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MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2013

NSF Chemistry Review Panel

Subject: The National Science Foundation holds a meeting of a chemistry review panel to conduct an in-depth evaluation of performance, to assess progress towards goals, and to provide recommendations, June 10-11.

Time and Location: 8:30 a.m., NSF, 4021 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Contact: Zeev Rosenzweig, 703-292-7719.

President’s STEM Initiative

Subject: The Business-Higher Education Forum and the National STEM Undergraduate Partnership co-host a summit on "The President's STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) Call to Action - A Joint Implementation Response to PCAST's (President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology) 'Engage to Excel' Report."

Participants: Ray Mabus, Navy Secretary; Thomas Kalil, White House Deputy Director for Technology and Innovation; Reginald Brothers, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research; and Susan Singer, Director of the Division of Undergraduate Education at the National Science Foundation.

Time and Location: 1:30 p.m., Ritz-Carlton, 1150 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: Danielle Troyan, 202-320-3212, Danielle.Troyan@bhef.com, or Debbie Hughes, 914-299-1177, Debbie.Hughes@bhef.com. Media RSVP required with name, title and email to: programs@bhef.com.
Community Colleges
Subject: The Association of Community College Trustees and Single Stop USA, a national non-profit organization dedicated to helping low-income families and individuals build economic security, will hold an event to release a new white paper on the impact the Single Stop model has had on community college students, as well as federal policy recommendations to support student success.
Participants: Sara Goldrick-Rab, Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI; Eduardo Padron, President, Miami Dade College, FL; Caroline Altman Smith, Senior Program Officer, Kresge Foundation; J. Noah Brown, President and CEO, Association of Community College Trustees; and Elisabeth Mason, CEO and Co-Founder, Single Stop USA.
Time and Location: 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., B340 Rayburn House Office Building.
Contact: RSVP to: kmiller@acct.org.

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Minority Health
Subject: The National Institutes of Health holds a meeting of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities.
Time and Location: 8:00 a.m., NIH, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Room 849, Bethesda, MD.
Contact: Donna Brooks, 301-435-2135, brooksd@ncmhd.nih.gov.

Advanced Technology Subject: The National Institute of Standards and Technology holds a meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for NIST, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress, June 11-12.
Time and Location: 8:00 a.m., NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Portrait Room, Gaithersburg, MD.
Contact: RSVP to: Stephanie Shaw, 301-975-2667, stephanie.shaw@nist.gov.

Nanotechnology
Subject: The Office of Science and Technology Policy holds a workshop of The National Nanotechnology Coordination Office, on behalf of the Nanoscale Science, Engineering, and Technology Subcommittee of the Committee on Technology, National Science and Technology Council, to obtain input from stakeholders regarding the goals and objectives of an updated U.S. National Nanotechnology Initiative Strategic Plan that is currently under development and scheduled for completion by December 2013, June 11-12.
Participants: Dennis Goo, Manager, Digital Home Content, Intel Corporation; Jeffrey Nichols, Associate Laboratory Director, Computing and Computational Sciences, Oak Ridge National Laboratory; Daniel Reed, Vice President, Research and Economic Development, University of Iowa; and Stephanie Shipp, Senior Researcher, Science and Technology Policy Institute, Institute for Defense Analysis.
Time and Location: 8:00 a.m., USDA Conference and Training Center, Patriots Plaza III, 355 E Street SW, Washington, DC.
Contact: Stacey Standridge, 703-292-8103, sstandridge@nnco.nano.gov. Register at: www.nano.gov/stakeholderworkshop.

National Geospatial Advisory Committee
Subject: The Geological Survey holds a meeting of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC), June 11-12. Agenda includes: Leadership Dialogue; National Spacial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Strategic Plan; Geospatial Platform; OMB Circular A-16 Portfolio Management; Landsat Advisory Group; and Subcommittee Reports.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m., Interior Department, 1951 Constitution Avenue NW, South Interior Building Auditorium, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP to Arista Maher, 703-648-6283, amaher@usgs.gov.
**Ocean Observation**

**Subject:** The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard holds a hearing on "Deep Sea Challenge: Innovative Partnerships in Ocean Observation."

**Participants:** James Cameron, filmmaker; Susan Avery, director of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution; Ed Page, executive director of the Alaska Marine Exchange; and Jan Newton, senior principle oceanographer in the University of Washington's Applied Physics Laboratory.

**Time and Location:** 2:30 p.m., 253 Russell Senate Office Building.

**Contact:** 202-224-0411, commerce.senate.gov.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2013**

**Environmental Research**

**Subject:** The Office of the Secretary of Defense holds a meeting of the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, Scientific Advisory Board, to review new start research and development projects requesting Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program funds in excess of $1 million, June 12-13.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m., Virginia Tech Briefing Center, 900 North Glebe Road, 2nd Floor, Falls Church Room, Arlington, VA.

**Contact:** Jonathan Bunger, 571-372-6384.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2013**

**Forestry Research Advisory Council Meeting**

**Subject:** The Forest Service holds a meeting of the Forestry Research Advisory Council to discuss current and emerging forestry and natural resource research issues, June 13-14.

**Time and Location:** 8:00 a.m., Forest Service International Programs Office, 1 Thomas Circle, Suite 400, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Daina Apple, 202-205-1665.

**University Program Quality and Accreditation**

**Subject:** The House Education and Workforce Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training holds a hearing on "Keeping College Within Reach: Discussing Program Quality through Accreditation."

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn House Office Building.

**Contact:** 202.225.4527, edworkforce.house.gov.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2013**

None.

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate**

S.744, Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act (Comprehensive Immigration Reform)

**House**

H.R. 1256 – Swap Jurisdiction Certainty Act


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Bills to Watch

FY2014 Appropriations

S.Con.Res. #  Sponsor: Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)
Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 (3/14/13 passed by Senate Budget Committee)

Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 (3/13/13 passed by House Budget Committee)

Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events

U.S. House of Representatives 2013 Schedule:
http://majorityleader.gov/calendar/113thCongressFirstSession.pdf

U.S. Senate 2013 Schedule:
http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/2013_schedule.htm


U.S. Senate Budget Committee: http://www.budget.senate.gov

U.S. House Budget Committee: http://www.house.gov/budget

Congressional Budget Office: http://www.cbo.gov

Federal legislative information: http://thomas.loc.gov

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