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### **Dr. Mark Caprara** named Director of the Division of Basic and Integrative Biological Sciences



The NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR) has named Dr. Mark Caprara Director of its Division of Basic and Integrative Biological Sciences (DBIB). Dr. Caprara joined NIH in 2009 as a scientific review officer in CSR's Bioengineering Sciences and Technologies Review Branch. In 2018, he was named Chief of the Molecular and Cellular Sciences and Technologies Review Branch within DBIB. He has served in an acting capacity as Director of the Division of Basic and Integrative Biological Sciences since May 2025.

Dr. Caprara has taken on significant leadership roles in the Center and in trans-NIH efforts. He distinguished himself as co-chair of the Trans-NIH Simplifying Review Framework Implementation Executive Committee. The most significant change to NIH peer review in many years, the initiative required a complex coordination effort across NIH to finalize the framework, publish policy changes, design and implement business system changes, and develop staff and reviewer training resources. His appointment as Acting Director of DBIB coincided with the centralization of all NIH peer review at CSR and with the attendant challenges of integrating new staff and new additional applications, many involving complex grant mechanisms. Dr. Caprara brings to this role extensive knowledge and experience in peer review and NIH processes and strong communication and leadership skills.

Dr. Caprara earned his Ph.D. in biology at Temple University and completed postdoctoral training at the University of Texas, Austin. Prior to joining CSR, he was an assistant professor at Case Western Reserve University where he built a research program focused on structural and functional relationships of proteins involved in the regulation of RNA processing.