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Dear Colleagues:

For those interested in being considered as NIH reviewers, please see attached AADR initiative.

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AADR Call for Nominations: NIH Voluntary Reviewers

The AADR Board and Government Affairs Committee (GAC) are pleased to announce that the AADR will begin to regularly solicit the membership (twice per year) for qualified candidates to serve as NIH reviewers, and then coordinate with the NIH Council on Scientific Review (CSR) to submit those members' profiles to

the CSR Registry of Volunteer Reviewers. It is vitally important that more dental researchers serve as reviewers. NIH has reached out to scientific societies to provide CSR with more nominees to serve on Study Sections. As a result, we look forward to working with various Scientific Review Officers (SRO) and Initial Review Groups (IRG) to help the NIH identify the best dental researchers to serve as voluntary reviewers. The submissions will be vetted by the AADR Board and GAC before submission to CSR in order to ensure the highest quality reviewers.

NIH will use the registry as a key tool for Scientific Review Officers to (1) more quickly identify experienced, volunteer reviewers and (2) provide societies and institutions with additional input into the peer review process.

CSR is looking for potential reviewers who:

- Have substantial and broad independent research experience
- Have received major peer-reviewed grants either from NIH or an equivalent agency
- Understand the review process
- Are willing to consider serving for four years as study section members

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[ReviewerRegistry.pdf](http://www.mmsend2.com/lis.cfm?r=188003178&sid=5647658&m=644432&u=IAADR&s=http://www.magnetmail.net/images/clients/IAADR/attach/ReviewerTemplateJan2009.xls)> have identified over 3,000 volunteer reviewers from their memberships. AADR must do the same. Please use the attached template <<http://www.mmsend2.com/lis.cfm?r=188003178&sid=5647658&m=644432&u=IAADR&s=http://www.magnetmail.net/images/clients/IAADR/attach/ReviewerTemplateJan2009.xls>> to fill in qualified candidates that you would like to recommend and return via e-mail to AADR Director of Government Affairs Mike Kalutkiewicz <<mailto:mkalutkiewicz@aadronline.org>>. The deadline for nominations is May 8, 2009.

More information is available at the CSR <[http://www.mmsend2.com/lis.cfm?](http://www.mmsend2.com/lis.cfm?r=188003178&sid=5647660&m=644432&u=IAADR&s=http://cms.csr.nih.gov/PeerReviewMeetings/StudySectionReviewers/)

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With many other organizations providing quality reviewers to CSR, it is vitally important for the AADR to be active in submitting top-flight dental researchers to the CSR Registry. We hope that you will join us in this effort and help ensure that dental researchers are an integral part of the peer-review process.

Warm Regards,

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