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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of WPLLC, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington D.C. that are relevant to CUR’s interests. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

Weekly Calendar
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2012
Pain Research
Subject: The National Institutes of Health holds a meeting of the Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee to receive an overview of the federally funded pain research portfolio, discuss top pain research advances over the last three years, and receive updates on several pain programs at the NIH and Defense Department.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m., NIH, Building 31, Conference Room 10, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, Md.
Contact: Linda Porter, 301-496-9271, PublicInquiries@mail.nih.gov.

Science in the Administrative Process
Subject: Administrative Conference of the US holds a meeting of the Committee on Regulation to consider a set of draft recommendations dealing with the Science in the Administrative Process project.
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m., 1120 20th Street NW, Suite 706 South, Washington, D.C.
Contact: Reeve Bull, 202-480-2080, rbull@acus.gov.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2012

Climate and Energy Literacy

Subject: The National Education Association, the National Center for Science Education, and the Alliance for Climate Education are convening a Climate Education Forum to discuss the challenges and opportunities around climate science literacy, particularly in formal K-12 and undergraduate settings, build on prior efforts to develop a strategic framework that will foster measurable increases in climate and energy literacy, and identify stellar resources and programs with proven success that can help inform discussions on national initiatives or public-private partnerships.

Time and Location: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., National Education Association, 1201 16th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Contact: RSVP to Susan Nogan at SNogan@nea.org.

Investing in American Workforce

Subject: A forum on "From Classroom to Career: Investing in Tomorrow's Workforce" shown via webcast.

Participant: Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

Time and Location: 4:00 p.m., New York.

Contact: 202-401-1576; press@ed.gov. Information on the webcast can be found at: https://new.livestream.com/roosevelthouse/fromclassroomtocareer.

Defense Environmental Research

Subject: The Defense Department holds a meeting of the Scientific Advisory Board to review new start research and development projects requesting Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program funds in excess of $1 million, October 23-25.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m., George Mason Conference Room at Metro Offices, 4601 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 1200, Arlington, Va.

Contact: Jonathan Bunger, 571-372-6384.

Agricultural Research-Extension-Education-Economics

Subject: The Agriculture Department's Research, Education, and Economics division holds a meeting of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, October 23-25.

Time and Location: 1:00 p.m., Phoenix Park Hotel, 520 North Capitol Street NW, Washington, D.C.


Partnerships in Space

Subject: The Atlantic Council holds a discussion on "The Future of Strategic Partnerships in Space," focusing on the potential for international partnerships in the coming years, the roadblocks to greater cooperation, and the changing environment for actors operating in space.

Time and Location: 5:00 p.m., Atlantic Council, 1101 15th Street NW, 11th Floor, Washington, D.C.

Contact: Taleen Ananian, 202-778-4993, press@acus.org.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2012

DHS and Education

Subject: The Homeland Security Department holds a meeting of the Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council to receive progress reports from its five subcommittees: student and recent graduate recruitment, homeland security academic programs, academic research and faculty exchange, international students, and campus resilience; and to draft recommendations for action.

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m., Ronald Reagan International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Floor B, Room B1, 5-10, Washington, D.C.
Contact: Lindsay Burton, 202-447-4686; AcademicEngagement@hq.dhs.gov.

Science and Technology Outlook
Subject: The Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development holds a presentation and discussion on the U.S. findings of the "Science, Technology and Industry (STI) Outlook," highlighting expected contributions of science, technology and innovation to a sustainable and lasting recovery from the economic crisis.
Participants: Dominique Guellec, OECD Directorate for Science, Technology and Industry; David Hart, Professor and Director, Center for Science and Technology Policy, School of Public Policy at George Mason University.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., 2325 Rayburn House Office Building.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2012
Ninth Annual Brown Lecture in Education Research
Participants: Vanessa Siddle Walker, Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor, Educational Studies, Emory University.
Time and Location: 6:00 p.m., Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center Amphitheater, Concourse Level, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.
Contact: RSVP to: 202-238-3234 or brownlecture@aera.net.

International Science and Engineering Support
Subject: The National Science Foundation holds a meeting of the Advisory Committee for International Science and Engineering to provide advice and recommendations concerning support for research, education and related activities involving the U.S. science and engineering community working in a global context as well as strategic efforts to promote a more effective NSF role in international science and engineering, October 25-26.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m., Arlington Hilton Hotel, 950 Stafford Street, Gallery Ballroom I, Arlington, Va.
Contact: Robert Webber, 703-292-7569, rwebber@nsf.gov.

Improving Uptake of Cancer Research Findings
Subject: The National Institutes of Health holds a meeting of the National Cancer Institute Director's Consumer Liaison Group to discuss improving uptake of research findings.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m., NIH, Building 31, 31 Center Drive, C Wing, 6th Floor, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, Md.
Contact: Kelli Marciel, 301-594-3194.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2012
None.

Future Hearings and Events
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2012
2012 Election Results and Education
Subject: The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will host a discussion about the 2012 election results and what it means for the potential reauthorization of the ESEA, federal education spending, and state and local issues.
Participants: Andrew P. Kelly, AEI; Katherine Haley, Office of Speaker John Boehner (R-OH); Frederick M. Hess, AEI; Alyson Klein, Education Week; Andy Rotherham, Bellwether Education Partners; Zakiya Smith, White House Domestic Policy Council; and Kristen Soltis Anderson, The Winston Group.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., AEI, 1150 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.
Contact: RSVP at: http://www.aei.org/events/2012/11/08/what-will-the-2012-election-mean-for-education/.

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:
http://www.democrats.senate.gov/calendar/2010-01.html or
http://www.gpoaccess.gov/calendars/senate/browse.html
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