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Subject: Dr. Larry Tabak named Principal Deputy Director of the National Institutes of Health

Dr. Francis Collins, Director of the NIH, has named Dr. Larry Tabak as the Principal Deputy Director of the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Tabak will step down as NIDCR Director on Monday. Dr. Isabel Garcia, currently Deputy Director at NIDCR, has been named Acting Director of the Institute.

Shown below are the messages from Drs. Collins and Tabak.

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Subject: Transitions

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As you may have learned from Dr. Collins' note to the NIH community (attached), I will be stepping down as Director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research to assume the position of Principal Deputy Director of the National Institutes of Health effective August 23, 2010.

I am very grateful for the extraordinary experience and privilege of leading the

NIDCR over the past decade. While there are far too many people to thank individually and retain some semblance of email etiquette, I must single out the members of the NIDCR Executive Staff for their extraordinary effort, wise counsel and fellowship over the past 10 years. In particular, I am very grateful to Isabel Garcia, NIDCR Deputy Director, who will be assuming the role of Acting Director of the Institute. Isabel has been a remarkable partner, and I have learned much from her. I am confident that each of you will give Isabel the same support that I so greatly benefited from. Pamela McInnes and the outstanding team that she has assembled continue to strengthen the NIDCR extramural research program into a robust, cutting edge effort that we all can be extremely proud of. Pamela's NIH-wide leadership in a number of important programs has made her an important ambassador for NIDCR and oral health in general. Bob Angerer has deftly enhanced our intramural research efforts while continuing to mentor the Institute's next generation of intramural investigators with great success. Together with our newly recruited Clinical Director, Jim Melvin, I am convinced that Bob will ensure that the NIDCR intramural program becomes one of the premier places in the world to train for a career in academic dentistry. Amy Adams continues to strengthen our planning and evaluation efforts and has taken on several key NIH-wide responsibilities, including coordination of the interagency committee on pain mandated by the health care reform act. The administrative leadership of an Institute is so incredibly important to the success of the mission, yet rarely receives much deserved recognition. I have been most fortunate to work with two remarkable Executive Officers during my tenure – first Yvonne duBuy and now Tom Murphy, and an exceptional Budget Officer, George Coy. I have also been the beneficiary of a truly outstanding group of assistants (most recently Monique and Caroline) within my immediate office who have each been ably mentored and guided by Cyndi Burrus-Shaw who has somehow managed to keep me organized over the past few years. Two outstanding CIOs, first Tom Murphy and now John Prue, have slowly tricked my Mac into becoming a PC (and they have almost taught me how to use it!). Many extramural investigators have praised the efforts of our training office and grants management and review branches, collectively under the able leadership of Alicia Dombroski. In addition to ridding many of my documents of “word worms”, Susan Johnson and her colleagues have provided me with invaluable guidance about messaging and with evidence-based approaches to disseminating the latest information on health to professionals and the public

alike.

I also wish to thank the many persons who have served with distinction on the NIDCR Board of Scientific Counselors and the National Advisory Dental and Craniofacial Research Council over the past ten years. Your collective devotion and effort on behalf of the Institute and me personally is greatly appreciated. I have also personally benefited from and am grateful for the steadfast support of a number of professional organizations, notably, the AADR, ADEA and ADA and the FNIDCR, whose voluntary members devote much time and effort on behalf of the Institute. I also acknowledge, with thanks, the advice and occasional “tough love” of several patient advocates including Mary Kaye Richter, Kathy Hammitt and Terrie Cowley.

I have been a proud member of the “salivation army” since 1973 and have benefited enormously from remarkable support that the members of the oral health research community have afforded me during the intervening years. While I certainly look forward to the new challenges that lie ahead, I will always be grateful to each of you for the truly remarkable experiences that we shared during my tenure as NIDCR Director.

With much gratitude, respect and thanks,
Larry

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SUBJECT: Appointment of Lawrence Tabak, D.D.S., Ph.D., as Principal Deputy Director, NIH, and Designation of Isabel Garcia, D.D.S., M.P.H., as Acting Director, NIDCR

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Lawrence Tabak, D.D.S., Ph.D., as the Principal Deputy Director, NIH, effective August 23, 2010, as Raynard Kington departs from the NIH. And as I make this announcement, I want to thank Raynard again for his dedicated service to the NIH and to the biomedical and behavioral research community, as well as for his assistance and wise advice during my first year as NIH Director.

Larry has been the Director of NIDCR since September 2000. He came to the NIH at that time from the School of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Rochester, where he had most recently been the Senior Associate Dean for Research, Director of the Center for Oral Biology, Professor of Dentistry, and Professor of Biochemistry and Biophysics. Larry's major research focus-he has maintained an active research lab within NIDDK-has been on the biosynthesis and function of mucin-glycoproteins. We are all familiar with his outstanding service in numerous trans-NIH activities, as Acting Principal Deputy Director from November 2008 to August 2009, and recently as Acting Director of DPCPSI.

As Larry moves into the Principal Deputy Director position, Isabel Garcia, D.D.S, M.P.H., currently Deputy Director of NIDCR, will serve as Acting Director of the Institute. Dr. Garcia, who holds the rank of Rear Admiral in the US Public Health Service, joined NIDCR in 1995 as a Special Assistant for Science Transfer from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, where she was a Health Scientist Administrator. She later directed NIDCR's Office of Science Policy and Analysis before being appointed Deputy Director of the Institute. I appreciate Isabel's willingness to guide NIDCR while we conduct a search for a new permanent Director.

Until Dr. James Anderson's arrival at the NIH, Larry will continue as

Acting Director of DPCPSI.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Larry on his new position and giving him full support as he takes over the Principal Deputy responsibilities and that you will offer the same to Isabel as she leads NIDCR.

Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D.

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