CSR Establishes Two New Epidemiology Study Sections

The Center for Scientific Review (CSR) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has chartered two new study sections in its Population Sciences and Epidemiology Integrated Review Group. The new Cancer, Heart and Sleep Epidemiology Panel A and Panel B (CHSA and CHSB) study sections are equivalent sister panels that will each review applications aimed at understanding the epidemiology of cancer, heart, and sleep disorders.

The establishment of the new sister study sections was the result of a reorganization of the former Epidemiology of Cancer (EPIC) study section and the Cardiovascular and Sleep Epidemiology (CASE) study section. This reorganization was designed to address the scientific overlap in the fields of cancer, cardiovascular, and sleep epidemiology in addition to the multiple conflicts of interest that result because of the extensive collaborations in these fields.

“We made these changes made after much deliberation with the goal of better serving these important scientific communities," said CSR Director Dr. Richard Nakamura. "We owe a big thank you to all the stakeholders who helped this reorganization effort." He then noted that CSR collaborated with external working groups composed of highly respected researchers in epidemiologic science and leadership at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, and the National Cancer Institute.

CSR’s Advisory Council endorsed the creation of CHSA and CHSB on September 28, 2015. The two new study sections have been officially established by the NIH Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy, and they will hold their first review meetings in the winter of 2016. Specific descriptions of the new study sections’ scientific scope and coverage are available on CSR’s website:

Cancer, Heart, and Sleep Epidemiology Study Sections [CHSA & CHSB]

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