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MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2012
Federal Holiday – Columbus Day

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012
NASA Earth Science-Applied Sciences

Subject: National Aeronautics and Space Administration holds a meeting of the NASA Advisory Council, Science Committee, Earth Science Subcommittee and Applied Sciences Advisory Group to provide an Applied Sciences Program Update; Earth Science Data Latency Study Preliminary Update; and Capacity Building Assessment Report and Discussion.

Time and Location: 8:30 a.m., NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW, Room 9H40, Washington, DC.

Contact: Peter Meister, 202-358-1557, peter.g.meister@nasa.gov.

Science Policy

Subject: The New America Foundation and Future Tense hosts an event titled, “It’s Science and Tech Policy, Stupid” to take an in-depth look at the implications of science and tech policy from the campaign trail.
Participants: Robert Wright, Senior Future Tense Fellow, NAF; Marvin Ammori, Bernard L. Schwartz Fellow, NAF; Sheri Fink, M.D., Future Tense Fellow, NAF; and Konstantin Kakaes, Bernard L. Schwartz Fellow, NAF.

Time and Location: 12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m., NAF, 1899 L Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC.

Contact: RSVP to: http://newamerica.net/events/2012/its_science_and_tech_policy.

NOAA Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

Subject: The Commerce Department, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research holds a meeting of the Science Advisory Board.

Time and Location: 1:00 p.m., NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, SSMC 3, Room 12836, Silver Spring, MD.

Contact: Cynthia Decker, 301-734-1156, Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2012

National Science Foundation Geosciences

Subject: The National Science Foundation holds a meeting of the Advisory Committee for Geosciences to provide an update on Directorate Activities and Plans, NSF-wide programmatic efforts such as Science, Engineering and Education for Sustainability and meet with the Director and Deputy Director.

Time and Location: 8:30 a.m., NSF-Stafford I, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235, Arlington, VA.

Contact: Melissa Lane, 703-292-8500.

NASA Heliophysics

Subject: National Aeronautics and Space Administration holds a meeting of the Science Subcommittee on Heliophysics.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m., NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW, Rooms 6H45, 6H45, and 7H45, Washington, DC.

Contact: Marian Norris, 202-358-4452, mnorris@nasa.gov.

Inventing the Future of Technology with Emotion

Subject: The National Science Foundation holds a lecture on "Inventing the Future of Technology with Emotion."

Participants: Rosalind Picard, Founder and Director, Affective Computing Research Group, Massachusetts Institutes of Technology (MIT) and Co-Founder, Chief Scientist, Chairwoman, Affectiva Inc.

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m., NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 110, Arlington, VA.

Contact: Dawn Patterson, 703-292-8910, dpatters@nsf.gov.

Science Left Behind


Time and Location: 11:30 a.m., 1150 17th Street NW, Wohlstetter Conference Center, 12th Floor, Washington, D.C.

Contact: Veronique Rodman, 202-862-4871, vrodmman@aei.org.

The Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues

Subject: The Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues holds an embargoed conference call briefing to discuss the findings of the report, "Privacy and Progress in Whole Genome Sequencing."

Participants: Amy Gutmann, Commission Chairwoman; and Anita Allen, Commission Member.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m., None Given.
Contact: Jemma Waymouth, 301-280-5706, jweymouth@burnesscommunications.com.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2012
None.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2012
None.

Future Hearings and Events
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012
Energy Environment and Biological Research
Subject: The Energy Department’s Office of Science holds a meeting of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m., Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center, 9751 Washingtonian Boulevard, Gaithersburg, MD.
Contact: David Thomassen, 301-903-9817, david.thomassen@science.doe.gov.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2012
Education Reform in the Next White House
Subject: The American Education Institute hosts an event featuring the education policy advisers from the Obama and Romney campaigns to discuss the best ways to allocate limited resources, improve teacher quality, increase accountability and maximize student achievement during the next presidential term.
Participants: Frederick Hess, Resident Scholar and Director of Education Policy Studies, AEI; Jon Schnur, Obama Campaign; and Martin West, Romney Campaign.
Time and Location: 4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m., AEI, 1150 17th Street, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC.

On The Floor This Week
Senate
In recess.

House
In recess.

Bills to Watch
FY2013 APPROPRIATIONS
House
FY2013 Budget Resolution (3/29/12 passed by House; 3/21/12 passed by House Budget Committee)

H.R. #
Sponsor: Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA)
FY2013 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act
(4/26/12 passed by House Appropriations Committee; 4/19/12 passed by House CJS Appropriations Subcommittee)

Senate
S.2323
Sponsor: Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)
FY2013 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act
(4/19/12 passed by Senate Appropriations Committee; 4/17/12 passed by Senate CJS Appropriations Subcommittee)

S.3295
Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)
FY2013 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (6/14/12 passed by Senate Appropriations Committee; 6/12/12 passed by Senate LHHS Appropriations Subcommittee)

Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events
U.S. House of Representatives 2010 Schedule:
U.S. Senate 2010 Schedule:
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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