

## NOTES FROM CAPITOL HILL

The *NIH extra mural program* has been maintained in the FY81 and 82 budgets proposed by President Reagan. About 4900 new and competing renewal grants will be funded for both years. This is near the long-range target of 5,000 such grants we have proposed, and achieved, in past years. The increased funding to cover inflation is a modest 7%.

Training Grants are the target for the largest cuts at NIH in both the FY81 and 82; not the number of trainees, but the departmental allowances and institutional overhead. This allowance (for equipment, supplies and faculty salaries) enables departments to enrich the training environment, and many scientists I have talked with think it is very important.

A short letter to your Congressman or Senator giving your views on these programs and one local example would be most useful; particularly if you live in the district and/or states (both House and Senate) of the Appropriations Subcommittee members:

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The basic authority for training grants (National Research Service Awards) is up for renewal. The Administration will try to

remove the mandate that departmental allowances and overhead be paid. Mr. Waxman had introduced HR 2562 extending Training Grant Authority for one year instead of the previous three years. The "probationary" period in which no payback will be required will be extended from three months to one year. Unfortunately, the bill sets a lower authorization than last year's appropriations: there will be a cut in the FY82 funds. The Senate version is S800.

A group of Physiologists will testify supporting authorization extension for three years, raising the authorization limits and *allowing* the payment of departmental allowances and institutional overhead.

Your views would help, particularly if you live in the district and/or states of the following subcommittee members:

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When writing, an example from the district/state is very helpful. Who knows? It may appear in the Congressional Record. Each letter should be limited to one topic--clearly identified in the first paragraph--and one page.

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