Dr. Eugene Carstea Recruited for Chief of CSR’s Cardiovascular and Respiratory Sciences Integrated Review Group

The Center for Scientific Review (CSR) at the National Institutes of Health has named Dr. Eugene Carstea to be the new Chief of its Cardiovascular and Respiratory Sciences (CVRS) Integrated Review Group. He has been the Scientific Review Officer for CSR’s Molecular Neurogenetics Study Section, the Biophysical and Physiological Neuroscience Fellowship Study Section and the Molecular and the Cellular Neuroscience Small Business Study Section.

“Dr. Carstea has excelled as CSR’s Education and Development Coordinator for our Scientific Review Officers,” said CSR Director Dr. Richard Nakamura, “We are pleased he will bring his tremendous leadership skills and policy insights to this important position.”

As CVRS Chief, Dr. Carstea will oversee 11 standing study sections and numerous special emphasis panels that review a broad range of NIH grant applications to fund research that employ basic investigations, translational approaches and patient-oriented studies to advance understanding of the development, physiology, and pathophysiology of the cardiac and pulmonary systems.

Dr. Carstea received his Ph.D. in microbiology (molecular biology) from Clemson University. He was a senior research fellow within the Developmental and Metabolic Neurology Branch of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. He led his team in identifying NPC1, the gene (mutation) responsible for the inherited neurodegenerative disorder, Niemann-Pick disease type C. Following his work at the NIH, he became the scientific director at the Saccomanno Research Institute in Colorado. He then moved into the biotech/biopharma industry. Among his positions, Dr. Carstea was a principal scientist at Invitrogen Corporation, designing novel research reagents and strategies associated with RNA interference. He later served as the associate director of Discovery at Vanda Pharmaceuticals in Rockville, Maryland.

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