

NIH *Engaging the Public in Research Week*

Celebrating effective collaborations among researchers and communities

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The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is hosting the first Engaging the Public in Research Week in recognition of the significance of public involvement in biomedical and behavioral research. This special week also celebrates the 10-year anniversary of the NIH Director's Council of Public Representatives (COPR), a federal advisory council composed of public members representing a variety of cultural, professional, and patient-centered communities across the nation.

We invite you to celebrate and learn more about the value of public involvement in research by participating in these Engaging the Public in Research Week events:

- The *Partners in Research (PIR) Investigator Workshop* will be held October 26–27 at the Natcher Conference Center. This workshop is sponsored by the NIH Public Trust Initiative and is geared toward PIR grantees to look at progress, best practices, and next steps. Registration is at capacity; however, there will be an evening poster session and reception open to interested public members from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on October 26. Visit this Web site for more information: http://tools.niehs.nih.gov/conferences/dert/partners_in_research/partners_conference_agenda.cfm.
- *NIH Staff Training in Extramural Programs (STEP) Forum: Nuts-and-Bolts of Community Engagement in Research* will take place Wednesday, October 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Building 10, Masur Auditorium. The forum is inspired by COPR's recommendations on community-engaged research and geared toward NIH extramural and intramural research, program, and outreach staff. Dr. Raynard Kington, NIH Principal Deputy Director, will give opening remarks. The agenda also includes an overview of community-engaged research, presentation of COPR recommendations, case studies of best practices and practical application of principles referenced in the COPR recommendations, and an open panel discussion. Visit this Web site for more information: www.copr.nih.gov/STEP.
- The Fall 2009 *Meeting of the NIH Director's Council of Public Representatives* will take place Friday, October 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Building 31, Conference Room 6, 6th floor C-wing. This will be COPR's first formal meeting with the new NIH Director, Dr. Francis Collins. Agenda topics include comparative effectiveness research, complementary and alternative medicine, and international biomedical research initiatives. The meeting is open to the public. Visit this Web site for more information: <http://copr.nih.gov/meetings.asp>.

