

THE NEW STUDY SECTIONS AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, CENTER FOR SCIENTIFIC REVIEW (CSR) FOR THE REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS IN AGING RESEARCH

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Over the last several years, all integrated review groups (IRGs) and study sections at CSR have been redesigned and revamped to better reflect changes in the science which they are assigned to review. As science develops, new relationships occur among the disciplines which require a different range of expertise to fully evaluate the applications. As part of the reorganization, two new study sections were introduced in the Fall of 2003, Cellular Mechanisms of Aging and Development (CMAD), and Aging Systems and Geriatrics (ASG). As their names imply, the former is focused on basic mechanisms while the latter is focused on organ systems and geriatrics. The guidelines for each study sections will be presented and the talk will provide an update of the experience of each study section in their first two years. Challenges and opportunities will also be presented as each study section grows with this rapidly emerging area of science. The difference between program and review staff will be presented to provide guidance on whom you should contact as investigators prepare their applications. A number of new developments in the grant review process will be described, especially the requirement to provide a plan for the sharing of resources and model organisms developed with NIH funding.