

February 8, 2019

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WASHINGTON MARRIOTT HOTEL

February 28 - March 1, 2019

Planning information for the upcoming meeting of the Council on Governmental Relations was sent to the COGR Listserv in January 2019. Those planning to attend should make hotel reservations by **Tuesday, February 12, 2019** at the Washington Marriott Hotel at 1221 22nd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. After this date, reservations will be accepted only on a space and rate available basis. Meeting registration cancellations must be received in writing, preferably via email to trusso@cogr.edu, **no later than Friday, February 22, 2019** to receive a refund of the registration fee.

Thursday, February 28, 2019

- 10 AM – 12:00 PM – **Proposed Efforts and Initiatives of the Non-Profit Funder - Research Institution Partnership-**
Metropolitan Ballroom

At the October 2017 COGR meeting a panel of non-profit funder and research institution representatives discussed an ongoing and growing partnership aimed at facilitating academic research funded by nonprofit organizations. As the Nonprofit Funder – Research Institution (NFRI) Partnership plans its third major meeting, university representatives leading efforts in the areas of intellectual property and technology transfer, research project support costs (aka F&A) and streamlining administrative processes will discuss current initiatives and seek your feedback on proposed efforts and next steps.

- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM – **Buffet Lunch** *Dupont Galleries 6-7 and West End Ballroom*
- 1:00 PM – 2 PM – **Guest Speaker-Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier** *Metropolitan Ballroom*

Dr. Droegemeier was confirmed earlier this year as Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy. He served for many years as Vice President for Research at the University of Oklahoma, and is a renowned meteorologist specializing in severe weather events. He has also served on the National Science Board, including as Vice Chair. Dr. Droegemeier has long been active in COGR, serving on the Board from 2009 to 2014. We are pleased to welcome him back to COGR to discuss his thoughts on and vision for science under the current administration.

- 2:00 PM – 2:15 PM – **Break** *Metropolitan Mezzanine*
- 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM – **U.S. Efforts to Address Foreign Influence on Research and Intellectual Property** *Metropolitan Ballroom*

Members of Congress, the administration, and security and research funding agencies have expressed concern about state-sponsored programs to improperly access or replicate U.S. federally funded research data and information, including proposed research, as a means to gain competitive advantage. In an August 20 letter to grantees, National Institutes of Health (NIH) Director Dr. Francis Collins expressed concern about foreign influence and announced the creation of a working group to the Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD) to improve reporting of foreign support and affiliations, mitigate IP security risks, and protect the integrity of peer-review. Dr. Mike Lauer, Deputy Director for Extramural Research, NIH, will join us to discuss the working group's December 2018 report and steps NIH is taking to address foreign influence. Staff from the offices of Senators Mark Warner (D-VA) and Marco Rubio (R-FL) (invited) will address legislative efforts aimed at curbing foreign influence.

- 3:15 PM – 3:30 PM – **Break** *Metropolitan Mezzanine*
- 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – **Federal Agency Report on Reducing Administrative Burden in Animal Research** *Metropolitan Ballroom*

The NIH Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a draft report, Reducing Administrative Burden for Researchers: Animal Care and Use in Research, for comment on December 7, 2018. The report follows a review by federal agencies to ensure that regulations and policies associated with research involving laboratory animals are not inconsistent, overlapping, or unnecessarily duplicative and to improve the coordination of agency regulations and policies as directed by the 21st Century Cures Act. As part of their review, agency representatives conducted a series of listening sessions and published a request for information in March 2018. Dr. Pat Brown, Director, NIH OLAW, Bernadette Juarez, Deputy Administrator, USDA Animal Care Program, and Dr. Brianna Skinner, Senior Regulatory Veterinarian, FDA, will join us to discuss the report and next steps in reform efforts.

- 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM – **Sexual Harassment** *Metropolitan Ballroom*

Sara Barber, Legislative staff of Ranking Member Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) and [Chairwoman](#) of the House Science Space, and Technology Committee will discuss Ms. Johnson’s Bill [H.R. 36](#) entitled “Combating Sexual Harassment in Science Act of 2019.” H.R. 36 would expand research efforts through funding grants to better understand the causes and consequences of sexual harassment affecting individuals, students, and trainees in STEM programs. This session will present an opportunity for COGR members to ask questions about the reporting requirements of the bill including publishing on publicly available internet websites the aggregate results of assessments regarding findings or determinations of sexual harassment, the requirement to make public on an annual basis the number of reports of sexual harassment, etc. Joanne Carney, Director, Office of Government Relations, AAAS will discuss sexual harassment from the scientific community perspective. This will include a discussion of a new multi-society project along with the specific actions/policies undertaken at AAAS.

- 5:30 PM – 8 PM – **Cocktails and Buffet Dinner** *Metropolitan Mezzanine & Ballroom*

Friday, March 1, 2019

- 7:30 - 8:15 AM – **Buffet Breakfast** *Metropolitan Mezzanine & Ballroom*
- 8:15 – 9:00 AM – **COGR General Membership Only: Committee Hot Topics Part 1** *Metropolitan Ballroom*

A variety of issues will be discussed including Foreign Influence (Campus Practices & Agency Initiatives), Implementation of Sexual Harassment Provisions, and F&A. This session is open to meeting attendees from COGR Membership Institutions only. **(Members are encouraged to submit advance questions and issues for Friday morning’s discussion to trusso@cogr.edu)**

- 9:00 – 9:45 AM – **Rush Holt, AAAS** *Metropolitan Ballroom*

With a background that includes research, administration, and policy-making, former congressman Dr. Rush Holt, Chief Executive Officer of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, brings a uniquely multi-faceted perspective to the state of science under the current administration.

- 9:45 -10:00 AM – **Break** *Metropolitan Mezzanine*
- 10:00 -10:45 AM – **Confidentiality in Research Misconduct** *Metropolitan Ballroom*

Dr. Patricia Valdez, Research Integrity Officer, NIH, has been invited to discuss the Office of Research Integrity’s current and ongoing objectives for 2019 and beyond. She will also discuss emphasis behind the October 2018 issuance of NIH Notice [NOT-OD-19-020](#), “Responsibilities of Recipient Institutions in Communicating Research Misconduct to the NIH.” To read COGR’s response to this notice, click [here](#).

- 10:45 – Noon – **COGR General Membership Only: Committee Hot Topics Part II** *Metropolitan Ballroom*
- 12:00 Noon – **Adjournment**