REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

The transition of our business office from Champaign (with ADSA) to Madison (with Jansen Editorial Services) has gone well. Judy Jansen and Fraser Gurd have worked overtime to achieve a smooth transition and prevent anything from slipping between the cracks. The lack of calls to my office from members with problems is surely evidence that they have succeeded. Thanks, Judy and Fraser, for a great start!

Yours truly made a big error in remarks in the last newsletter and, unlike the average administrator these days, I herewith confess to a sin of omission. In complimenting the ADSA office, I failed to mention the valuable contributions of Bob Schmidt. This was a particularly bad omission, because Bob was a major contact for me with that office when I served earlier as a Director and Secretary of SSR. Bob Schmidt has given 17 years of faithful service to SSR, since he first joined Claude Cruse in the ADSA office. We now thank him for that role, much of it never seen by the average SSR member, as well as his gracious help to many at annual meetings over the years. Thanks Bob! Carl Johnson and Mary Swenson also served well, giving over 6 years each to support of SSR. The compliment Judy Jansen paid to Mary during the transition should be shared, “I’d have kept her on if there were a way—she’s terrific.”

Your Board of Directors has taken a number of actions designed to prepare SSR for continued growth in service to you in the years ahead. Some of these will be apparent in news from various committees or officers in this newsletter, others (such as proposed changes in the Bylaws) will be published in the June newsletter or become apparent at the annual meeting. It was decided to move publication of the SSR directory to September. That way, the directory will reflect current addresses better, since many moves occur during the summer months. Also, membership of society committees will be published in the directory for handy reference. A complete review of our investments is underway. While they have been doing well, there may be potential for improvement.

An exciting meeting is assured for Ft. Collins in August. You have submitted a record number of abstracts. The down side of that is that we may not be able to present all of them. New activities this year will include a Saturday workshop group on uterine biology (contact Asgi Fazleabas), a Saturday afternoon satellite seminar on evaluation of male fertility and enhancement of spermatogenesis (contact Phil Senger), and a “fun run” one afternoon (contact “Buck” Hales) in addition to the Forum on Contentious Topics in Reproductive Biology announced earlier. This year’s symposium should provide an excellent overview of “Ovarian Function in Mammals.” It will include talks on follicular growth and function by Joanne Fortune, the process of ovulation by Lawrence Espey, and luteal function and regression by Gordon Niswender.

Our trainee representatives play many important roles in SSR. Attention trainees! Would you like to become more familiar with how SSR works? Attend exciting meetings of the SSR Board? Help expand and enhance the Placement Service? The opportunities are there. Contact Sue Moenter or Judy Manning for details on the upcoming election of a new trainee representative to the Board of Directors of SSR. Also plan now to attend the trainee-faculty luncheon, the trainee-sponsored forum on designing and creating effective slides (other members need to note that one also), and the new investigator awards competition. We would like to urge those Regular Members who have contact with students to strongly encourage student participation in Trainee Affairs.
Thanks to all those who have contributed to the trainee travel fund along with their dues. In these hard times, more and more of our programs cannot fully support travel for trainees to meetings, so this is very important. What's more, these contributions are completely tax-deductible!

SSR is a product of many people’s efforts, mostly as volunteers. Let me take this opportunity to thank all of you who serve on committees, as reviewers for BOR and/or as authors and presenters of papers or abstracts. Without you, the Board, the Editors, and the Business Office would all be ineffective and SSR would not be the force and forum that it is today.

Keith Inskeep, President Society for the Study of Reproduction

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Fred Allen defined a committee as “a group of people who singly are unable to do anything but who collectively agree that nothing can be done.” This definition certainly does not describe the excellent work done by the SSR committees. At this time I am appointing the committees for the coming year (August 1993–July 1994). I am in need of committee people who want to become more involved in SSR. Committees are: Animal Care, Awards, By-Laws, Education, Future Meeting Sites, Local Arrangements, Membership, Nominating, Program, Public Affairs, Publications, and Trainee Affairs. Please send your name and committee preference to Janice Bahr, Animal Genetics Lab, 1301 W. Lorado-Taft, Urbana, IL, or call (217) 333-2900, or FAX (217) 244-2871. Many thanks for your interest.

Janice Bahr, President-Elect Society for the Study of Reproduction

NOTES FROM FORT COLLINS, COLORADO SITE OF THE 1993 ANNUAL MEETING

Members of the Local Arrangements Committee and Colorado State University extend a warm invitation to all members of the Society to join us for the 26th Annual Meeting, August 1-4. Accommodations are available on campus in dormitories located conveniently near (<5 min walk) the Lory Student Center. Rates for dormitory rooms are $30/night single occupancy and $20/night double occupancy. Rooms have been made available for early arrivals (7/31) and late departures (8/5). For those seeking lodging off campus, blocks of rooms have been reserved at the University Park Holiday Inn (303/482-2626), the Marriott Hotel (303/226-5200), and the Best Western University Motor Inn (303/484-1984). Please note: To reserve a room and receive the special conference rate, you must indicate that you will be attending the SSR Conference at CSU. Rooms blocked for SSR will not be held after June 30 and are on a first-come, first-served basis; make reservations early. The Holiday Inn and Best Western are within easy walking distance (<10 minutes) of the Lory Student Center. The Marriott is located south of campus (5 minutes by car) and is adjacent to the Foothills Fashion Mall, which offers a wide variety of retail stores, movie theaters, and restaurants.

Conventions in America is the official travel company for the Annual Meeting and guarantees the lowest rates, at the time of booking, on any airline into Denver’s Stapleton International Airport. To make reservations, call Conventions in America at 1-800-929-4242, and specify Group #322. Although commuter air service into the Fort Collins/Loveland Municipal Airport is provided by United and Continental Airlines, we recommend that those traveling on commercial airlines fly directly into Stapleton International Airport in Denver. There, one may either rent a car or use the Airport Express Limousine service, which provides transportation to all major hotels and motels in Fort Collins as well as the university campus. Detailed information (prices, schedules, rates, reservations, etc.) regarding limousine service will be included in the preregistration packets.

Fort Collins is a progressive community with a population of approximately 90,000. The city is located 65 miles north of Denver and 45 miles south of Cheyenne, Wyoming. At the foot of the Rocky Mountains, Fort Collins is within an hour’s drive of the following major recreation areas: Rocky Mountain National Park, Red Feather Lakes, Roosevelt National Forest, as well as the relatively undiscovered Snowy Range Mountains situated just 30 miles west of Laramie, Wyoming. Excellent opportunities are avail-
able for rafting, kayaking, hiking, camping, backpacking, horseback riding, mountain biking, fishing, etc. For additional information regarding recreation and vacation opportunities in Colorado, call the Colorado Tourism Board (1-800-COLORADO); for opportunities in Wyoming, call the Wyoming Division of Tourism (1-800-225-5996) or the Albany County Tourism Board (1-800-445-5303). For those who are interested, "Cheyenne Frontier Days" will be held July 23–August 1. Information regarding schedules for rodeo events and concerts, as well as ticket reservations, can be obtained by calling 1-800-227-6336.

We look forward to welcoming you to Fort Collins and Colorado State University in August.

Heywood Sawyer, Chair
Local Arrangements Committee

PRE-SSR WORKSHOP ON UTERINE BIOLOGY/IMPLANTATION

A workshop entitled "Uterine Biology/Implantation" will be held on Saturday, July 31, 1993, at the University Park Holiday Inn, Fort Collins, Colorado.

The Organizing Committee consists of Asgi Fazleabas, Geula Gibori, and Richard Lyttle.

Speakers at the workshop are as follows: Dr. John Aplin (University of Manchester, Manchester, UK): The epithelial cell surface mucin, MUC 1, in the human endometrium: steroidal regulation of expression and an implantation phase-specific glycoform. Dr. Bruce Lessey (University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA): Integrins and Uterine Receptivity: implications in fertility and infertility. Dr. Joan Hunt (University of Kansas, Kansas City, KS): Uterine leukocytes: chemoattraction, activation, and functions. Dr. Claire Wathes (AFRC, Babraham, Cambridge, UK): Localization of IGF-I, IGF-II, and the IGF-1 receptor in the ovine uterus during early pregnancy. Dr. Rosalia Simmen (University of Florida, Gainesville, FL): Uterine antileukoproteinase: a biological determinant of placentation? Dr. Joseph Orly (Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX): Expression and cellular localization of P450_scc during early pregnancy. Dr. Dan Linzer (Northwestern University, Evanston, IL): Placental prolactins and their receptors. Dr. Colin Stewart (Roche Institute of Molecular Biology, Nutly, NJ): Function of cytokines in regulating mammalian implantation.

The registration fee for the workshop is $15.00, which includes refreshments, lunch, and a post-workshop reception. Registration deadline is July 1, 1993. Registration materials will be mailed to all individuals who list Reproductive Tract/Implantation as an area of interest. For additional information, contact Dr. Asgi T. Fazleabas, Dept. of Ob/Gyn (m/c 808), University of Illinois, 840 S. Wood Street, Chicago, IL 60612. Telephone: (312) 996-0994; FAX: (312) 996-4238. (Financial support for the workshop has been kindly provided by Serono Symposia, USA, TAP Pharmaceuticals, and Wyeth-Ayerst Research.)

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Recipients of the Hartman, SSR Research, and SSR Service Awards have been determined for 1993. The six finalists for the SSR New Investigator Award will present their work in an oral session held Monday evening (4:45–6:30 p.m.), August 2, 1993, at the annual meeting in Fort Collins. This session will convene immediately following the afternoon scientific sessions to encourage all members to attend this important event of our Society.

A complete set of Guidelines for the Awards of the Society will be published in the September and October issues of Biology of Reproduction and in the June issue of the SSR Newsletter. A list of previous winners will also appear in the June Newsletter. Nominations for the 1994 awards are due December 1, 1993.

Lloyd Anderson, Chair
Awards Committee

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for the Techniques Workshop has been finalized. They are Arthur Krieg, University of Iowa, speaking on the use of antisense oligonucleotides in cultured cells; Margaret McCarthy, NIAAA, speaking on the use of antisense oligonucleotides in vivo; François Guillemont, Toronto, describing the "gene trap" technique. As an added feature this year, the workshop will be videotaped and the
Robert Bigsby, Chair
Education Committee

BIOLOGY OF REPRODUCTION
EDITORIAL OFFICE

The Editorial Office expresses deep appreciation for your continued support of Biology of Reproduction by serving as reviewers of manuscripts and by contributing excellent papers. Your prompt responses to Mr. Patrick Tolley's requests to review manuscripts and the return of your comments to him within two weeks is essential for timely decisions on manuscripts. As contributors of papers for publication in Biology of Reproduction, you will appreciate prompt peer-review of your papers. In 1992 we received 582 papers for consideration for publication in Biology of Reproduction, which is close to the desired number of 600 submitted papers.

The Journal Citation Report, Science Citation Index, indicated that for 1991 Biology of Reproduction ranked 1st of 14 journals in the Reproductive Sciences and 1st of 40 journals in Obstetrics and Gynecology. In the category of Endocrinology, Biology of Reproduction ranked 14th of 62 journals; in the new Immunology category, Biology of Reproduction ranked 16th of 86 journals. In the Biochemistry/Molecular Biology category, Biology of Reproduction ranked 40th of 152 journals in 1991 compared to 42nd of 157 journals in that category in 1990. The relative influence of Biology of Reproduction also increased between 1990 and 1991, as measured by its Impact Factor, which increased from 2.684 to 2.970; Immediacy Index, 0.337 to 0.525; and Total Citations, 7,974 to 8,359. The standing of Biology of Reproduction in the scientific community is something in which all of us in the Society for the Study of Reproduction can take pride.

The international constituency of Biology of Reproduction is increasing. The number of papers submitted to Biology of Reproduction from scientists outside the United States of America increased from 122 in 1990 to 216 in 1992; for the same two years, respectively, 66 and 100 of those papers were published in our journal. Authors of papers published in Biology of Reproduction also indicate that a very high proportion of requests for offprints are coming from outside the United States and Canada.

Bob Burghardt, Associate Editor, is currently working to make the review process even effective. He is preparing a survey, which will be mailed in the near future, to update our file of persons who will review papers, as well as identify general and specific areas of expertise. I encourage each of you to complete and return the survey.

Please note that "Guidelines for Publication of Research Results in Reproductive Biology" are published in each issue of Biology of Reproduction. Maintenance of integrity in scientific research is essential; these guidelines address the responsibilities of the authors, reviewers, and editors dealing with scientific papers submitted to our journal.

Each of you is strongly encouraged to submit the final version of your manuscript on disk. This greatly facilitates the publication process and is most cost effective. We thank the 70% of our contributors who are already providing their manuscripts on disk. Please encourage your colleagues to do the same. This is very important to our efforts to facilitate publication in Biology of Reproduction with respect to cost containment and reducing time from acceptance to publication of your papers. We accept both PC and Macintosh disks in almost any word processing format. With regard to the Macintosh files, we do request that they be sent on high-density rather than low-density disks.

The Board of Directors of the SSR approved publication of memorials in Biology of Reproduction. Memorials will be published in the March and September issues of the journal to make our membership aware of the passing of our colleagues and to provide documentation of their contributions to Reproductive Biology. The memorials will be limited to a maximum of one page and should be sent, with or without a good quality photograph, to the Editorial Office. There will be no charge to contributors for publication of memorials.

Judy Jansen, Managing Editor, and our new Executive Secretary, continues to work with contributors of papers to Biology of Reproduction and with our printing company, Edwards Brothers, Inc., to insure that Biology of Reproduction is a quality product and that publication costs are competitive. When you see
Trainee Travel. The Larry Ewing Trainee Travel Fund continues to do well, thanks to generous donations from the Board of Directors and Society members. The trainees would like to thank all contributors for their continued support.

Trainee Participation in the Society. The Society for the Study of Reproduction provides a unique opportunity for its trainee members to become actively involved in its affairs. The SSR encourages trainee participation in many ways, including generous grants for trainee travel to the Annual Meeting. Trainees run the Placement Service, organize the Faculty-Trainee lunch, raise funds for trainee travel, and pick the topic for and organize the Trainee Forum. In addition, some committees, such as the Animal Care Committee, have trainee members. Unlike most scientific organizations, SSR allows trainee representation on the Board of Directors. All of these avenues provide excellent opportunities to learn how a scientific society operates, as well as a means of getting to know senior members of the Society. ALL trainees are encouraged to participate in any and all of these activities. Better yet, think about becoming a trainee representative yourself. For information, contact Sue Moenter or Judy Manning.

FIRST ANNUAL SSR FUN RUN/5 K RACE
Annual Meeting, Fort Collins, Colorado

Attention Runners: Now you can join your colleagues for a group run/5 K race on the campus of Colorado State University in Fort Collins at the 26th Annual Meeting of SSR. The First Annual SSR Fun Run/5 K Race will be held Sunday afternoon, August 1, 1993, at 4:00 p.m. The only cost to participants will be purchase of the 1993 edition of the Trainee’s T-shirt. A special SSR Fun Run logo will be emblazoned on the shirts of all preregistered participants. The run will be both a fun run for casual runners and a timed, 5 K race for competitive runners. To participate, check the appropriate box on the preregistration form (next to the T-shirt order) and an official entry form will be mailed to you. Come on out and help initiate a new tradition.

Buck Hales, Organizer
SSR Fun Run/5 K Race
NOT FROM THE SSR ANIMAL CARE AND EXPERIMENTATION COMMITTEE

Since our last note a number of noteworthy events have transpired that should be of interest to SSR members. Representative Harold L. Volkmer (D-MO) introduced House Joint Resolution 111 designating October 21, 1993, as "National Biomedical Research Day." The resolution includes: "...the biomedical research community in the United States is recognized as the world leader in discovering knowledge that promotes the health and well-being of people throughout the world; and offers the best hope for breakthroughs in the detection and treatment of diseases in the future." This resolution will draw national attention to the importance of research and create opportunities to educate our representatives, their staffs, and the American public. Now would be an excellent time to write your representative urging co-sponsorship of H.J. Res. 111, "National Biomedical Research Day." A U.S. District Judge has ruled (22 Feb) that the USDA must rewrite portions of the rules dealing with primary enclosures for dogs, cats, and primates and research facility plans for dog exercise and primate psychological well being. Among other conclusions, the judge ruled that the 1992 amendments to the Animal Welfare Act are arbitrary and capricious and do not provide minimum standards intended by Congress. Agriculture has 30 days to decide whether to appeal the decision. An appeal to preserve the current standard is warranted. In adopting the existing performance-based welfare standards, the USDA decided that flexibility is necessary for research facilities to best care for animals. Valid scientific information necessary to adopt exact requirements appropriate for every individual animal, in every research setting, does not exist. Based on currently available data, the "minimum requirement" the court wants established for dogs and primates would be very minimal. Animal well-being is much better protected under the individualized written plans which USDA now requires each research facility to produce, follow and update as better information regarding animals' needs become known. Also, the NABR has printed the "103rd Congressional Directory." This useful resource is available for $2.50 prepaid to NABR at 818 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 303, DC 20006.

Animal research was specifically addressed within the NIH reauthorization legislation. The NIH Director would be required to prepare a plan addressing the reduction and replacement of animal research models and the refinement of painful research procedures. Also, an Applied Toxicological Research and Testing Program would be established by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. This program would develop and validate non-animal methods for safety testing. In addition, $7 million per year would be provided for facility improvements at the NIH sponsored regional primate centers. The authorization bills are S.1 (Kennedy, D-MA) and H.R. 4 (Waxman, D-CA).

Animal and agricultural facility protection bills have been introduced in Alabama (SB523 HB3), Florida (SB1301, Maine (LD215) and New Hampshire (SB100). New Jersey's pending bill (AB649) has been carried over to the 1993 session. Thirty states already have enacted laws to protect facilities, animals, and researchers. At the federal level, "The Animal Enterprise Protection Act of 1992" is law.

Don't forget to stop by the Animal Care and Experimentation table at the Annual Meeting in Fort Collins. We look forward to speaking with you about animal care concerns. Please contact any member of this committee to offer suggestions on how we may best serve the members of SSR. The committee includes: Mary Buhr, Patrick Concannon, Robert Dailey, Char Farin, Larry Katz, Troy Ott, and Dan Sharp.

Larry S. Katz, Chair
Animal Care and Experimentation Committee

FLOW CYTOMETRY FOR EVALUATION OF SPERMATOZOA AND ENHANCED SPERMATOGENESIS IN MAMMALS

This seminar will be held in the University Park Holiday Inn, Fort Collins, Colorado, on Saturday afternoon, July 31, 1993, from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. Speakers include Phil Senger, Washington State University: Introduction and purpose of the seminar; Rupert P. Amann, Colorado State University: Laboratory methods for prediction of fertility—perspectives and potential; Duane Garner, University of Nevada: Flow cytometric evaluation of sperm function—its promises and problems; Larry Johnson, Texas
A&M University; Spermatogenesis—an overview of approaches to its enhancement; Paul S. Cooke, University of Illinois: New possibilities for enhanced spermatogenesis in mammals. For more information, please contact Phil Senger, Department of Animal Science, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164-6332. Telephone: 509/335-4018; FAX: 509/335-1082.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Capitol Hill Update. Since I last wrote a Public Affairs Report for our Newsletter in the fall of 1992, we have had a new President inaugurated and take office and a new Congress in charge on Capitol Hill. Although President Bush had proposed a budget for the funding of the Federal Government for fiscal year (fy) 1994, President Clinton and his staff have taken President Bush’s initial budget and are modifying it to more closely reflect President Clinton’s goals and priorities. As a result, we do not yet have a President’s Budget for the National Institutes of Health or for the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development for 1994 at this time. Apparently, some of the larger Institutes, such as the Cancer Institute and the Heart Institute, do have their budgets which are being proposed by the President. However, most of the smaller NIH Institutes are awaiting their budgets for fy 1994. Ironically, many of the Directors of NIH Institutes will be testifying to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies without a President’s Budget for their Institute to defend, which they must defend by Federal law. In the absence of a President’s Budget, the Institute Directors will evidently be discussing program initiatives and priorities before the Subcommittee.

On Friday, February 26, 1993, I had the honor of testifying on behalf of the SSR before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies. I testified regarding the budget of the NICHD for fy 1994. This was my fifth appearance before that House Subcommittee but only my first appearance when I didn’t have a President’s Budget to “oppose.” Testimony slots were extremely tight and few requests were granted. I was fortunate to be able to obtain a testimony slot for our Society this year. Senate testimonies are still pending and there are rumors that the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee may not have witness testimonies this year. I am still waiting for word from the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee.

The budget for the NICHD increased from $518.7 million in fy 1992 to $527.7 million for fy 1993, which was an increase of only 1.8% for this year above last year. This increase is substantially lower than the Biomedical Research and Development Price Index of 4.7% for fy 1993, which is the biomedical research rate of inflation. The number of new and competing renewal grants which will be funded will decrease from 397 grants funded in fy 1992 ($75.1 million), down to 358 (estimate) grants funded in fy 1993 ($71.0 million). The number and funding for NICHD research centers will remain the same at 73 centers funded, and at the same level of funding ($48.1 million). The number of trainees will increase slightly from 703 individual and institutional trainees funded in fy 1992 ($17.4 million) to 730 for fy 1993 ($17.7 million).

It is ironic that President Bush requested a budget of $545.2 million for the NICHD for fy 1993, which would have been an increase of 4.9% above fy 1992 levels. In a rare move, Congress cut the President’s Budget not only for the NICHD, but for all Institutes of the NIH and for the overall NIH itself. Only the Office of the Director had a substantial increase in budget for fy 1993 compared to fy 1992, which was an increase of over 30.0% for this year. Much of this increase is for the Director to fund new research initiatives and for research that could potentially lead to important advances in disease prevention and cure. Overall, NIH’s increase was only 2.9% for this year above last year.

Why did Congress fund the NIH and its Institutes at one of the lowest percentages of increase ever? We can only speculate. But during the election last fall we had a Democratically controlled Congress and a Republican President running for re-election? We also had Congressional images tarnished by the banking scandals and a huge national deficit. Hopefully Congress will be more generous to biomedical researchers during the next year. We must continue to educate Congress as to the benefits that result from the support of research funded through the NIH and its component Institutes.

Appropriations Subcommittee Changes. The composition of the Appropriations Subcommit-
tees on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies of both the House of Representatives and the Senate has changed substantially. On the House side, Rep. William H. Natcher (D-KY) remains as the Chair of the House Subcommittee. Mr. Natcher was recently elected to chair the overall House Appropriations Committee, one of the most powerful positions in Congress. Mr. Natcher was present during my testimony on behalf of the SSR.

The current membership of the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees are as follows:

**House of Representatives**
- **Chairman**, Rep. William H. Natcher (D-KY);
- **Ranking Minority Member**, Rep. John E. Porter (R-IL)

**Members:**
- Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD)
- Rep. David Obey (D-WI)
- Rep. Neal Smith (D-IA)
- Rep. C.W. Bill Young (R-FL)
- Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)*
- Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY)*
- Rep. Jose Serrano (D-NY)*
- Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)*
- Rep. Helen Bentley (R-MD)*
- Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-TX)*

* New members of the Subcommittee

There has been a considerable turnover on the Subcommittee this year with six new members. Four former Subcommittee members did not return this year. Rep. Carl D. Purcell (D-MI) was the former Ranking Minority Member. Mr. Purcell did not seek re-election. Similarly, Rep. Robert J. Mrazek (D-NY) and Rep. Vin Weber (R-MN) did not seek re-election. Rep. Joseph D. Early (D-MA) was defeated in his re-election bid. Mr. Early was a serious loss to the NIH as he has always been a strong supporter of the NIH and its component Institutes. With the departure of Rep. Carl Purcell, Rep. John Porter assumes the powerful position of Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee.

**Senate**
- **Chairman**, Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA);
- **Ranking Minority Member**, Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA)

**Members**
- Senator Mark Hatfield (R-OR)
- Senator Slade Groton (R-WA)
- Senator Ted Stevens (R-AK)
- Senator Ernest F. Hollings (D-SC)
- Senator Robert C. Byrd (D-WV)
- Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI)
- Senator Dale Bumpers (D-AR)
- Senator Harry Reid (D-NV)
- Senator Thad Cochran (R-MS)
- Senator Herb Kohl (D-WI)*
- Senator Patty Murray (D-WA)*
- Senator Connie Mack (R-FL)*
- Senator Christopher S. Bond (R-MO)*

* New members of the Subcommittee

As is the case with the House Appropriations Subcommittee, there were also former members of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee who did not return this year. Senator Brock Adams (D-WA), Senator Warren B. Rudman (R-NH), and Senator James McClure (D-ID) did not seek re-election to the Senate. Senator Phil Gramm (R-TX) did not return to the Appropriations Subcommittee this year, although he still serves on the full Senate Appropriations Committee. Senator Quentin N. Burdick (D-ND) passed away during last year.

**Latest Information Regarding Funding.** The latest information I have regarding the funding of the NIH and component Institutes is that the President's Budget Request for fy 1994 should be released some time in early to mid-April. At that time we should also have information regarding the funding for the United States Department of Agriculture and the National Science Foundation becoming available. You will receive timely Public Affairs updates as this information becomes available.

Speaking of the NIH, you probably have heard by now that the Director of the NIH, Dr. Bernadine Healy, has resigned; her resignation is to be effective June 30, 1993. A search is currently underway to find a replacement for Dr. Healy prior to her date of departure.

**Annual Meeting in Fort Collins.** We are planning once again to have an active public affairs program at our Annual Meeting in Fort Collins, Colorado. The session on "The Biological Basis of Sexuality" should provide some interesting media coverage for our meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the information I have provided for you.

James P. Preslock, Chair
Public Affairs Committee