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MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013

Nuclear Science Meeting
Subject: The Department of Energy’s Office of Science holds a meeting of the National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Nuclear Science Advisory Committee to discuss recommendations and priorities for basic nuclear science research.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m., Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center, 9751 Washingtonian Blvd., Gaithersburg, MD.
Contact: Brenda May, 301-903-0536.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013

Mathematical and Physical Science Meeting
Subject: The National Science Foundation holds a meeting of the Synchrotron Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee for Mathematical and Physical Sciences to gather information and advise the Division of Materials Research.
Time and Location: 8:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Residence Inn, 650 N. Quincy Street, Arlington, VA.
Contact: Mary Galvin, 703-292-8562.

NASA’s Science and Technology Meeting
Subject: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration holds a meeting of the Applied Sciences Advisory Committee to discuss scientific and technical information relevant to program planning.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m., NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW, Room 1039, Washington, DC.
Contact: Peter Meister, peter.g.meister@nasa.gov, 202-358-1557.
Environmental Education Meeting
Subject: The Environmental Protection Agency holds a meeting of the National Environmental Education Advisory Council to provide advice and insights to the agency on environmental education.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m., Residence Inn, 17 Light Street, Chesapeake Meeting Room 1, Baltimore, MD.
Contact: Javier Araujo, araujo.javier@epa.gov, 202-564-2642.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2013
Geoscience Meeting
Subject: The National Science Foundation holds a meeting of the Advisory Committee for Geosciences to provide recommendations and advice for geoscience research and education.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m., NSF, Stafford I, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235, Arlington, VA.
Contact: Melissa Lane, 703-292-8500.

Research in a New Age Workshop
Subject: Research America holds a workshop titled, “Promoting Basic Research in a New Age of Communications: Challenges and Opportunities.”
Participants: Cara Altimus, Executive Board Member at John Hopkins Postdoc Association; Nick Bath, Senior Health Policy Advisor on the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; Patrick Carroll, Legislative Director to Representative Kevin Yoder (R-KS); Susan Heavey, Correspondent at Reuters; Patricia Knight, Founder of Knight Capitol Consultants LLC; Jonathan Moreno, Editor-in-Chief of the Science Progress Blog; Nancy Shute, Health and Medicine Reporter at National Public Radio; Dan Smith, Principal at Sheridan Group; Frank Sesno, Director of the School of Media and Public Affairs at George Washington University; and Debra Lappin, Principal at FaegreBD Consulting and Research.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m., George Washington University, 800 21st Street NW, Marvin Center, Room 309, Washington, DC.
Contact: Anna Briseno, abriseno@researchamerica.org, 571-482-2737, or register online at: http://www.researchamerica.org/event_detail/id:169.

Federal Student Aid
Subject: The House Education and the Workforce Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training holds a hearing on “Keeping College Within Reach: Simplifying Federal Student Aid.”
Witnesses: Kristin D. Conklin, Founding Partner, HCM Strategists, LLC; Dr. Sandy Baum, Research Professor of Education Policy, George Washington University and Senior Fellow, Urban Institute; Jennifer Mishory, J.D., Deputy Director, Young Invincibles; and Jason Delisle, Director, Federal Education Budget Project, New America Foundation.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2175 Rayburn House Office Building.

Competence-Based Education
Subject: The American Institute for Research hosts an interactive webinar titled, “Competency-Based Education in Higher Education” to discuss policies and programs that ensure students are ready for postsecondary success.
Participants: Becky Klein-Collins, Director of Research, Council for Adult and Experiential Learning; Dr. Sandy Cook, System Director, Learn on Demand, Kentucky Community and Technical College System; Dr. Bill Ryan, Executive Director, Learn on Demand, Kentucky Community and Technical College System; and Dr. Sally Johnstone, Vice President for Academic Advancement, Western Governors University.
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2013

University Research Convocation

Subject: The National Academies holds a National Convocation on the Future of U.S. Research Universities focusing on what was learned at a series of nine regional meetings held around the country and identify top priorities for strengthening U.S. research institutions.

Participants: Representative Rush Holt (D-NJ); Ernest Moniz, Secretary of the Department of Energy; John Holdren, Director of the White house Office of Science and Technology Policy; Norman Augustine, Former Chairman and CEO of Lockheed Martin Corp; Bill Green, Former Chairman of Accenture; Charles Holliday, Chairman of the Bank of America; Francisco Cigarroa, Chancellor of the University of Texas system; and William Kirwan, Chancellor of the University of Maryland system.

Time and Location: 8:30 a.m., National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: 202-334-2138, news@nas.edu, or view a live webcast at: www.nationalacademies.org.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2013

None

On The Floor This Week

Senate
Judicial Nominations

House
H.J.Res. 77 - Food and Drug Safety Act, 2014

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
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