

Therapeutics for Rare and Neglected Diseases "Road Show"

Fall 2010

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) **Therapeutics for Rare and Neglected Diseases (TRND)** program is a new NIH Therapeutic Development Activity that performs preclinical and early clinical development of new drugs for rare and neglected diseases, as well as develops new technologies and paradigms to improve the efficiency of therapeutic development for these diseases. The TRND program is housed in an active laboratory at NIH. It will build collaborative therapeutic development projects between intramural NIH drug development scientists and external partners having promising leads and disease/target knowledge but lacking the expertise or resources to turn these leads into candidate therapeutics. The goal of TRND collaborations is to "de-risk" Rare and Neglected disease drug development projects by accomplishing lead optimization through an FDA Investigational New Drug (IND) application and, when needed, proof-of-concept human studies, in order to be attractive to biopharmaceutical or other suitable organizations.

To apply for a TRND collaboration, a 5-page application is due December 6, 2010. Applications to the TRND program can come from academic laboratories, not-for-profit organizations, and for-profit companies. Foreign organizations may apply. Successful applicants will form a project team with NIH TRND scientists to create and implement a therapeutic development project plan. **Note this is not a grant or contract program.** To apply to the TRND program, please visit the TRND webpage at <http://trnd.nih.gov>.

The NCTT and TRND leadership are traveling the United States to discuss the program with interested partners. **Click on any of the links below for detailed directions to each venue.**

Date	City	Time	Venue
Nov. 8	San Francisco, CA	10:00 a.m.	Courtyard Downtown San Francisco Hotel by Marriott 299 Second Street , San Francisco, CA 94105 (415) 947-0700
		1:30 p.m.	San Francisco Airport Marriott 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, CA 94010 (650) 692-9100
Nov. 10	Boston, MA	10:00 a.m.	Residence Inn Boston Cambridge 6 Cambridge Center, Cambridge, MA 02142 (617) 349-0700
		1:30 p.m.	Best Western Plus Boston - The Inn at Longwood Medical 342 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115 (617) 731-4700
Nov. 16	Chicago, IL	10:00 a.m.	University of Illinois Chicago Medical Center, UIC College of Medicine Research Building (COMRB) Room 7175, 909 South Wolcott Avenue, Chicago, IL 60612 Parking: Wood Street Parking Structure, 1100 S. Wood Street
		2:00 p.m.	Illinois Science + Technology Park, Skokie, IL 60077 Directions: 4835 Searle Parkway ; park on garage's 4th floor; sky bridge to 8045 Lamon; and follow signs to auditorium. (847) 568-8405 (Sylvia)
Nov. 17	Research Triangle Park, NC	10:00 a.m.	Duke University campus, Durham, NC; room TBD
		1:30 p.m.	The North Carolina Biotechnology Center/Hamner Conference Center 15 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 (919) 541-9366 Meeting room: The Jordan Room
Nov. 18 Nov. 22	Washington, DC	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel 999 Ninth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001 (202) 898-9000

