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NCAB Ad Hoc SUBCOMMITTEE ON NUTRITION

Date: January 29, 1981
Place: NIH Building 31, Room 11A10
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Present: Dr. Maureen Henderson, Chairperson
Dr. Harold Amos
Dr. Henry Pitot
Dr. Gerald Wogan

NCI/DNCP Staff

The meeting was opened at approximately 9:00 a.m. by Dr. Henderson.

I. DNCP Staff reviewed the following program activities:

1. Clinical Nutrition Research Units (CNRU's) - NCI is funding two CNRU's, one in Alabama and the other at Memorial. NIAMDD funds five additional CNRU's. The December 3, 1980 meeting of CNRU Directors was discussed. DNCP staff pointed out that there has been no decision made regarding future CNRU solicitations.
2. Pending DCT, Nutrition RFP's - Dr. DeWys described two RFP's which are to be issued by DCT for colorimetry and nutritional assessment. Discussion took place with subcommittee members.
3. DNCP Conferences/Workshops - Dr. Fink reviewed Conferences/Workshops sponsored by the DNCP during FY80 and FY81. These conferences were: Cancer in Blacks; Fat and Cancer Workshop; Nutrition and Cancer Treatment; Selenium, Vitamin A, and Lipid Oxidation; Nutrition and the Pediatric Cancer Patient, and Animal Diets in Carcinogenesis.

The purpose of the Conferences/Workshops was state-of-the-art assessment and development of research recommendations. All Conferences/Workshops were designed to permit interdisciplinary discussion and cooperation between scientists working in nutrition and oncology. The publication of proceedings or summaries is planned for all Conferences/Workshops. The only future DNCP workshop now in planning stages will be handled by Dr. Elizabeth Anderson, DCBD, on Epidemiology, Nutrition and Breast Cancer. The subcommittee will consider other topics for Conferences/Workshops in FY81/82/83.

II. DNCP Concept Discussion

1. Training grants in diet, nutrition and cancer -
Dr. B. Lepovetsky has proposed a special announcement to solicit up to five training grants. The proposed budget would be \$400,000 to be transferred from OD, DNCP funds to DRCCA to cover this activity. Discussion took place about pre- and post-doctoral training. The subcommittee agreed with this concept.
2. Clinical Education in Diet, Nutrition and Cancer - The internal Working Group on the DNCP suggested that Dr. Margaret Edwards solicit supplements to currently funded Clinical Education grants. The supplements would be no more than \$40,000 and up to ten awards would be made. The subcommittee, after much discussion, did not agree with the concept but felt that research training for clinicians should be included in Dr. Lepovetsky's solicitation.
3. Planning grants in diet, nutrition and cancer - Based on Dr. Selikoff's motion at the November NCAB meeting, the internal Working Group developed a draft RFA for such planning grants. The subcommittee discussed the type of institutions to be included, length of award, funding level, etc. The subcommittee will send written comments to Dr. Fink for revision of the RFA. The subcommittee will require further discussion of this concept at its next meeting.

III. At approximately 2:00 p.m., Drs. Henderson and Pitot left the meeting to attend the meeting of the DRCCA Board of Scientific Counsellors. Further discussion took place on the NIH/NCI intramural research program and future nutrition research needs. The next subcommittee meeting will be held in April 1981. The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.