

Trans-NIH CFS Research Working Group – Mission

- Stimulate and support research on CFS
- Collaborate and coordinate research agendas at ICs
- Prepare Funding Opportunity Announcements to solicit research proposals
- Communicate new findings and approaches to CFS
- Organize conferences and meetings to foster interactions and exchange of ideas



Trans-NIH CFS Research Working Group - - Current Membership (October 2010)

- 16 NIH Institutes, Centers or Offices (ICs)
- 20 Program Official – Representatives of ICs
- Other ICs have expressed interest in serving as ad hoc members



Selected Highlights of trans-NIH CFS Research Working Group

- 2003 – Workshop: Neuroimmune Mechanisms and CFS
- 2006 – RFA: Neuroimmune Mechanisms and CFS
- 2007 – Workshop: Grant Writing for Research on CFS
- 2008 – PA: CFS: Pathophysiology & Treatment
(ends Sept 2011)
- 2008 – Meeting: CFS investigators – neuroimmune, etiology
(interdisciplinary)
- 2009 – Meeting: Infection to neurometabolism
(interdisciplinary)
- 2010 – Conference: XMRV



2011 Activities

- Website Development – resource for NIH, Fed Agencies, Elected Officials, Scientists, Health Care Providers, Patients and the Public (<http://orwh.od.nih.gov/cfs.html>)
- Clinical Study: NIAID XMRV in patients with CFS
- Conference: State of the Knowledge Workshop --- NIH Campus - April/May
- Working Group Meetings: information exchange between NIH ICs, Federal Agencies, CFSAC
- Funding Opportunities: Based on info derived from ICs, CFSAC, NIH Spring Workshop, literature, and other scientific conferences.



Today: Purpose of Panel Session

- Mechanisms NIH is using to support CFS research and how Program Officials assist
- Show some of the diversity in research
- Highlight a few resources for investigators
- New NIH clinical study of XMRV in blood of patients with CFS



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