

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
IC Directors' Meeting Highlights
Thursday, August 17, 2017

Announcements: Dr. Collins provided brief remarks regarding the First in Human – Discovery Documentary series. Dr. Collins also provided a summary of his meeting with Secretary Price on (August 10, 2018) and highlights from his visit to Boise State University with Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID) (August 22, 2018).

Extracellular RNA Communication Program

Dr. Kevin Howcroft, Program Director Division of Cancer Biology Cancer Immunology and Hematology Branch, National Cancer Institute, provided an overview of the Extracellular RNA Communication Program, including the five primary initiatives with three overarching questions: What exRNAs are found in healthy/diseased body fluids?; How are exRNAs sorted to pathways and impact target cells?; and Can exRNAs be used for clinical purposes?

Minority Health/Health Disparities Strategic Plan

Dr. Eliseo Pérez-Stable, Director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, presented on the Minority Health/Health Disparities Strategic Plan. The Plan will be available later in the year/early next year.