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in their work to pass legislation guaranteeing equal rights to Lesbians and Gay men in Vermont and insuring protection for People With AIDS and HIV+ persons. Contribute to our cause and add your name to our mailing list. We need your help.

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Accept my contribution of _____ to help with lobbying expenses and general coalition building efforts.

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Lesbian Conference to usher in the Gay 90's

Washington, D.C.—The first meeting to organize a comprehensive national conference by, for and about lesbians, was held here September 24 & 25, to launch coordination of the idea born of the October 11, 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights. An adhoc group of east coast lesbians convened the open meeting to begin to set goals and to establish the initial planning structure for the conference, which is tentatively scheduled for late 1989 early 1990.

The conference envisioned as the first of its kind, is conceived as a broad-based coalition effort to set a lesbian agenda for social, economic, and political change, to increase lesbian visibility and to acknowledge lesbian diversity and common ground.

Regional planning meetings on the national lesbian conference are being organized throughout the country in the months ahead. The first national steering committee meeting, with representatives chosen by each region at the regional planning meetings is scheduled for the weekend of March 4-5, 1989 in Raleigh-Durham, N.C.

Lesbians interested in getting involved should watch for local announcements of regional planning meetings. For more information, write: National Lesbian Conference, P.O. Box 3057, Albany, NY 12203.

New AIDS Research Grants from NIAID

Robert E. Windom, M.D., assistant secretary for health, today announced that five grants have been awarded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID) under a new program designed to generate novel strategies for deciphering how the AIDS virus causes disease. First-year funding for the awards totals \$6.2 million dollars.

The new effort, Programs of Excellence in Basic Research on AIDS (PEBRA), was established to mobilize into formal partnerships creative scientists in basic research. Drawing on their expertise in immunology, virology, or cellular or molecular biology, members of these partnerships are expected to develop innovative approaches for pursuing research on the pathogenesis of AIDS and its related opportunistic infections. Each PEBRA includes at least three collaborators, who may be from academic, non-profit, or commercial research institutions or organizations.

Dr. Windom also announced that 7 Centers for AIDS Research (CFARs) are being established by universities receiving new 5-year grants from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). The CFARs will promote the development of new scientific knowledge about AIDS, with the ultimate goal of improving the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of AIDS. The total costs for the first year are \$6.7 million.

The CFAR program is unique because it is designed for groups of investigators who have established reputations for excellence in AIDS research and who are already receiving funds for AIDS-related research from NIAID and other Institutes at the National Institutes of Health. The awards provide core support for consolidating and focusing the AIDS research activities at their universities.

Revised AIDS Pocket Card for Police Officers

In response to reports of growing fear by law enforcement officials about contracting AIDS on the job, the Human Rights Resource Center (HRRC) has revised and updated a pocket-size card with concise information about the HIV virus. HRRC gathered the information from medical experts, law enforcement officials, and community service providers.



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