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Timothy J. Tosten Named CSR's New Executive Officer

Timothy J. Tosten is the new Executive Officer at the NIH Center for Scientific Review. He will oversee staff and contractors who provide vital services to CSR and NIH: administrative, financial management, committee management, information technology, procurement and management analysis services.



Each year, CSR receives about 80,000 grant applications, uses more than 17,000 reviewers and hosts more than 1,700 review meetings, which require over 60,000 hotel rooms and travel reimbursements.

"Tim rapidly rose to the top of the candidates to take on this critical job," said CSR Director Dr. Toni Scarpa. "He brings to CSR dynamic and proven management skills and a strong commitment to service." He then explained that Tosten has "excelled in progressive leadership positions at NIH since he entered the Presidential Management Intern [PMI] program in 1993."

Tosten comes to CSR from the NIH Fogarty International Center, where he was its Executive Officer. He earlier served as the Associate Director for Administration for the Division of Intramural Research Programs at the National Institute of Mental Health.

He began his NIH career as a PMI in the NIH Office of Research Services (ORS), where he spent 12 years working in varying areas, including managing the child care programs and food service contracts, the NIH travel contract, and NIH's first-ever sign language interpreting services contract. He completed his tenure at ORS as its Director of its Division of Employee Services.

Tosten holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Baltimore.

About CSR

CSR organizes the peer review groups that evaluate the majority of grant applications submitted to NIH. These groups include experienced and respected researchers from across the country and abroad. Since 1946, CSR's mission has been to see that NIH grant applications receive fair, independent, expert, and timely reviews — free from inappropriate influences — so NIH can fund the most promising research. CSR also receives all incoming applications and assigns them to the NIH institutes and centers that fund grants. For more information, go to CSR's Web site—<http://www.csr.nih.gov>—or phone 301-435-1111.

About NIH

NIH — the Nation's Medical Research Agency — includes 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is the primary federal agency for conducting and supporting basic, clinical and translational medical research, and it investigates the causes, treatments, and cures for both common and rare diseases. For more information about NIH and its programs, visit <http://www.nih.gov>.