applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs Nos. 93.837, Heart and Vascular Diseases Research; 93.838, Lung Diseases Research; and 93.839, Blood Diseases and Resources Research, National Institutes of Health)

Dated: November 18, 1997.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND **HUMAN SERVICES**

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases: **Notice of Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meeting.

Name of Sep: Bone Structure and Gene Expression.

Date: December 19, 1997. Time: 8:00 a.m.—adjournment. Place: Holiday Inn Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

Contact Person: Tommy L. Broadwater. Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Rm 5AS25U, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, Telephone: 301-594-4952.

Purpose/Agenda: To evaluate and review a grant application.

This meeting will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C. The discussion of this application could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the application, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. [93.846, Project Grants in Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Disease Research], National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special **Emphasis Panel meetings:**

Name of SEP: ZDK1-GRB-C-J1. Date: December 11-13, 1997.

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: Sheraton Grande Torrey Pines Hotel, 10950 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, California 92037.

Contact: Dan E. Matsumoto, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, Natcher Building, Room 6as-37B. National Institutes of Health. Bethesda, Maryland 20892-6600, Phone: (301) 594-8894.

Name of SEP: ZDK1-GRB-C-J2.

Date: December 8, 1997.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Room 6as-37B, Natcher Building, NIH (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact: Dan E. Matsumoto, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, Natcher Building, Room 6as-37B, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda. Maryland 20892-6600, Phone: (301) 594-8894.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

These meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.847-849, Diabetes, Endocrine and Metabolic Diseases; Digestive Diseases and Nutrition; and Kidney Diseases, Urology and Hematology Research, National Institutes of Health)

Dated: November 17, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND **HUMAN SERVICES**

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special **Emphasis Panel meeting:**

Name of SEP: ZDK1 GRB 8 J3. Date: December 10, 1997.

Time: 1:30 PM.

Place: Room 6as-25N, Natcher Building, NIH (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact: Roberta Haber, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, Natcher Building, Room 6as-25N, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-6600, Phone: (301) 594-

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

This meeting will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.847-849, Diabetes, Endocrine and Metabolic Diseases; Digestive Diseases and Nutrition; and Kidney Diseases, Urology and Hematology Research, National Institutes of Health)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND **HUMAN SERVICES**

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of **Closed Meetings**

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings:

Purpose/Agenda: To review individual grant applications.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: December 3, 1997.

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 5198,

Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Michael Micklin, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5198, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435–1258.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: December 8, 1997.

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 5202,

Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Anita Sostek, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5202, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435–1260.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: December 10, 1997.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4208,

Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Anita Weinblatt, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4208, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435–1224.

Name of SEP: Clinical Sciences.

Date: December 10, 1997.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4112, Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Gopal Sharma, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4112, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435–1783.

Name of SEP: Clinical Sciences.

Date: December 11, 1997.

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4138, Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Anthony Chung, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4138, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435–1213.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: December 11, 1997.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4202, Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Gene Zimmerman, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4202, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435–1220.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: December 11, 1997.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4208, Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Anita Weinblatt, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4208, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435–1224.

Name of SEP: Chemistry and Related Sciences.

Date: December 11, 1997.

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4172, Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Donald Schneider, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4172, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435–1727. Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: December 18, 1997.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 5196,

Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Ms. Carol Campbell, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5196, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435–1257.

Purpose/Agenda: To review Small Business Innovation Research.

Name of SEP: Microbiological and Immunological Sciences.

Date: November 21, 1997.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Doubletree Hotel, Rockville, MD. Contact Person: Dr. Gilbert Meir, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5112, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 455–1169.

The notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the above meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the grant review and funding cycle.

Name of SEP: Behavioral and Neurosciences.

Date: December 2, 1997.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn, Silver Spring, MD. Contact Person: Dr. Leonard Jakubczak, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5172, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435–1247.

Name of SEP: Microbiological and Immunological Sciences.

Date: December 2, 1997.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn, Chevy Chase, MD. Contact Person: Dr. Gilbert Meier, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5112, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435–1219.

Name of SEP: Microbiological and Immunological Sciences.

Date: December 3, 1997.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 5112, Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Gilbert Meier, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5112, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435–1219.

The meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(b), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393–93.396, 93.837–93.844, 93.846–93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Prospective Grant of Exclusive License: Pigment Epithelium Derived Growth Factor

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(I), announces that the National Institutes of Health is contemplating the grant of an exclusive world-wide license to GenVec, Inc., a Delaware corporation headquartered in Rockville, Maryland to practice the inventions embodied in the U.S. Patent Applications listed below (and corresponding foreign patent applications) in the field of ocular gene therapy. These inventions are owned by the Government of the United States of America as represented by the Department of Health and Human Services.

- 1. USSN 07/952,796 entitled "DNA Clones for the Expression of Pigment Epithelium Derived Growth Factor and Related Proteins" filed September 24, 1992 by Fintan R. Steele, Gerald J. Chader, Joyce Tombran-Tink and Sofia P. Becerra.
- 2. USSN 08/257,963 entitled "Pigment Epithelium Derived Factor: Characterizations of Its Biological Activity and Sequences Encoding and Expressing the Protein" filed June 7, 1994 by Gerald J. Chader, Sofia P. Becerra, Joan P. Schwartz, Takayuki Taniwaki and Yukihera Sugita.
- 3. USSN 08/279,979 entitled "Retinal Pigmented Epithelium Derived Neurotrophic Factor" filed July 25, 1994 by Fintan R. Steele, Gerald J. Chader, Joyce Tombran-Tink, Sofia P. Becerra and Ignacio R. Rodriquez and Lincoln Johnson.
- 4. USSN 08/367,841 entitled "Pigment Epithelium Derived Factor: Characterization, Genomic Organization and Sequence of the PEDF Gene" filed December 30, 1994 by Gerald J. Chader, Joyce Tombran-Tink, Sofia P. Becerra, Ignacio R. Rodriquez and Fintan R. Steele and Lincoln Johnson.
- 5. USSN 08/377,710 entitled "DNA Clones for the Expression of Pigment Epithelium Derived Factor and Related Proteins" filed January 25, 1995 by Fintan R. Steele, Gerald L. Chader, Joyce Tombran-Tink, Sofia P. Becerra and Ignacio R. Rodriquez.
- 6. USSN 08/520,373 entitled "Retinal Pigmented Epithelium Derived