Dr. Lawrence Boerboom Now Heads CSR’s Division of Physiological and Pathological Sciences

The Center for Scientific Review (CSR) at the National Institutes of Health has named Dr. Lawrence Boerboom to be the new Director of its Division of Physiological and Pathological Sciences. He has been Chief of CSR’s Cardiovascular and Respiratory Sciences Integrated Review Group since 2009.

“We are pleased that Dr. Boerboom has agreed to step into this important position,” said CSR Director Dr. Richard Nakamura. “He has excelled as a leader in academia, business and CSR, and he will bring a wealth of management and scientific expertise to the job.” Dr. Nakamura noted that, “throughout his career, Dr. Boerboom has successfully built bridges between basic and clinical researchers and cultivated a deep appreciation for multidisciplinary research.”

The Division of Physiological and Pathological Sciences, coordinates reviews of NIH grant applications in four integrated review groups (IRG), which include 44 standing review panels that are managed by an equal number of Scientific Review Officers:

- Digestive, Kidney and Urological Systems
- Endocrinology, Metabolism, Nutrition and Reproductive Sciences
- Infectious Diseases and Microbiology
- Immunology

Dr. Boerboom came to CSR in 2004 to be a Scientific Review Officer for a study section that reviews cardiac- and vascular-related small business grant applications.

Prior to his joining CSR, Dr. Boerboom was the Director of Research at LifeCell Corporation in Branchburg, New Jersey, where he led a team developing tissue-engineered medical devices. He earlier had a 20-year career on the faculty of the Medical College of Wisconsin, holding a primary appointment in cardiothoracic surgery, a secondary appointment in physiology. He also served as director of cardiovascular surgical research. His research focused on factors influencing myocardial blood flow, cardiac function and vascular bypass graft atherosclerosis. Dr. Boerboom earned his Ph.D. in physiology from the University of North Dakota.

About CSR
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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.

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