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COMMITTEE NEWS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - all are invited to call in and participate.

June 20, 2006 2:30-4:00 pm

Where: Roybal, Bldg 1, Rm 6106- A different location

Call In: Toll free #: 866-732-9603, Passcode 873632

Executive Committee Meeting is open to all



Note from the PREZ – Stacy Harper:

Fellow Watsonians,

As summer fast approaches, I want to update you on several items. We've had a pause in activities regarding the hiring of more field staff activities, but we're meeting again and having policies reviewed by MASO. Several divisions still continue to try to move forward on hiring new field staff, although some have been impacted by hiring controls. We've been contacted by Dr. Gerberding's office to participate in CDC's 60th Anniversary Celebration, and have representatives on those committees, including the dedication of the memorial at Roybal campus. I hope that you all will be able to participate in some of the festivities on July 14.

I've been getting some e-mails from members stating what they would like the Watsonians to do in the future, and other e-mails stating what they don't want us to do. Those are really, really, helpful. We won't know what your wishes are unless you tell us, so please feel free to send me those messages.

In the meantime, we've been moving ahead with our events. Unfortunately, THE HUT was already reserved for our original time slot, so the **PIG ROAST/BBQ is now scheduled for SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4. SAVE THE DATE!!!!** I've been in touch with a local German Beer distributor, and if his schedule allows, he will do a taste test the afternoon of the roast. In addition, we will actually be ROASTING A PIG, so we'll need volunteers on the pig roast team, as well as folks to clean up, etc. I've gotten a few volunteers already, so don't miss out on the fun!

I wish you a safe, healthy, and happy summer season. Please remember to wear your seatbelts when you travel by car, plane, and rollercoaster. Use your sunscreen, and please, everything in moderation.

Yours In Service,

Stacy L. Harper, President
Watsonian Society

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**Awards Committee Announcement:**

**Outstanding PHA NOMINATIONS BY July 31, 2006**

Another year gone by so soon...once again, it's time to submit your nominations for Outstanding PHA!

Please use the attached form to submit your nominations for a PHA deserving of this honor.

Keep in mind this must be an individual (no teams) and the justification must be 250 words or less. In past years, there have been several superb nominations that were not considered because of these conditions.

All nominations will be held in strictest confidence. Nominations must be received no later than **July 31, 2006**. The award will be presented during the annual Watsonian Banquet later this year, and the winner's name will be included on the "group plaque" displayed at the Roybal campus.



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SPECIAL REQUEST:- Help needed

Hi, guys –

I thought you might be able to help me. I'm looking for someone who lives in Athens and commutes, and might be **willing to give a ride to a visiting Harvard professor who will be here the end of June for a seminar**. I was thinking in terms of a CDC employee, but that isn't really necessary. She needs a ride to the university the afternoon of the seminar (June 26). Do you know anyone? Or maybe someone who might know someone?

Thanks!

Linda Webb

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**SICK BAY**

**Urgent Request for Donated Leave**

One of our fellow Public Health Advisors, **Ken Bell**, has been critically ill for some time now and will run out of leave next pay period. Please consider donating any leave you have, so we can ensure that one of our family does not go without.

For further information, contact Paul Waggaman - 404-639-0465. For information about CDC's donated leave program:

<https://citrine.hrs.psc.gov/psc/voluntary%20leave%20transfer/index.cfm>

Leave Donations for **Kenneth Bell**

WHO: KENNETH BELL  
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR  
NCHSTP/DHAP/OD  
REASON: MEDICAL EMERGENCY

ELIGIBILITY PERIOD: MAY 3, 2006 through JUNE 11, 2006  
DONATION PERIOD: (Leave will be accepted through JULY 9, 2006)

HOW: Submit an approved OPM-71 to your timekeeper and latest earning and leave statement. Indicate name of recipient and the number of annual leave hours you wish to donate.

Have your timekeeper send them to the payroll office, MSK-15, so that a record of donated hours can be maintained. Then enter the number of hours you wish to donate in TAS Net.

NOTE: The decision to donate annual leave is solely voluntary. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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A Note from **Phil Talboy**:

I have now returned to work and wanted to take a minute to thank all the Watsonians and PHAs for all their thoughts, prayers, assistance, and well wishes. It amazes me what a wonderful group of people make up the Watsonian Society, many of whom went out of their way to ensure that I had everything I needed during my illness. Many PHAs went out of their way to bring food for me and my son. I received a beautiful plant and card from the Watsonians that meant so much to me especially during the period I could not work. I cannot tell you how much these acts of kindness meant to me and my son. I want to thank each and everyone of you and let you know how much I appreciate your efforts. It makes me very proud to be a member of a great group of individuals that make up the Watsonian Society.

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**CONDOLENCES:**

**Dianne Ochoa's**, mother, Mrs. Minnie Williams died May 8, 2006. Funeral Services will be held sat, 5-13-06 in Columbus, Ga. .

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Vic Tomlinson's great aunt has passed away.

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It is with great sadness that I announce that **CAPT Ida Marie Onorato, M.D.**, lost her battle with cancer early this morning at Emory University Hospital. Ida joined CDC in 1981 as an EIS Officer. Since then, she has held many positions in the National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention (NCHSTP) and its predecessor, the Center for Prevention Services.

Most recently, Ida served as the Deputy Associate Director for Science at NCHSTP. She also served as Deputy Director for Science of the Divisions of HIV/AIDS Prevention and was one of the primary architects of the Advancing HIV Prevention (AHP) Initiative. Ida recognized the importance of reducing the barriers to early diagnosis of HIV and increasing access to quality medical care, treatment and on-going prevention services for people living with HIV and their partners. Her unwavering dedication to scientific excellence and vast knowledge in HIV, TB and vaccine-preventable diseases made her invaluable. Her enduring commitment to mentoring young scientists entering the field of public health was unparalleled. Some of today's public health leaders are proud to call her mentor.

Ida published more than 200 scientific publications. This year, Ida was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for excellence in research in the prevention of vaccine-preventable diseases, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS from the Public Health Service. She was a recipient of many other PHS awards, citations and commendations. During her career, Ida was nominated seven times for the Charles C. Shepard Science Award and was a co-winner of Alexander D. Langmuir Prize for best manuscript at the 1996 EIS Conference.

A native of New Jersey, Ida graduated from Barnard College, Columbia University, with a bachelor's of arts degree and earned her medical degree from College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. In 2000, her alma mater honored her with a Distinguished Alumna Award for highly regarded infectious disease research that has made significant contributions, particularly in the fields of HIV/AIDS and multidrug resistant tuberculosis.

Along with her work at CDC, Ida continued to see patients at the Infectious Diseases Clinic at Grady Memorial Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, CAPT Robert S. Janssen, M.D., her brother Vincent Alfait, PhD, and her niece Fione Alfait. She is also survived by her stepchildren, Julia and Kevin Janssen.

In lieu of flowers, her family has asked that donations be made to the Kidney Cancer Association.

Ida was an integral part of the CDC family and will be missed by many colleagues and friends. Some of those friends have shared remembrances with us today.

"When I think of Ida I will always remember her dedication to excellence in science and public health practice in infectious diseases. She was committed to mentoring and supervising physicians and scientists who worked for her. Her own dedication and willingness to put in the extra effort inspired us all to work hard and demand excellence from ourselves." – Dr. Jim Curran, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University

"Having Ida as a friend and colleague for the last two decades was nothing short of an adventure! Why? Because good enough was never enough for Ida personally or professionally. She pushed for excellence in everything she did and expected it from others

around her. And she was adamant about living life on her own terms. Demanding, provocative, infuriating, inspiring, caring. I learned a lot from Ida over the years. I am happy she is at peace, but I will miss my friend.” – Dr. Helene Gayle, CARE

“Ida was a close friend and mentor that I will miss terribly. I will always remember her for her elegance and honesty. Ida was also a wonderful cook and I will miss the wonderful meals she prepared for me over the years” – Dr. Eugene McCray, Coordinating Office for Global Health, CDC

“Ida was known to many at the CDC as a gifted epidemiologist an uncompromising scientist a teacher and a role model. I had the good fortune of having her as mentor and better fortune of calling her my friend.” – Dr. Renee Ridzon, Gates Foundation

“I considered Ida a friend and colleague. We all respected her for her work ethic and outcomes-oriented zeal. It is no secret that she had reputation for being at times difficult to work with. This stemmed from her intolerance for anything less than excellent. I also had the opportunity of witnessing a very caring side of Ida during our work at the Grady Infectious Diseases Program, where she, Renee Ridzon, Harold Jaffe, Rima Khabbaz, and I provided clinical care since the early 1990s.” – Dr. Ken Castro, Division of TB Elimination, CDC

“Ida and I first met each other in the EIS program and assigned to the Hospital Infections Program. She was this beautiful, brilliant, accomplished (and initially intimidating!) infectious disease attending, and I was just out of residency. Despite these differences, we were soon fast friends because of many shared experiences and her caring and mentoring ways. Throughout the years, Ida has been a special role model and mentor to women in medicine in an era when we were just beginning to enter the field in sizeable numbers. She always made you feel like you could (and should) be anything you wanted, limited only by your imagination. She showed the many women she mentored how it was possible to be beautiful and feminine, and still have as fulfilling and complete career as any man. She made a difference in so many of our lives as well as many lasting scientific contributions in immunizations, TB and HIV.” – Dr. Allyn Nakashima, Divisions of HIV Prevention, CDC

Sincerely,  
Kevin Fenton, MD, PhD  
Director, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD and TB Prevention (proposed)

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The Division of Parasitic Diseases, National Center for Zoonotic, Vectorborne and Enteric Diseases (proposed)/CCID is sad to announce that **John Dennis Sexton, Captain, USPHS**, Retired, former Chief, Entomology Branch, died May 8, 2006. Jack, as he was known to his friends and co-workers, had a long, successful, and illustrious career at CDC from 1964 to his retirement in 1996. Those of us who had the privilege of working with Jack, either in the field or in Atlanta, remember fondly his easy going humor and his ability for long (and productive) hours of work.

Jack was born August 16, 1935 in Watertown, South Dakota. After graduation from South Dakota University, he served for 2 years in the U. S. Army before returning to the University of Minnesota where he received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees, the latter in environmental health. From 1964 to 1965, John was the area supervisor for the CDC *Aedes aegypti* eradication program in St. Petersburg, Florida. He was then called to work in Vietnam as a Malaria Specialist from 1966 to 1968. Malaria control became his specialty for much of the remainder

of his career. After a year as operations officer for the Malaria Eradication Program in Atlanta, John moved to Haiti where he became the Chief Malaria Advisor in 1970. During his subsequent assignment to the Centers for Disease Control in Savannah and Atlanta, John worked in many countries including West Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand, Zaire, Senegal, Togo, Kenya, Ecuador, Rwanda, Kenya, both evaluating and participating in malaria control activities and conducting field research studies. He pioneered the evaluation of insecticide-treated nets for malaria control in western Kenya and was a recognized expert on the organization of control programs based on residual spraying operations for the control of malaria.

Jack was a member of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, The American Mosquito Control Association, and the Commissioned Officers Association. He is recipient of the USPHS Commendation Medal, the USPHS Superior Service Award, and numerous additional individual and group awards during his years of service in the Corps.

Jack is survived by his wife, Marlene Sexton, and two sons, Anthony C. Sexton and John Christopher Sexton and one grandson, Conner Jack Sexton.

CDC colleagues who wish to honor Jack could contribute funds that will be used to provide insecticide-treated bed nets to Africa, thus allowing Jack to go one step further in his work, and potentially save some more lives. Please send contributions to Carolyn Erling

Funeral services was held Friday May 12, 2006 .

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#### **A friend of many who served in NC**

**Dr. Jacob Koomen, Jr.**, 88, much beloved by his family, died on May 10, 2006 of prostate cancer. He was born in Bristol, NY, to Dutch immigrant parents, and was educated at the University of Rochester and the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. Dr. Koomen came to North Carolina in 1954 with the U.S. Public Health Service after his training in internal medicine, and spent the rest of his career in the public health field. He earned a master's degree in public health from the UNC Public Health School. He served as State Health Director from 1966-78, then as a professor of Health Administration at the UNC-CH School of Public Health until the early 1980's. He was also a trustee of the University of Rochester.

Dr. Koomen's wife of over 62 years, Ruth Chapin Koomen, survives him, as do his four children and their families: John and Elizabeth Koomen of Nashville, TN; Marcia Koomen of Chapel Hill; Nancy and Richard Della Rovere of Kinnelon, NJ; and Neil and Liza Koomen of Raleigh; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was an active member of White Memorial Presbyterian Church: he taught in high-school Sunday school for decades, visited sick and hospitalized members of the congregation, and arranged for funeral ushers for many years. Dr. Koomen maintained contacts with former students and colleagues, and was like a father or grandfather to many. He had many interests, and continued to educate himself throughout his life and to share that knowledge of subjects including Native American culture, opera, local history in upstate New York, and the natural world.

A memorial service was held at White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh on May 27.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made in Dr. Koomen's memory to the UNC-CH School of Public Health or the Nature Conservancy.

The News & Observer Publishing Company, Tuesday, May 16, 2006

## HAVE YOU HEARD?

CCID is pleased to announce the detail of **Meredith Hickson** to the Strategy and Innovation Officer position effective May 15, 2006. During this detail, Meredith will be assisting CCID staff in managing the CDC Goals Planning activities as well as working on long-term legislative and policy issues. As Acting SIO, Meredith will serve as the CCID liaison to the CDC Office of Strategy and Innovation. She will also work very closely with Oona Powell in our Enterprise Communications Office on policy and procedural issues related to communications functions of the SSPU and the CCID reorganization.

Meredith comes to CCID from the NCID Office of Health Communication, where she has been Director for the last 10 years. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge from her former management positions with NIP, NCHSTP and NCID, including 3 years as the Director of NCID's former Office of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation. We are looking forward to having her with us and continuing the planning work that Beth Skaggs began in February. Beth returns to the laboratory in the Division of Foodborne, Bacterial, and Mycotic Diseases on June 1. Please join me in thanking Beth and welcoming Meredith to this position.

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I am pleased to announce **Anne C. Haddix, Ph.D.**, as CDC's new Chief Policy Officer, effective May 28, 2006. The Chief Policy Officer position is based in the Office of Strategy and Innovation, Office of the Director, as an SES position. Dr. Haddix will serve as a principal advisor to the Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer and Dr. Gerberding, CDC Director. Dr. Haddix will lead CDC's newly established Health Policy Analysis career track, and will work with Strategy and Innovation Officers in Coordinating Centers and Offices, Associate Directors for Health Policy Analysis in National Centers/Institute, and others working on Health Policy Analysis on development of health policies.

Dr. Haddix received her Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics in 1993 from the University of Georgia. She graduated from California State University Fresno in 1985 with a M.S. in Agricultural Economics. She received her B.A. in Biology from California State University Fresno in 1979.

Prior to joining CDC in 1992, Dr. Haddix held such positions as the Director and Senior Policy Analyst at the Wisconsin Rural Development Center in Black Earth, Wisconsin, and as a Legislative Aide for Alan Cranston, U.S. Senator.

In 1992, Dr. Haddix was hired into the newly formed Prevention Effectiveness Branch in the then Epidemiology Program Office (EPO). Dr. Haddix was the first Ph.D.-trained economist to become a full-time CDC employee. She later became Chief of the Prevention Effectiveness Branch. Along with former CDC employee Dr. Steven Teutsch, Dr. Haddix founded and successfully cultivated Prevention Effectiveness as a scientific discipline at CDC, eventually training more than 2000 EIS officers, and also establishing the Prevention Effectiveness Fellowship program. As a result of these efforts (and others), there are now more than fifty practicing economists working at CDC on health policy analysis across diverse programs.

Dr. Haddix left CDC in 1998 to take a position of associate professor in the Department of Global Health at the Rollins School of Public Health of Emory University where she worked on issues related to the financing of neglected diseases.

Dr. Haddix returned to CDC in March 2004, and served as the Acting Director of EPO's Division of Prevention Research and Analytic Methods directing activities including training and methodological development in public health economics and decision analysis. Dr. Haddix researched and wrote the business case for CDC investment in global public health, a role which clearly demonstrated her commitment to this agency and its mission.

In September 2004, Dr. Haddix moved to the CDC Office of the Director as a Senior Economist in the newly established Office of Strategy and Innovation, and began working on development of CDC's Health Protection Goals, and development of processes supporting development of Goals Action Plans. Over the last year, Dr. Haddix has been leading CDC's Goals Implementation efforts, the FY2006 4% budget refocusing effort, developing evidence-based resource allocation methodology for prioritizing agency activities, and developing outcome measures to assess progress in accomplishment of Goals.

Dr. Haddix is the author or co-author of numerous publications and is the author of *Prevention Effectiveness: A Guide to Decision Analysis and Economic Evaluation*.

Dr. Haddix is a true leader with the vision, conviction, ability, and respect of her peers and colleagues to provide key scientific perspective to CDC management. Her current level of responsibility and outstanding and sustained leadership merits her promotion to this important new level of responsibility, as CDC's Chief Policy Officer. Please join me in extending hearty congratulations to her.

Julie Louise Gerberding, M.D., M.P.H.

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**WHERE'S OLE/ WHAT'S HIS/HER NAME?**

Looking for information/ new email for **Cheryl Lawson**.

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MEMBER NEWS - GRANDPARENTS NEWS:

Susan J. Shaw is proud of the new addition to her family. May 11, 2006 a new Grandson was born. His name is Aiden Joseph Kehm and his parents are Susan's daughter Heidi and her husband Brad. Susan spent two weeks with her daughter's family in Pittsburgh welcoming her Grandson and being Grandma. With the new addition, Susan is the proud Grandmother of 6 grandchildren – 3 granddaughters and 3 grandsons.

Meera, wife of Steve Naehr (**Jerry' Naehr's** son), gave birth on May 9th to a very healthy baby girl, Nadia. She was 18 inches long and weigh slightly over 6 lbs. Nadia, Meera, and even Steve (who cut the umbilical cord) are doing fine. They live in Bellaire, Texas. This is Jerry and wife Debbie's third grandchild (first granddaughter). Jerry to visit the new darling the end of May.

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**IN THE NEWS:**

It is with great sadness that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) learned of the death of the World Health Organization's (WHO) Director-General Jong-wook Lee. Dr. Lee, who was 61, died Monday morning, May 22, in Geneva, Switzerland, after surgery this weekend to remove a blood clot on his brain. He is survived by his wife and son, two brothers, and a sister and their families.

To echo Secretary Leavitt's comments at the opening of the 59<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly, May 22, 2006, we honor Dr. Lee for his understanding and fostering of greater cooperation throughout the world to help improve the health of all people. We also honor him for his work

at WHO during the SARS epidemic and the first signs of the bird flu. He truly understood the importance of protecting the public's health not just locally, but nationally and internationally and he understood the connectivity of this small world. Dr. Lee was a man of great learning and inspiring leadership.

Dr. Lee was critical to the work done through the collaborative efforts of WHO and CDC and he was known well by many at CDC.

Dr. Stephen B. Blount, Director of the CDC Coordinating Office for Global Health, observed that "The global public health community has suffered a great loss. Dr. Lee was a true champion for a remarkable range of public health initiatives, all with the goal of improving the health of people around the world. We will miss him and his leadership."

As well, Dr. Ken Castro, Director, CDC Division of TB Elimination, on hearing of Dr. Lee's passing, stated that "we are deeply saddened by the news. Many of us from CDC had the privilege of working directly with Dr. J.W. Lee before his selection to Director General at WHO. J.W. Lee was pivotal to the successful launching of the global Stop TB Partnership, which is today a model for multilateral partnerships. I and many others came to value and appreciate in Dr. Lee his leadership, warmth, friendship, informality, wit, and wonderful sense of humor. Our thoughts and prayers are with J.W.'s family. The world has lost a truly remarkable person."

All of CDC extends sincere condolences to Dr. Lee's family, as well as to the staff of the World Health Organization and international public health leaders around the world on this sudden loss.

Dr. Anders Nordström, currently Assistant Director-General for General Management, WHO, has been named Acting Director-General.

For more information about Dr. Lee, including the opportunity to submit condolences and tributes, please visit: [www.who.int/en/](http://www.who.int/en/).

For more information on the 59<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly, decision-making body for WHO, which convenes this week in Geneva, please visit:

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2006/wha59/en/index.html>

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AWARD WINNERS:

Beverly DeVoe Payton (NCHSTP, DTBE) announces

I just found out that our HALT Video won a Telly Award. The vendor Ascential, Inc. who did the media campaign for us, submitted the video for consideration. Apparently this is a big award among advertising companies, cable companies and other that produce media campaigns, commercials, etc. Out of 12,000 entries we won the bronze in our category. We will be sending off for a duplicate trophy. We are so excited
Congratulations to Beverley and her team

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#### **CDC Takes Honors: 58 Awards , 5/30/2006**

Carlton Duncan, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, served as the Master of Ceremony for the recent 33rd Annual Federal Executive Board (FEB) Awards Luncheon held in Atlanta. He said, "The number of CDC finalists and winners is testimony to the importance and criticality of the

work of CDC employees, and is impressive and humbling in the competitive arena of employee recognition arena."

CDC boasted 58 winners at the recent 33rd Annual Federal Executive Board (FEB) Awards Luncheon held in Atlanta. The event, which honors federal employees, was hosted by CDC with Carlton Duncan, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, serving as the Master of Ceremony. "These awards are important because they demonstrate appreciation for the important work that federal employees in this area do regionally, nationally and internationally," said Duncan.

"We are proud that CDC employees were recognized in the numbers that they were," he continued. "An impartial Blue Ribbon panel determines finalists and winners based on nominations submitted to the Federal Executive Board by each agency in the FEB. The number of CDC finalists and winners is testimony to the importance and criticality of the work of CDC employees, and is impressive and humbling in the competitive arena of employee recognition arena."

The annual event, held the first week in May, which is Public Service Recognition Week, is hosted by a federal agency from the metropolitan area. CDC was picked to host the 33rd Annual FEB awards luncheon and Yolanda Dangerfield served as the host chair. The theme for the event was "Your Services Count: Today and In the Future."

#### CDC Takes 58 of 156 Awards; Breaks Participation Record

This year's awards ceremony featured 19 different award categories and honored approximately 156 individuals and groups from federal agencies across the Atlanta metropolitan area. CDC was well-represented at this event and had 58 individuals and group award winners.

More than 800 people attended this event. Cindy L. Brown, the Department of Labor's OASAM (Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management), Regional Administrator who also serves as the Chair of the Atlanta FEB, applauded the CDC for having the highest number of participants in the event's 33 year history.

#### CDC Wins:

##### Outstanding Secretarial or Administrative Support (Group) Category

This category recognized employees who perform work in typing and/or stenography, correspondence control and tracking, data transcription, filing, receptionist duties, or other general administrative support functions. "We are particularly happy to have had the number of finalists and winners from the OCOO as we did," said Duncan, "again testimony to the work and work ethic of all our employees. Congratulations and thanks to all the winners."

The winners include the following people, all part of OCOO's Administrative Support Group: Tonia B. Allen, Corrine Arredondo, Angela L. Avery, Sabrina Battle, Monique J. Blanton, Jonathan S. Bond, Rosa L. Booker, Rita V. Collins, Jack L. Darrington, Edward L. Dick, Lourina M. Dudley, Paige P. Eubank, Margie A. Fields, Deborah A. Fort, Matilda Glenn, DeeDee B. Henderson, Stephanie R. Hillard, Anita A. Christmas Hollomon, Lisa M. Holman, Marie J. Hopson, Karen C. Jefford, Marietta D. Jones, Kathleen A. Karins, Deborah D. Kess, Vickie K. Kindred, Barbara J. King, Arternearn Lane, Ella M. Lawrence, Brenda Lester, Cynthia D. Lewis, Sharon R. Mahone, Theresa B. McDonald, Sophia L. McKennie, W. Leona McMeans, Marilyn Nunn, Marie W. Peek, Michael P. Petro; Erica J. Rice, Kara Robinson; Lisa K. Roney, Dianne K. Rosh, Anita L. Sandman, Deborah A. Shaut, Naomi E. L. Smith, C. Susie Tucker, Roxanne S. Williams, and Cheryl D. Wims-Monfort.

Outstanding Security and Investigations (Non-Uniformed) (Group) winners include: Demetri Vacalis (holding the award); Ray Lagomasino; Heather Bothwell; Maurice Lacey; and Ron Abernathy. Cindy L. Brown, Regional Administrator OASAM under the Department of Labor, is shown on the left.

#### Outstanding Security and Investigations (Non-Uniformed, Group) Category

The winners were the CDC Security and Emergency Team (OSEP-OCOO), which includes: Robert Allin, Heather Bothwell, Daniel Bubacz, Ray Lagomasino, Maurice Lacey, Steve Miller, James McElroy, Estell Mathis, and Demetri Vacalis.

#### Nilka Ríos Burrows – Outstanding Achievement in Diversity

Nilka Ríos Burrows, MPH, Epidemiologist, CDC Division of Diabetes Translation, and IHS Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention was one of two individual winners in this category. Her work involves American Indians and Hispanics and she enjoys the diversity in her job.

She has been at CDC 14 years and says she loves the people she works with, both at CDC and IHS. "Since I have to wear two hats, I am so glad that everyone I work with is on the same page regarding our mission in diabetes. The people are just wonderful."

She says she was honored just to be nominated and "totally stunned" when she won. "I really enjoy my work. I do diabetes surveillance and crunch numbers that are used to advocate for funding in this important public health issue. What I do makes a difference, I can see that, and it's rewarding.

#### Former Employee Wins Agency "All Star" Employee Award – (New Category)

This new category recognizes each of the federal agency's outstanding "All Star" employees. There is no criteria set by the Federal Executive Board and is awarded strictly on agency "recommendation."

Kevin DeCock, MD, the former director of the CDC Global AIDS Program in Kenya, was nominated in the Outstanding Supervisor category. Throughout his 20-year career at CDC, DeCock showed visionary leadership and dedication to improving the lives of people with HIV/AIDS. He established Project Retro-CI to address HIV/AIDS in Côte d'Ivoire and served as its director from 1988-1993. In 1997, he returned to Atlanta to serve as director, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, Surveillance and Epidemiology, with responsibility for all domestic HIV/AIDS surveillance and research at CDC. In 2000, DeCock was appointed director of CDC GAP Kenya, a position he held until he left CDC this year. DeCock now serves as the World Health Organization (WHO) as Director of the Department of HIV/AIDS. In his new role, DeCock oversees all of WHO's work related to HIV/AIDS, focusing on initiatives to assist developing countries in scaling up their treatment, prevention, care and support programs.

#### CDCers Help on Panel and Host Committee

The CDC Federal Screening Panel Members included Nairuby Beckles and Patricia Skousen and the CDC Host Committee included Glenn Amos, Gloria Blackmon, Yolanda Dangerfield, Jack Darrington, Billene Henderson, Nancy Kaigler, Charlotte Kendrick, Donna Martin, Reginald Pharr, Carmen Walker-Momon, Linda Shelton, Matt Sones, Wilma Thornton, and Linda Wyatt.

This Inside Story by CDC Connects reporter Kathy Nellis with contributions from Larry Rhodes.

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NEW ASSIGNMENTS

Mary Brewer, MPH former Public Health Advisor for the CDC Quarantine Program is now the Lead Public Health Educator for the Indian Health Service Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation in Warm Springs, OR. She manages the intensive portion (Health Education/Diabetes Prevention) of the SDPI competitive grant.

Vernell Fields (DSTD) is transferring from TN STD to a new position in DTBE- Baton Rouge LA, effective 6/11/2006.

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## **RETIREMENTS**

It is with mixed emotions that I announce that **Dixie E. Snider, Jr., M.D., M.P.H.** is retiring from his position as Chief Science Officer for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) after more than 33 years of distinguished government service with this agency. Although we will certainly miss Dr. Snider's extraordinary leadership of this office, we are grateful and fortunate that after retirement, he will continue to provide his wise counsel as a consultant to the CDC scientific leadership team. Dr. Snider's wife, Fran, is also retiring from Wilson and Associates Architects in June, and they have many plans for their retirement together. Dr. Snider wants to enjoy his good health and spend more time with his family (especially the grandchildren) and to pursue a variety of other interests, including teaching Servant Leadership.

We are incredibly thankful for Dr. Snider's leadership and dedicated service to CDC. Thirteen of his years at this agency have been in the Office of the Director. His accomplishments are too numerous to list here; however, following are some highlights from his public health career:

Dr. Snider received his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry in 1965 from Western Kentucky University and graduated from the University of Louisville School of Medicine in 1969 with highest honors. In 1984, he received the Masters of Public Health degree from Emory University. He is board-certified in internal medicine, allergy and clinical immunology, and preventive medicine. Dr. Snider joined CDC in 1973 and much of his early career was spent as an expert in tuberculosis and other mycobacterial diseases. From 1976 to 1985, he served as Chief, Research and Development Branch, Division of Tuberculosis Control. In 1985, he became Director of the Division of Tuberculosis Control and was the major architect of the strategic plan for the elimination of tuberculosis in the United States, as well as a key player in developing a national plan for addressing multi-drug resistant tuberculosis. During the past decade, he has focused his efforts on improving the quality and integrity of science at CDC and on improving the science infrastructure. He served as the Associate Director for Science, CDC, from 1993 to 2003. From June 2003 to October 2004, Dr. Snider was the Acting Deputy Director for Public Health Science, CDC, and Acting Deputy Administrator, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).

Currently, Dr. Snider is the Chief Science Officer for CDC and ATSDR. He is the primary advisor to the Director on scientific and medical matters and provides agency-wide scientific leadership. Under his leadership, the Office of the Chief Science Officer (OCSO) has evolved to include the Office of Scientific Regulatory Services, the Office of Public Health Research, the Technology Transfer Office, the Immunization Safety Office, and the Science Vision and Alliances Team. Dr. Snider's many responsibilities include developing policies and procedures for ensuring that integrity and excellence in science are maintained; articulating

and enforcing standards of ethical, equitable, and respectful conduct of all CDC's enterprises; and responding to the CDC Director's requests to engage in and respond to a variety of scientific and management issues.

Dr. Snider is the recipient of a number of distinguished honors, including the William C. Watson, Jr., Medal of Excellence, the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) Outstanding Service Medal, the USPHS Meritorious Service Medal, and the Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service. He retired from the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service as an Assistant Surgeon General (Rear Admiral). He is also the author or co-author of more than 150 scientific articles, has made hundreds of presentations at scientific meetings, and has regularly represented CDC to the Office of the Secretary, Department officials, Congress, media, industry, and outside professional and public groups. Dr. Snider also played a major role in arranging the 1997 Presidential apology for the Tuskegee Syphilis Study.

Aside from all of Dr. Snider's career achievements, his personal and scientific integrity has established him as one of the most beloved role-models for CDC scientists. Many individuals, including those scientists who were mentored by him, have been profoundly touched by his loyalty and respect for people and his ability to teach, guide, and inspire. Through his vision and wisdom, the Office of the Chief Science Officer has become the exemplar of scientific excellence and integrity, and will be sustained by his legacy of outstanding scientific leaders across CDC. Dr. Snider's daily presence and support will be greatly missed at CDC.

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Tanja Popovic has agreed to be the Acting Chief Science Officer for CDC when Dr. Snider retires. As you know, Dr. Popovic has been serving as CDC's Associate Director of Science and will continue to be a great asset to the organization. In addition to her scientific contributions to CDC as a respected investigator, she has provided enormous leadership as the functions of the Office of the Chief Science Officer have evolved. As a direct beneficiary of Dr. Snider's mentorship and support, Dr. Popovic will help sustain his vision and the continuity of the important work that is currently underway in the office.

A retirement reception honoring Dr. Snider's many contributions to CDC will be held on **June 28, 2-4 p.m. in Auditorium B of Building 19**. Further details about this event will be forthcoming.

I hope that all of you can join us for this very special event in celebration of Dr. Snider's accomplishments and in wishing him all the best in his new endeavors.

Julie Louise Gerberding, M.D., M.P.H.

**SPECIAL NOTE: Dixie Snider was the WATSONIAN's Honorary PHA, in 1997.  
The Watsonian Society wishes DR. Snider happiness in his next career path.**

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As many of you know, our esteemed friend and colleague, **Roger I. Glass** is retiring from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to become Associate Director of NIH for international programs and the Director of the Fogarty International Center. Dr. Glass joined CDC as an EIS officer in 1977 and has had a career marked by numerous accomplishments in public health science and disease prevention. During his nearly 30 year career at CDC, Dr. Glass has made major contributions to addressing public health problems throughout the world including toxic exposures; epidemiology of death; injury and illness associated with earthquakes, tornadoes, snow storms, starvation, and refugee camps; and bacterial and viral diarrheal diseases and their prevention. Over the last two decades, Dr. Glass has focused on

laboratory and epidemiologic studies of viral gastroenteritis. These studies have proven to be cornerstones to the development and licensure of rotavirus vaccines in the United States and other countries, and to diagnosing and preventing norovirus gastroenteritis.

In recognition of his distinguished career at CDC, we are hosting a retirement celebration for Roger on Friday, June 2nd at 2:00-4:00 p.m. at CDC's new conference center (Building 19, Rooms 256-257). Please join us for what promises to be a fun and memorable event! If you wish to send a greeting or acknowledgment of his retirement or make a contribution for the celebration, please contact Susan Owen-Edwards.

Career Summary

After graduating from Harvard College in 1967, he received a Fulbright Fellowship to study at the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and subsequently received an M.D. from Harvard Medical School and an M.P.H. from the Harvard School of Public Health in 1972. Dr. Glass completed his Internship at Cambridge Hospital (Harvard Medical School) in 1973 and his Residency in Internal Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York from 1974-1976. He began his career at CDC in 1977 as a Medical Officer in the Environmental Hazards Branch concentrating on the health consequences of disasters. In 1979, he began an assignment at the International Center for Diarrheal Disease Research in Bangladesh, where he spent four years working on enteric infections. He received a doctorate from the University of Goteberg in Sweden, working on cholera. He then began his career on rotavirus molecular biology in 1983 as a Medical Officer at NIH in Bethesda, Maryland. In 1986, Roger returned to CDC to his present position, Head of the Viral Gastroenteritis Team.

Dr. Glass is an author and co-author of more than 400 scientific articles and publications, primarily in infectious diseases. He has received numerous honors and awards, including being elected to membership in the U.S. National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine. He is recognized as one of the world's foremost experts on diarrheal diseases. Dr. Glass' impact on public health does not stop with his and his group's accomplishments--Dr. Glass and his group have trained epidemiologists and laboratorians from more than 25 countries, many of whom have in turn become scientific and public health leaders and teachers in their own countries.

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**Bobby G. Brown, DVM, MS, DACLAM** will be retiring from CDC and federal service on 31 May 2006. Dr. Brown is a veterinarian with the Division of Scientific Resources where he served since November 2001 as Associate Director for Veterinary Public Health. Previously he was a Captain in the Commissioned Corps of the U. S. Public Health Service at CDC and NIH. He has worked with many people and groups over the years researching various public health problems in infectious diseases ranging from syphilis, leprosy and malaria to hepatitis C, Ebola, monkeypox, and many other zoonotic diseases.

Dr. Brown received a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine degree from Auburn University in 1968. He earned a Masters Degree in Clinical Science (Surgery) from Colorado State University in 1971 and a Certificate of Residency in Surgery from the School of Aerospace Science at Brooks AFB, TX. From 1971 to 1975, Dr. Brown served as Chief, Experimental Surgery at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center, Lackland AFB, TX. While serving as Chief, Dr. Brown received Board Certification status as a Diplomate in the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM) in 1974. Upon leaving the U.S. Air Force in 1975, he took a position at Auburn University as an Assistant Professor where he did research and

became a member of the graduate faculty. In 1982, Dr. Brown became the Founding Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Ross University in Basseterre, St. Kitts, West Indies.

After returning to the US in 1985, Dr. Brown became the Head of Laboratory Animal Medicine and Surgery at New Mexico State University's Primate Research Institute. In November 1986, he reentered federal service at CDC Atlanta. He was the first Attending Veterinarian to have his office in the Bldg 6 Animal Facility where he developed a strong support system for investigators, technicians, and animal caretakers as well as for the research animals. He was the first CDC Attending Veterinarian to receive training in ABSL-4 procedures and work in the Maximum Containment Laboratory in Bldg 9 and later in Bldg 15 where he provided clinical and surgical support for studies on Lassa Fever and Ebola from 1988 to 1995. Dr. Brown transferred to NIH in 1998 where he served as the Senior Assurance Officer in the Office for Protection from Research Risk (OPRR) and later the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW). He then returned to CDC in November 2001 as Associate Director for Veterinary Public Health in the Division of Scientific Resources. He continued to advise CDC on animal welfare related issues and served again for 10 months as Chief, Animal Resources Branch while a new chief was being recruited.

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, he will rejoin Auburn University where he will be the Director of the Division of Laboratory Animal Health in the College of Veterinary Medicine. He will also be the Associate Executive Director of Animal Resources for Auburn University.

When he is not busy running around his alma mater, Dr. Brown also looks forward to enjoying country living and spending time with his seven grandchildren, riding his Fox Trotter horses down country dirt roads and working on his collection of antique tractors and pickups.

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It is with both delight and sadness that we announce that **Dennis D. Juranek, DVM, MSc**, is leaving CDC after 36 years of meritorious service. Dr. Juranek was recently given the DHHS Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service for "extraordinary and sustained leadership and vision in formulating critical public health policy and bioterrorism preparedness to prevent waterborne diseases in the United States." He also has received the Commission Corps' Outstanding Service Medal.

In 1970 Dr. Juranek graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine, Colorado State University, and joined CDC as an EIS Officer in the Parasitic Diseases group. Upon completion of EIS, he was selected to participate in the CDC career development program and earned his MSc degree in Medical Parasitology from the London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. In 1973, he returned to CDC, to what now is called the Division of Parasitic Diseases (DPD), where he has worked ever since and has held various leadership positions. In 2001, he retired from the Commissioned Corps but continued to work in DPD as a Senior Service Fellow.

Dr. Juranek has authored or co-authored more than 130 scientific publications on a wide variety of parasitic diseases and mentored some 45 EIS Officers. He has also made substantial contributions to multiple investigations/committees on subjects outside the realm of parasitology. Dr. Juranek and Dr. James Curran were the first two CDC epidemiologists sent to New York City to investigate the newly emerging disease that became known as AIDS. He has chaired a multi-agency Working Group on the Prevention of Waterborne Bioterrorism; co-chaired an environmental team on SARS; provided guidance on exposure to water contaminants and water testing in response to Hurricane Katrina; and served on two

committees of the National Academy of Science charged with addressing environmental and drinking water issues.

During the past 15 years, Dr. Juranek has increasingly focused on waterborne diseases, including investigation of numerous outbreaks of giardiasis and cryptosporidiosis, analysis of national data on waterborne disease outbreaks, and participation in epidemiologic studies to establish a national estimate of the occurrence of waterborne diseases. He has worked closely with colleagues in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the American Water Works Association, universities, and water utilities to identify more effective ways to prevent and control waterborne diseases. A year before 9-11-2001, he assembled a team of experts from both federal and nonfederal agencies to assess vulnerabilities to microbial agents and biotoxins that could be used by terrorists to contaminate drinking water supplies. He subsequently developed a CDC research plan to address these vulnerabilities, as well as a joint health department - water utility training course to improve planning for local responses to intentional contamination of water. In 2006, he became a member of the National Academy of Science's Water Security Research Advisory Board.

Dr. Juranek -- both as a person and a professional -- will be sorely missed by his many friends and colleagues. He is renowned for his breadth of knowledge and expertise, keen scientific mind, and unusual ability to translate scientific advances into public health actions, as well as for his wisdom, generosity of spirit, humility, kindness, and dry wit.

Please join us in thanking Dr. Juranek and celebrating his distinguished career on **Friday, June 16, CDC, Chamblee Campus** . If you would like to send a greeting or acknowledgment to Dr. Juranek or to contribute to the celebration, please contact Barbara Herwaldt,. Monetary contributions may be sent to Lisa Eubanks, Mailstop F22.

Friday, June 16, 2006, 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

CDC, Chamblee Campus, Atlanta, GA

Building 102, 2nd floor conference room (2201/2202)

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### **HEADS-UP- A position to be announced soon**

As background, we are establishing a CDC HIV research station in Cameroon, similar to the original Project RETRO-CI in Cote d'Ivoire. We have a small, committed staff of 25 people, and will be adding perhaps 2-3 more before the end of 2006. We have 2 sites: a small lab in Yaounde, the political capital, and our main headquarters in Mutengene, Southwest Province. The Embassy-leased homes for the Director and the PHA are in Limbe, a seaside resort town. The main administrative projects on our horizon right now are completing security upgrades and laboratory renovations in Mutengene (construction contracting). On the research side, we will be conducting focus group discussions in plantation and truck-stop populations over the next 4 months. We plan to undertake cross-sectional HIV serosurveys in these same populations within the next year.

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This is the job-specific info from the PD. The action is currently in HR for classification. It's possible the vacancy announcement will be posted by the end of June.

**Assistant Director for Operations, CDC-Cameroon  
Public Health Advisor, GS-685-13/14**

This position is located in the Epidemiology Branch (EB), Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention – Surveillance and Epidemiology (DHAP-SE), National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention. The incumbent serves as a Public Health Advisor and the Assistant Director for Operations (ADO) for HIV Research activities in Cameroon, with duty station in Mutengene.

The position provides advice and assistance on the implementation, direction, and evaluation of the management of public health programs funded through collaborative agreements and contracts. The incumbent plans, develops, implements and evaluates DHAP/EB project goals and objectives. The HIV research program may consist of civil service employees, Commissioned Corps officers, contractors, and locally employed staff who serve as scientists, program officers, data managers, laboratory technicians, administrators, and other support staff.

The incumbent participates in negotiations to establish program activities in Cameroon. Meets with American Embassy staff and Ministry of Health staff to present proposals, determine/develop policies/regulations and assist in organizing and implementing international activities and projects. Negotiates with other Federal and international agencies for and resources to support multi-agency projects and assists in development and review of interagency agreements for such support, including agreements with agencies outside DHHS.

The incumbent serves as the principal management reviewer and advisor on project collaborative agreement proposals. Reviews program guidelines and protocols and assists in coordinating program implementation with host country officials, other United States and international agencies. Monitors progress of project activities through site reviews, provides appropriate reports to the Director and other concerned groups.

The incumbent provides operational leadership for HIV program planning and evaluation, formulation and implementation of public health policy and programs, management of resources, property, contracts, memoranda of agreement, and procurement. Incumbent acts with full authority in the absence of the Director on all matters involving non-scientific program operations and HIV field activities.

The incumbent serves as the principal management contact on all program activities and maintains liaison with US Embassy post management, CDC and other governmental and non-governmental officials to assure the efficient coordination of activities and the availability of necessary resources, including personnel, funds, and management support.

Ability to communicate in French is preferred but not required.

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