Second Meeting of the Standing Committee to
Advise the Department of State on Unexplained Health Effects on
U.S. Government Employees and their Families at Overseas Embassies

February 24-25, 2020

STANDING COMMITTEE AGENDA

Monday, February 24, 2020

DATA GATHERING SESSION – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Location: Lecture Room, NAS Building, 2101 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20418

Session III— Epidemiologic Investigations
2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.  Recommended Epidemiologic Investigations for Future Incidents
Caroline Buckee, Associate Professor of Epidemiology, Associate Director of the Center for Communicable Disease Dynamics, Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health

Session IV— Possible Mechanisms of Injury – Radiofrequency Energy
3:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  Moderators
Jeffrey Palmer, Group Leader, Human Health and Performance Systems Group, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lincoln Laboratory
David Whelan, Professor of Practice, Jacobs School of Engineering, University of California San Diego

Neurologic Illness and Pulsed Radiofrequency/Microwave Radiation
Beatrice Golomb, Professor in Residence, Medicine, University of California, San Diego [via zoom conference call]

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Committee Q&A

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

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Session IV Continued – Possible Mechanisms of Injury – Radiofrequency Energy
Moderators

Jeffrey Palmer, Group Leader, Human Health and Performance Systems Group, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lincoln Laboratory
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Correlation of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury and Biological Effects of Weak Electromagnetic Fields
Frank Barnes, Distinguished Professor (Emeritus), Optics, Nanostructures and Bioengineering, University of Colorado

Multidisciplinary Analysis of Microwave Induced Sound and Pressure in Human Heads
James Lin, Professor (Emeritus), Head of the Bioengineering Department, Director of the Robotics and Automation Laboratory, and Director of Special Projects in the College of Engineering, University of Illinois in Chicago

Potential Adverse Effects Following Directed Energy Exposure
Stephanie Miller, Bennett Ibey and Jason Payne, Air Force Research Laboratory

Working Lunch

Session V— Possible Mechanisms of Injury – Chemicals and Toxicants

Moderator
Linda Birnbaum, Former Director, National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Department of State’s Overseas Integrated Pest Management Program
Claire Huson, Director, Policy, and Special Studies, U.S. Department of State’s Office of Safety, Health and Environmental Management

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Neurotoxic Agents and Routes of Exposure
Pamela Lein, Professor, Department of Molecular Biosciences, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. How to Make a Toxicological Diagnosis
Marion Ehrich, Professor, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Organophosphate Intoxication
Nick Buckley, Professor of Clinical Pharmacology, Sydney Medical School, Australia (participating via Zoom Conference Call)

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Committee Q&A