

Report to the National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council

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Responsibilities of the Office of the Deputy Director

Office of the Deputy
Director

Office of Science Policy (Joyce Martin, J.D.)/
Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation
(OPPE) (Dr. Sheila Newton)

Library and Information Services Branch
(LISB) (Mr. Dav Robertson)

Current Responsibilities of the Office of the Deputy Director

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Office of Policy, Planning and
Evaluation (OPPE) (Dr. Sheila Newton)

Library and Information Services
Branch (LISB) (Mr. Dav Robertson)

Senior Advisor for Public Health
(Dr. Allen Dearry)

Senior Advisor for International
Activities (Dr. Sally Tinkle)

Environmental Health Perspectives
(EHP) (Dr. Hugh Tilson, Editor)

Science Education and Diversity
(currently recruiting)

Additional Responsibilities of the Office of the Deputy Director

- NIEHS representative to the National Cancer Advisory Board (NCAB)
- Governance Committee for the Computer Technology Branch
- Chair, NIEHS Title 42 Committee
- Chair, Committee for Review of the Office of the Director Conference requests.

Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation (OPPE)

Dr. Sheila Newton, Director

- OPPE coordinates:
 - NIEHS research and training planning activities and program analysis
 - tracking and reporting for the Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) and the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART)
 - performs interagency liaison roles in a variety of subject matter areas.
- Develops protocols, working documents and agency statements on policy, legislation, the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and public outreach to NIH, the Congress, and public stakeholders.

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- OPPE serves as a liaison between NIEHS and Congressional staff, various government, health, and science agencies and organizations.
- Coordinates all documentary and oral testimony and responses for NIEHS on appropriations, legislation and policy.

Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation (OPPE)

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- Recent Activities

- *Preparation of the Biennial Report.* The Biennial Report is a NIH-wide document, mandated by Congress in the 2006 NIH Reform Act. The ability of NIEHS to present its programs and scientific advances in this document is critically important to raising the profile of environmental health sciences in the eyes of Congress and the public.
- *Strategic Plan for Doubling of the NIH Cancer Research Budget.* The NIEHS Plan was to assume a doubling of the NIEHS investment in cancer research based on the funding level indicated by the RCDC Budget estimate of FY2008. The efforts of OPPE and NIEHS division staff led to the development of a comprehensive, thorough Plan for NIEHS that was represented strongly in the NIH Strategic Plan.

Environmental Health Perspectives (EHP)

Dr. Hugh Tilson, Editor

- Dr. Tilson has continued to strengthen *EHP* by further building the advisory and editorial boards
- Dr. Jane Schroeder was appointed as Science Editor of *EHP* after international search
- Significant increase in the impact factor of *EHP* to 6.123 (with a 5-yr Impact Factor of 7.069)
 - second highest ranking of all journals in Public, Environmental & Occupational Health.



Top Ten Public, Environmental & Occupational Health Journals – Sorted on Impact Factor from Journal Citation Reports

	<u>Total Cites</u>	<u>Impact Factor</u>	<u>5-Year Impact Factor</u>	<u>Index Immediacy</u>	<u>Articles</u>
1. <i>Epidemiol Rev</i>	2061	12.130	10.039	0.200	10
2. <i>Environ Health Perspectives</i>	19757	6.123	7.069	0.897	272
3. <i>Annu Rev Publ Health</i>	2491	6.045	7.491	1.680	25
4. <i>WHO Tech Ser</i>	1978	5.923		0.000	1
5. <i>Int J Epidemiol</i>	11086	5.838	5.845	2.060	133
6. <i>Am J Epidemiol</i>	28967	5.454	6.404	1.258	295
7. <i>Epidemiology</i>	6991	5.406	5.705	1.645	93
8. <i>Cancer Epidem Biomar</i>	15330	4.770	5.148	0.532	453
9. <i>Tob Control</i>	3297	4.438	4.213	0.514	70
10. <i>Am J Public Health</i>	22465	4.241	4.984	0.784	264

Senior Advisor for Public Health - Allen Dearry, PhD

- Dr. Dearry has assumed the responsibility of rejuvenating NIEHS participation in the National Children's Study (NCS)
 - improved linkages between NIEHS and NICHD, and among NIH, EPA, HUD, and CDC to address significant NCS implementation issues
 - brought scientists and agencies together to assist with development of alternative designs for the NCS protocol
- Represented NIH/DHHS on the Joint Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology (JSOST).
 - “near term priority” focus on climate change-oceans-human health in conjunction with NOAA
 - authored the update of “enhancing human health” societal theme for the national ocean research priority plan and implementation strategy



Senior Advisor for International Activities - Sally Tinkle, PhD

- Working with the NIEHS-WHO InterRegional Research Unit and DERT personnel (Drs. Claudia Thompson and Bill Suk) to better develop/promote our WHO collaboration
- Appointed NIEHS representative to the Fogarty International Center (FIC) Forum on International Health.
 - NIH cross-cutting initiatives and international opportunities.
 - Trans-NIH Working Group on Global Health Research.
- Co-Chair, Nanoscale Science, Engineering and Technology (NSET) Subcommittee of the National Science and Technology Council's Committee on Technology



Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- A MOU has been established to formalize a mutual desire and intent to strengthen and expand scientific collaboration between NIEHS and EPA.
 - The two organizations have complimentary expertise to bring to bear on environmental issues of mutual interest.
 - These enhanced capabilities include, but are not limited to, performing cell and animal based effects studies, epidemiological investigations and human clinical research.
 - Both organizations collaborate extensively with a multitude of other organizations including sister Federal and state agencies, academia, non-governmental, and international organizations.



Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- Individual inter-agency agreements (IAG) are being written to describe more specifically the research that will be performed between the NIEHS and EPA.
 - One IAG is being written for human studies (led by Dr. Darryl Zeldin) that will utilize human exposure and bronchoscopy facilities on the UNC campus.
 - Another is being written for animal inhalation studies (led by Dr. Steven Kleeberger) that will utilize facilities on the EPA campus for gases, particulates, and mixtures.



