphasis Panel, NIAMS Terjung Review.

Date: March 2, 1999.

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: 45 Natcher Bldg., Rm 5As.25u, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Melody Maryland, NIAMS, NIH, Grants Review Branch, 45 Center Drive, Rm. 5AS 25U, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-594-4952.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.846, Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Library of Medicine; Notice of 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 open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 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: Biomedical Library Review Committee.

Date: March 3-4, 1999.

Open: March 3, 1999, 8:30 am to 9:00 am.

Agenda: Administrative reports and program developments.

Place: National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Board Room, Bethesda, MD 20894.

Closed: March 3, 1999, 9:00 am to 11:40 am.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Board Room, Bethesda, MD 20894.

Open: March 3, 1999, 11:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Agenda: Administrative reports and program developments.

Place: National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Board Room, Bethesda, MD 20894.

Closed: March 3, 1999, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Board Room, Bethesda, MD 20894.

Open: March 4, 1999, 8:30 am to 8:45 am.

Agenda: Administrative reports and program developments.

Place: National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Board Room, Bethesda, MD 20894.

Closed: March 4, 1999, 8:45 am to 1:30 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Board Room, Bethesda, MD 20894.

Contact Person: Sharee Pepper, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, Health Scientist Administrator, Office of Extramural Programs, National Library of Medicine, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Suite 301, Bethesda, MD 20892.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.879, Medical Library Assistance, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

Part N, National Institutes of Health, of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services (40 FR 22859, May 27, 1975, as amended most recently at 63 FR 8656, February 20, 1998, and redesignated from Part HN as Part N at 60 FR 56605, November 9, 1995), is amended as set forth below to rename the Office of Communications (NA8, formerly HNA8) and establish organizational components for current activities within the Office.

Section N-B, Organization and Functions, is amended by replacing the current sections NA8 through NA824 (formerly HNA8 through HNA824) with the following:

Office of Communications and Public Liaison (NA8, formerly HNA8). (1) Plans and directs activities to communicate information about NIH programs and accomplishments to the general public, the scientific community, the medical profession, and public advocacy groups; (2) advises the Director of NIH on effective communications strategies; (3) represents the Director of NIH in relations with the media and scientific publications; (4) coordinates communications policy and activities with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs and with the Institutes and Centers of NIH; (5) directs the implementation of the Freedom of Information Act at NIH; (6) facilitates

public participation in NIH activities through the Council of Public Representatives and other means.

Office of the Director (NA81, formerly HNA81). (1) Directs and coordinates the operations of the Office of Communications and Public Liaison; (2) functions as spokesman for the Director of NIH; (3) operates the NIH public liaison program; and (4) provides staff support for the Council of Public Representatives.

Public Information Office (NA82, formerly HNA82). (1) Advises the Associate Director for Communications on the public information and public affairs activities of NIH; (2) produces and reviews a wide variety of publications and media presentations about NIH programs and research for the general public and the scientific community; (3) assists NIH components to produce effective public information publications and presentations; (4) prepares speeches, articles, and other presentations for officials of NIH and the Office of the Secretary; and (5) supports media interactions by the Director, NIH, and other NIH scientists and officials.

Office of the Director (NA821, formerly HNA821). Plans and directs the operations of the Public Information Office.

New Media Branch (NA822, formerly HNA822). (1) Serves the central news contact for NIH and maintains contact with members of the electronic and print media; (2) prepares and issues feature materials describing NIH programs; (3) produces audio tapes of health messages and interviews with NIH scientists for use by radio stations; (4) manages press conferences for the Director of NIH and other scientists and officials; (5) keeps the NIH leadership informed about media coverage of NIH issues and programs; and (6) clears press releases and audiovisual productions with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs before distribution.

Editorial Operations Branch (NA824, formerly HNA824). (1) Plans and produces NIH-wide publications; (2) reviews articles and publications produced by Institutes and Centers for consistency with NIH policy and program objectives; (3) clears NIH publications with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs; and (4) publishes The NIH Record, the NIH Calendar of Events, the NIH Almanac, and the NIH Publications List and Information Index.

Science Communications Branch (NA825, formerly HNA825). (1) Facilitates the understanding of scientific concepts by the media and

general public; (2) publishes health information newsletters such as Word on Health; (3) conducts periodic seminars for science writers and staffs similar activities, such as residence programs for science writers; and (4) keeps up-to-date information on research advances by NIH scientists and grantees.

Online Information Branch (NA826, formerly HNA826). (1) Coordinates and supports the use of networked computers to provide information about NIH within the Office of Communications and Public Liaison; (2) manages the NIH World Wide Web Coordinating Committee, which provides leadership for the design and content of the NIH Web site; (3) works with other relevant offices and committees in establishing operational standards and guidelines for Web sites at NIH; (4) has direct responsibility for several major areas of the NIH home page that address the special needs of health care professionals, patients, members of the press, the public and employees; (5) manages the processing of electronic mail sent to the NIH home page; (6) provides Web support services and guidance to other OD offices including the Director, NIH; and (7) conducts special studies on the use of the NIH Web, including evaluation projects.

Special Projects Branch (NA827, formerly HNA827). (1) Plans, organizes, and conducts special public events and functions; (2) conducts tours and orientations for a wide variety of domestic and international groups visiting NIH; (3) operates the NIH Visitor Information Center; and (4) conducts NIH-wide voluntary efforts such as the Combined Federal Campaign.

Freedom of Information Office (NA83, formerly HNA83). (1) Manages the implementation of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) at NIH; (2) provides FOIA policy guidance, training, and advice to Institutes, Centers, and components of the Office of the Director, NIH; (3) responds to selected, highly sensitive FOIA requests; (4) coordinates the response to FOIA requests involving more than one NIH component; (5) issues all denials under the FOIA for NIH; (6) provides the NIH position if FOIA decisions are appealed to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs; and (7) helps the public interested in NIH to use the FOIA.

NIH History Office and Museum (NA84, formerly HNA84). (1) Provides guidance to Institutes and Centers regarding the preservation of historical materials such as documents, photographs, and artifacts; (2) provides

the Director, NIH, and other senior staff with oral or written historical perspectives on current policy issues; (3) prepares oral and written histories and historical presentations primarily on NIH-conducted or -sponsored biomedical research; (4) maintains selected historical materials; (5) manages the DeWitt Stetten, Jr., Museum of Medical Research, which: (a) Collects, preserves, and exhibits biomedical research instruments, technologies, and memorabilia, especially those related to NIH; and (b) educates the public about the process and achievements of biomedical research through exhibits and publications that generally focus on the research of NIH investigators.

Delegations of Authority Statement: All delegations and redelegations of authority to offices and employees of NIH which were in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this reorganization and are consistent with this reorganization shall continue in effect, pending further redelegation.

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Harold Varmus,

Director, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Prospective Grant of Exclusive License: Transformation Associated Recombination (TAR) System in Yeast for Specific Cloning of DNAs as Yeast Artificial Chromosomes (YACs)

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i), that the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services, is contemplating the grant of an exclusive license worldwide to practice the invention embodied in: International Application PCT/US96/11478 and USPA SN 09/060,023 (CIP of the above), titled "Transformation Associated Recombination (TAR) System in Yeast for Specific Cloning of DNAs as Yeast Artificial Chromosomes (YACs)" to Genasense Pharmaceuticals, Inc., having a place of business in New Haven, Connecticut. The United States of America is an assignee of the patent rights in this invention.