

NIH Comes to Michigan

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From new leadership to ARRA funding programs to enhanced peer review, there are significant changes on-going at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in 2009 and 2010. We invite you to participate in one or more of the day's events to hear about what is happening at NIH and learn how to take advantage of these changes and new funding opportunities.

NIH Representatives

Rosemarie Hunziker, PhD

Program Director
Nat'l Inst. of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering

Lenka Fedorkova, PhD

Assistant Program Manager
SBIR/STTR Program Office

Three different sessions will provide opportunities for members of Michigan's life science community — from academic researchers to entrepreneurs and industry scientists — to interact with Drs. Fedorkova and Hunziker.

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UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CORRIDOR University of Michigan Michigan State University Wayne State University

URC sponsored session: **"NIH Funding for Academic Institutions: Ch ch ch ch changes..."**

New proposal formats; different scoring; early stage investigators; ARRA funding opportunities — 2009 has been a year of change at NIH. Attend this URC sponsored session to learn more about NIH initiatives focused on academic and university researchers.

Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Location: Blau Auditorium, U-M Ross School of Business, 701 Tappan Street, Ann Arbor

Registration: www.med.umich.edu/medschool/research/nih-visit-registration.htm



Biotechnology Business Consultants (BBC) sponsored one-on-one meetings: **"Meet One-on-One with NIH"**

Schedule a one-on-one meeting with one of two NIH program directors. Appointments are limited to Michigan-based participants and must be scheduled in advance. A brief summary of the topic to be discussed will be required when requesting an appointment.

Time: 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm, in 15 minute increments

Location: SPARK Central, 330 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor

Registration: Contact Kris Bergman, BBC at 734-930-9741 or kris@bioconsultants.com

BioArbor

LIFE SCIENCE FORUM

BioArbor sponsored session: **"NIH Funding for Life Science Companies and Entrepreneurs: SBIR/STTR and Beyond..."**

From SBIR/STTR funding, to commercialization assistance programs, to other relevant NIH grant opportunities, hear directly from NIH program staff about the ins and outs of NIH funding for life science companies. Ample time for Q&A will be provided.

Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Location: SPARK Central, 330 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor

Registration: www.bioarbor.com

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Rosemarie Hunziker, PhD
Program Director
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Rosemarie Hunziker, Ph.D. is the Director of Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine at the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). In that capacity she has programmatic oversight of discovery and applied research grants.

Dr. Hunziker brings a diverse background to this broad sphere of R&D. She has education and training in microbiology, immunogenetics and immunochemistry, developmental biology, animal husbandry, molecular biology, tissue engineering, biomaterials, and technology transfer. Rosemarie's professional career in the research laboratory evolved into setting up the NIAID's Transgenic Mouse Facility at the FCRDC in Fort Detrick, MD. She joined the Advanced Technology Program at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (Department of Commerce) as a Program Director in the Chemistry and Life Sciences Office. ATP awarded grants to for-profit companies for high-risk R&D.

After a brief stint in private consulting advising biotechnology companies on strategic use of federal research grants to advance their business goals, Rosemarie returned to NIH in 2004 to help accelerate technology transfer at the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR). In January, 2007 she moved to her current position at the NIBIB. She is committed to realizing the practical benefits of the exciting developments at the forefront of cell-based tools and therapies

Lenka Fedorkova, PhD
Assistant Program Manager
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Dr. Fedorkova currently serves as the Assistant Program Manager for the SBIR/ STTR programs at the NIH. She has numerous responsibilities centered on providing resources and access to critical information to small business communities interested in obtaining Federal funding and administering commercialization assistance programs to current NIH award recipients. Lenka has a long-standing interest in the biomedical innovation enterprise and over the years worked to develop and expand her knowledge of core issues that small businesses face. Prior to joining the SBIR/ STTR office, she was a congressional liaison in the NIH Office of Legislative Policy and Analysis for three years, most notably overseeing intellectual property, commercialization and small business innovation (SBIR/STTR programs) matters, and provided strategic intelligence and advice to NIH leadership.

Lenka was awarded the prestigious AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellowship and worked in the NIH Office of Technology Transfer on international TT capacity building, R&D partnerships, negotiating license agreements, and also served as biotechnology special adviser to the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a think tank working with Central and Eastern European economies. Her first job away from the research bench was with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) as Program Director for Outreach and Marketing with what is now the Science Careers division at AAAS. Lenka holds a doctorate from the Kent State University in neuroscience with a specialty in sleep research of the mammalian biological clock.