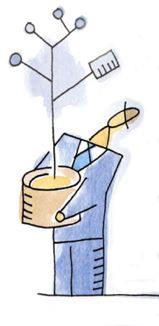
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| NIAID TTIPO Seminar Features First Director of OTT | **Reid Adler - The First Director of OTT** Image result for reid adler NIAIDJasmine Kalsi, NIAID  The attendees of the NIAID TTIPO forum on February 27, 2020, got a glimpse into the “land before time” through a conversation with Reid Adler, an early architect of NIH Technology Transfer. Senior NIH TT staff, like Steven Ferguson, Richard Lambert, Mukul Ranjan, Mark Rohrbaugh and Mike Mowatt, joined in the lively conversation. In a fireside-style chat, we listened as Reid and the group shared stories from the earliest days of NIH technology transfer.  Reid Adler was the first permanent director of the NIH Office of Technology Transfer. He worked closely with the esteemed Dr. Philip S. Chen, Jr., who served as an acting director before Reid took over. Under Reid’s leadership, the Office of Invention Development (OID), as it was called then, merged with the patent branch of the Office of General Council (OCG) to form OTT. Reid was also able to transfer licensing and foreign patenting authority to the NIH from the Department of Commerce. Working with the Technology Transfer Policy Board (TTPB), he expanded patenting and licensing work to include the FDA and CDC and developed a delegation of authority policy at NIH to allow signatory authority to be delegated down the chain of command. Before this, all agreements were signed by the NIH Director, an inefficient task then and surely an impossible one today.  The model agreements that we take for granted today are all based on the templates developed under Reid’s guidance. He created the very first Biological Material and Internal Use License Agreement templates and led the development and negotiation of the very first CRADA. Even our central database, TechTracS, is a descendant of the very first Information Tracking System (ITS) which was internalized under Reid’s guidance. Reid’s impact goes beyond building the NIH Technology Transfer Program as the original tech transfer course at the FAES Graduate School was the brainchild of Reid and he served as the original faculty member of that course for several years.    **L to R: Steven Ferguson, Richard Lambert, Mukul Ranjan, Reid Adler, Mark Rohrbaugh, Michael Mowatt** |

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## **Visiting Clinical Scientists Complete Sabbatical Elective In Technology Transfer At NIH**

Steven Ferguson, OTT

Despite COVID-19 closures, two visiting clinicians in the Sabbatical in Clinical Research Management at NIH were still able to complete their electives in technology transfer this spring. The sabbaticals are arranged by the NIH Office of Clinical Research and consist of a 4 to 8 week independent study experience for mid-career clinical research investigators and managers of clinical research programs. While on approved sabbatical from their place of employment, participants are matched with NIH experts to learn best practices and develop new solutions to manage a clinical research enterprise. Guided by staff in the NIH's Office of Clinical Research, participants may select areas of interest, including: Critical Infrastructure, Support Services, Legal and Regulatory Infrastructure, Communications and Outreach, Strategic Management, Data Management -- **and Technology Transfer**! Sabbatical participants do not engage in clinical research at the NIH for this program which is co-directed by David J. Eckstein, PhD and Anne Zajicek, MD, PharmD.

**Dr. Hend Salah El-Sayed**

**National Research Centre, Egypt**

Spring 2020 participants in the program who choose to complete an elective in technology transfer for their sabbatical were Dr. Hend Salah El-Sayed of the Oral & Dental Research Division at the National Research Centre in Giza, Egypt and Dr. Madhab Ray, an Assistant Clinical Professor at Tufts University School Medicine in Boston, MA. They were both matched up with Steven Ferguson of OTT for their tech transfer electives. Both clinicians were able to complete their tech transfer electives via virtual meetings with Mr. Ferguson and then later were able to participate in remote technology transfer classes from Egypt and Boston!

This clinical sabbatical program is open to extramural professionals as well as NIH investigators and staff who are mid-career and have at least seven years of meaningful clinical research experience beyond an advanced degree in their field. Participants include both U.S. and international scientists.

**Dr. Madhab Ray**

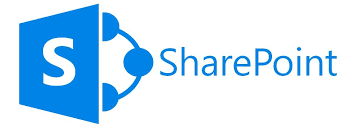
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| **New Data Transfer and Use Agreement Streamlines** **Sharing of Research Data** Data Transfer Symbol. Vector Illustration Stock Vector ...Michele Newton, NCI  Research data is frequently shared using a data transfer agreement (also known as a data sharing agreement or data use agreement). The volume and complexity of these agreements are rapidly increasing. When data providers use different agreements, significant time must be spent reviewing widely varying agreement terms during negotiation. The Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP) is a cooperative initiative among research institutions and federal agencies to reduce the administrative burdens associated with research grants and contracts. It recently initiated an effort to address the growing challenges associated with transfers of research data. As a first step towards creating greater consistency in terms and format and to improve efficiency of agreement negotiations through a universal template, an FDP working group created a data transfer and use agreement (DTUA) template. This template is intended for the one-way transfer of research data (non-human or human data) from the provider institution to a recipient institution for use in a research project at the recipient institution. NCI TTC’s Lisa Finkelstein, Ph.D. participated in this working group and solicited feedback on the template from the entire NIH technology transfer community.  The FDP DTUA template is available for any institution to use and can be found on the [FDP Data Stewardship subcommittee website](http://thefdp.org/default/committees/research-compliance/data-stewardship/). This site also contains guidance documents, tools, and FAQs to support its use. After releasing the DTUA template, the FDP launched a formal, year-long pilot of the template to gather feedback and metrics from institutions that were using it. TTC participated in this pilot for the NCI docket. This involved using the template when appropriate to send out data and encouraging outside parties to use it to provide data to NCI. An analysis of all data transfer agreements (DTAs) executed by NCI during the pilot reveals that use of the FDP DTUA template reduced by half the time it takes to execute a DTA, according to Dr. Finkelstein. NCI was not able to use the FDP DTUA template for collaborative projects where data was transferred by both parties, and not simply a one-way transfer.  *The amount of time to execute Data Transfer Agreements when using the DTUA template for the NCI docket was reduced by half, according to an analysis conducted by TTC’s Dr. Lisa Finkelstein who participated in the FDP working group.*  Several pilot participants, including NCI, provided feedback recognizing the need for a collaborative, two-way template, and the FDP working group is now developing such a template for a future release date. Further support for the value of a universal DTA is evidenced by a [January 2020 *Science* article](https://science.sciencemag.org/content/367/6474/150) where the FDP DTUA template project was recognized as a promising development in the effort to streamline data transfers. Dr. Finkelstein is continuing to participate in the FDP working group.  EU Commission Expects New Data Transfer Deal With US in 3 Months ... | New Data Transfer and Use Agreement Developed |

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| **It Takes A Village to Establish a New Patent-Legal Services Contract** Jill Roering, OTT  As we’re nearing the award of the new Patent-Legal Services Master Contract, we should take the time to thank the many individuals that have participated in the PLS Working Group. The Working Group began in May 2017 (*not a typo*) and has remained an active working group to date. Please join us in a BIG ROUND of applause for the following contributors and their hard work and talented efforts. Thanks to these individuals, the NIH tech transfer community will have an effective contract that will support patent prosecution activities for 10 years.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Patent Contracts Working Group** |  | **IC Representatives** (\*Chair and Co-Chair) | | **C:\Users\fergusos\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\6E9D7E79.tmp** |  | Lauren Nguyen-Antczak (NCI), Nora Rivera (OLAO), Louis Kuta (OLAO), Maryann Puglielli (NIAID), Jeff Thomas (NCI), Yun Mei (NIDCR), Sury Vepa (NCATS), Ami Gadhia (NCATS), Sue Ano (NINDS), Michael Shmilovich (NHLBI), Agnes Rooke (NIDDK), John DeVany (NHLBI), Jenny Wong (NIMH), Jill Roering (OD), Eggerton Campbell (NHGRI), Richard Rodriguez (NCI), Kevin Chang (NCI), Earl Smith (OLAO), Charles Salahuddin (NIMH), Andy Burke (NCI), Tim Leahy (OD), Jasmine Yang (NCI), Wade Green (NIAID), Melanie Miller (NCI OA), Haiqing Li (NIAID), Jeff Thurston (NIAID), Nora River (OLAO), Sheryn Etti (OLAO), Lou Kuta, (OLAO), and Shirlene Smith (OLAO) | | **Phase I Sub-Groups (Pre-Solicitation)** |  | **IC Representatives** (\*Chair and Co-Chair) | | Chair and Co-Chair |  | Lauren Nguyen-Antczak (NCI) and Jeff Thomas (NCI) | | Acquisition Plan |  | Nora Rivera (OLAO)\*, Lou Kuta (OLAO), Earl Smith (OLAO), Sharon Etti (OLAO) | | Acquisition Strategy |  | Richard Rodriguez (NCI)\*, Sue Ano (NINDS)\*, Yun Mei (NIDCR), Ami Gadhia (NCATS) | | Drafting SOW |  | Misha Shmilovich (NHLBI)\*, Sury Vepa (NCATS), Chuck Niebylski (NIDDK), Agnes Rooke (NIDDK), Kevin Chang (NCI) | | Workflow Chart |  | Sue Ano (NINDS)\* and Maryann Puglielli (NIAID) | | Marketing Survey and Sources Sought |  | Nora Rivera (OLAO)\*, Louis Kuta (OLAO), Earl Smith (OLAO) | | Pre-Solicitation Request for Information (RFI) |  | Jenny Wong (NIMH)\*, Eggerton Campbell (NHGRI), Nora Rivera (OD), Andy Burke (NCI) | | SharePoint Site Management |  | John DeVany (NHLBI)\* | | RFP Review |  | Wade Green (NIAID)\*, Agnes Rooke (NIDDK), Sury Vepa (NCATS), Eggerton Campbell (NHGRI), Kevin Chang (NCI) | | Performance Assessment |  | Lauren Nguyen-Antczak (NCI)\*, Eggerton Campbell (NHGRI), Michael Shmilovich (NHLBI), Wade Green (NIAID), Haiqing Li (NIAID), Yun Mei (NIDCR), Jasmine Yang (NCI), Melanie Miller (NCI OA), Tim Leahy (OTT) | | Package Approval |  | Charles Salahuddin (NIMH)\*, Sue Ano (NINDS), Andy Burke (NCI), Ami Gadhia (NCATS), Misha Shmilovich (NHLBI) | | **Phase II Sub-Groups (Solicitation)** |  | **IC Representatives** (\*Chair and Co-Chair) | | Chair and Co-Chair |  | Jeff Thomas (NCI), Maryann Puglielli (NIAID) | | RFP Review |  | Wade Green(NIAID)\*, Eggerton Campbell (NHGRI), Kevin Chang (NCI), Agnes Rooke (NIDDK), Sury Vepa (NCATS) | | Package Approval |  | Charles Salahuddin (NIMH)\*, Sue Ano (NINDS), Andy Burke (NCI), Ami Gadhia (NCATS), Misha Shmilovich (NHLBI) | | Independent Government Cost Estimate (IGCE) |  | Jasmine Yang (NCI)\*, Haiqing Li (NIAID), Yun Mei (NIDCR) | | Performance Assessment |  | Lauren Nguyen-Antczak (NCI)\* | | Ramp-On/Ramp-Off |  | Maryann Puglielli\* (NIAID) | | Acquisition Plan |  | Nora Rivera(OLAO)\*, Louis Kuta (OLAO), and Earl Smith (OLAO) | | Acquisition Strategy Plan |  | Richard Rodriguez (NCI)\* and Sue Ano (NINDS)\*, Yun Mei (NIDCR), Ami Gadhia (NCATS), Jeff Thomas (NCI) | | Draft RFP |  | Nora Rivera(OLAO)\* and Louis Kuta (OLAO) | | Pre-Solicitation Notice |  | Nora Rivera(OLAO)\* and Louis Kuta (OLAO) | | Small Business |  | Kevin Chang (NCI)\*, Sury Vepa (NCATS), and Eggerton Campbell (NHGRI) | | **Phase III Sub-Group (Evaluation)** |  | **IC Representatives** (\*Chair and Co-Chair) | | Chair and Co-Chair |  | Maryann Puglielli (NIAID) and Jill Roering (OTT) | | Law Firm Performance Assessment |  | Lauren Nguyen-Antczak (NCI)\*, Jenish Patel (NIAID)\*, Eggerton Campbell (NHGRI), Wade Green (NIAID), Tim Leahy (OTT), Haiqing Li (NIAID), Melanie Miller (NCI), Misha Shmilovich (NHLBI), Jasmine Yang (NCI), Brandie Taylor (NIAID), Lawrence Solomon (NIAID), Bill Bigelow (OTT) | | Ramp On/Ramp Off |  | Maryann Puglielli (NIAID)\*, Sury Vepa (NCATS), Kevin Chang (NCI) | | Acquisition Process: Evaluation of Proposals |  | COs: Nora Rivera, Lou Kuta COR: Jill Roering  PLS WG Chair: Maryann Puglielli | | Acquisition Process: Negotiations |  | COs: Nora Rivera, Lou Kuta COR: Jill Roering PLS WG Chair: Maryann Puglielli | | Acquisition Process: Pre-Award Activities |  | COs: Nora Rivera, Lou Kuta COR: Jill Roering PLS WG Chair: Maryann Puglielli | | Technical Evaluation Panels:   * Biotechnology * Chemistry * Mechanical Engineering * Software |  | Each panel was comprised of one Chair and three Reviewers from the ICs and OTT. Unfortunately, due to confidentially matters, we’re unable to identify those individuals. | | **Phase IV Sub-Group (Award)** |  | **IC Representatives** (\*Chair and Co-Chair) | | Chair and Co-Chair |  | Surekha Vathyam (NCI) and Jill Roering (OTT) | | Final SOW Review |  | Maryann Puglielli (NIAID), Surekha Vathyam (NCI), and Jill Roering (OTT) | | Patent Family Status Review  Discussion and Portfolio Report |  | Sue Ano (NINDS), Eggerton Campbell (NHGRI), John Devany (NHLBI), Louis Kuta (OLAO), Tim Leahy (OTT), Agnes Rooke (NIDDK), Jeffery Thruston (NIAID), Sury Vepa (NCATS), Jenny Wong (NIMH), Surekha Vathyam (NCI) and Jill Roering (OTT) | | Discuss Patent Family Transfers  Transitioning from Current PLS Contract to New |  | Sue Ano (NINDS), Eggerton Campbell (NHGRI), John Devany (NHLBI), Louis Kuta (OLAO), Tim Leahy (OTT), Agnes Rooke (NIDDK), Jeffery Thruston (NIAID), Sury Vepa (NCATS), Jenny Wong (NIMH), Surekha Vathyam (NCI) and Jill Roering (OTT) | | Project Management Plan |  | Astia Plachta (Sapient), Tim Leahy (OTT), and Jill Roering (OTT) | | Roles & Responsibilities Questionnaire Responses |  | Sue Ano (NINDS), Eggerton Campbell (NHGRI), John Devany (NHLBI), Louis Kuta (OLAO), Tim Leahy (OTT), Agnes Rooke (NIDDK), Jeffery Thruston (NIAID), Sury Vepa (NCATS), Jenny Wong (NIMH), Surekha Vathyam (NCI) and Jill Roering (OTT) | | Invoicing |  | Surekha Vathyam (NCI) | | CB Process Training |  | IC Designees and Jill Roering (OTT) | |



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| **Smoothing Out The SharePoint Upgrade Transition** Terry Goodell, Sapient  Quick tasks can become very frustrating when Microsoft updates their products. With the transition from SharePoint 2010 to 2016 there were a few issues reported by the community. The OTT team has identified solutions to these issues.  Users reported having problems accessing the new hosting location. This is most likely due to the authentication tagging back to the previously hosted site location, which may not be available. The solution for this problem is to clear the browser’s cookies and website data. If needed, reboot the computer.  Another issue reported was that drag and drop does not upload documents when uploading Licenses, Memos, and Annuities. This is because Drag and Drop does not associate the document with the item, creating orphaned files within the system and preventing users from uploading another document with the same name. The solution for this is to follow the Edit > Browse > Select Document > Upload > Save procedure.  Microsoft added a new Preview functionality to PDFs in SharePoint 2016, resulting in files not opening in Acrobat reader, only in Preview. The recommended option to manage PDF files in the website is to Download, Edit and Sign as needed, and then Upload.  Detailed instructions to some of these common issues can be found [here.](https://spweb.od.nih.gov/OTT/DTDT/Training/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2FOTT%2FDTDT%2FTraining%2FSharePoint%20Migration&FolderCTID=0x01200038566498B748034690A72BB6660501CE&View=%7B1EBB41F3-5668-4DF5-BCA6-948DDD33BCA3%7D&InitialTabId=Ribbon%2ERead&VisibilityContext=WSSTabPersistence) These updates made by Microsoft changed a lot of behavior in the system, however the OTT team is here to find solutions and help people make the transition smoothly.  We know there are other items that you all wish would work differently (or better) so please submit a [helpdesk ticket](https://itservicedesk.nih.gov) referenced to *OD-NIH-OTT SharePoint Support*. The OTT Staff and subject matter experts are ready to support you. Please let us know if you have any questions. | Smoothing Out The SharePoint Upgrade Transition |



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| Enterprise Technology Transfer System Updates | **Enterprise Technology Transfer System Updates** Timothy Leahy, OTT  The NIH started to develop the Enterprise Technology Transfer (ETT) System after the need for a robust, centralized IT platform to support technology transfer was identified. The ETT System is being developed in partnership between the Office of Technology Transfer and the technology transfer offices within the ICs. The development and ongoing improvement of this system is being guided by the Technology Transfer User Group (TTUG), which is made up of high-level stakeholders from the community.  The NIH Office of Technology Transfer has taken a long-term approach to IT management to ensure the longevity of the ETT System. After identifying the full scope of business processes used by the NIH Technology Transfer Community, OTT found the points at which applications can best be leveraged to support this process and has planned for the implementation and ongoing improvement of Inteum’s “Minuet” software, which has been selected as the commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) product for the future ETT system.  The stop work order for the ETT system acquisition was lifted in December 2019, allowing the ETT team to rapidly re-initiate collaboration with Inteum. Q1 2020 saw the team close gaps in the project scope and finalize the requirements, plan, and schedule for the ETT system implementation.    Major activities include:   * Working on the data migration * Installing the software in the STAGE environment for testing and training * Getting all the security controls in place   The progress made in Q1 is allowing the ETT team to push hard to roll out the new system in July.  **Milestones**   * Continued gap analysis and ETT implementation planning with Inteum   + Completed documentation of law firm portal requirements and ETT touchpoints   + Continued work on prototype for new LFP website   + Facilitated TTUG meetings to document business requirements for changes to the Minuet system interface   + Continued working with Inteum to define/analyze financial management features   + Began generation of use cases for the core ETT system   + Continued finalizing the detailed functional requirements necessary to support NIH technology transfer community business processes * Continued the validation of data and business rules in NIH TechTracS, as well as refinement of the data migration reference document to facilitate the migration of data into the ETT system * Continued evaluation of sample data exports from legacy systems * Maintained information on law firm invoice processing for the new Patent Legal Services (PLS) contract, and drafted initial workflow with input from IC personnel   We will be continuing to provide regular updates on the status of the implementation to the members of the TTUG so they can relay the information to their respective organizations. |

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| **New NCI Technology Transfer Ambassadors Announced For 2020** Laura Prestia, NCI  Please help us officially welcome the new Ambassadors competitively selected to join NCI Technology Transfer Center’s (TTC) [Technology Transfer Ambassadors Program (TTAP)](https://techtransfer.cancer.gov/aboutttc/ambassadors) for 2020. Congratulations to  all the Ambassadors who recently passed TT Boot Camp and are now approved to work within a TTC  Unit through December of this year!    Mukta Nag, PhD (NCI-FNLCR) Lidia Beka, PhD (NIAID) Albert Burgess-Hull, PhD (NIDA)  PI: Gregory Q. Del Prete, PhD PI: John P. Dekker, MD, PhD PI: David H. Epstein, PhD    Diptadip Dattaroy, PhD (NIDDK) Cindo Nicholson, PhD (NIEHS) Fei Zhang, PhD (NIEHS)  PI: Jürgen Wess, PhD PI: Perry J. Blackshear, MD PI: Michael Fessler, MD  The Ambassadors have been busy learning about technology transfer processes, skills, and commercialization through TTAP’s Boot Camp curriculum, taught by TTAP Team Leads and TTMs. Boot Camp is a rigorous curriculum lasting from January to March, where Ambassadors balance their research activities with hands on TT training. The Boot Camp culminates with Final Projects where Ambassadors must successfully demonstrate what they have learned before they are approved to fully join TTAP and  work in a TTC Unit. For Final Projects, Ambassadors are assigned a technology managed by NCI TTC and asked to complete an Invention Summary report, make a patenting recommendation, and prepare and present a ~15 minute presentation on their findings. After Boot Camp, TTAP Ambassadors who successfully pass the Boot Camp are assigned to work with a TTC Unit.  **TTAP is a full TTC team effort**  In addition to the work of the TTAP Team Leads (Laura Prestia, Abritee Dhal, Rose Freel, Taryn Dick, and Rebecca Erwin-Cohen), TTAP would like to thank the following TTC volunteers for helping with various aspects of the program (listed alphabetically):   * Sabarni Chatterjee, Michelle Favila, Jaime Greene, Suna Gulay French, Nikki Guyton, Jim Knabb, Martha Lubet, Pragnesh Mistry, Lauren Nguyen-Antczak, Ricquita Pollard, Chris Sappington * Thank you also to the TT-Unit Supervisors for working with TTAP and supporting Ambassadors who “join” your Units: Sabarni Chatterjee, Lisa Finkelstein, Charlotte McGuinness, Michael Pollack, Jeff Thomas, Laurie Whitney   We look forward to the next phase of TTAP and are excited for ambassadors to continue to learn about  TT and apply this knowledge in their laboratories across the NIH. | Welcome NCI Technology Transfer Ambassadors – Class of 2020 |

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| Biomedical Business Information Sources | **Biomedical Business Information Sources @Your NIH Library!** Steven Ferguson, OTT  On March 2nd an in-person and on-line training course about using various information resources for technology transfer held at the NIH Library Training Room. Organized by the TDTC Chairs and the NIH Library, the session was attended by more than 90 people. Attendees received information from Josh Duberman, NIH Informationist / Research Librarian about two new, exciting new information resources relevant for technology transfer that are now available to NIH staff:  Josh Duberman, NIH Library and Sue Ano, TDTC Chair  **PitchBook** (private & public company business intelligence & market research)  **GlobalData** (pharmaceutical & medical devices market intelligence & analysis)  Miss this session and want to know when the next NIH Library program will be held? See: <https://www.nihlibrary.nih.gov/library-email-news-signup> |
|  | **Josh Duberman, NIH Library & Sue Ano, TDTC Chair** |

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| **What’s the Deal with Material Shipments To Licensees?** Karen Rogers, OTT  Executed licenses are forwarded to the OTT Royalties Administration Unit and the Royalty Coordinators administer the agreements. This includes authorizing the shipment of material upon receipt of the initial royalties as outlined in the license agreement. These will generally include the License issue royalty, Pro-rated MAR, Execution Royalty and/or amendment royalty.  Some eager licensees will contact the Licensing and Patenting Managers and inquire about the material shipment. You are always welcome to forward the inquiry to the Royalty Coordinators or contact them directly for information. However, would you like to be able to look up the status in NIH TechTracS yourself?    Below is a screen shot of a license record in the Royalty Module of NIH TechTracS, where you can check the “Materials Requested” and “Materials Sent” fields for the status. | The Deal With Material Shipments To Licensees |

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| TT Community Members | **Comings and Goings**  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **A person standing in front of a computer  Description automatically generated** | **Aditi Sengupta Banerjee, Ph.D.** has joined NCI CTEP (Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program) as a Program Analyst in the Agreement Coordination Group. Most recently she was a Technology Transfer Fellow in the Marketing Group at NIH OTT and continues her studies towards completing the “Advanced Studies in Technology Transfer Program” at the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES) Graduate School at NIH. Aditi received her Ph.D. in Molecular Virology and Cancer Cell Biology from Jadavpur University, India and worked as a postdoctoral fellow at NCI and NIAID before joining OTT. | | A group of people sitting at a table  Description automatically generated | **Charlene Maddox, Ph.D.** has re-joined NIH OTT as the new Chief, Monitoring and Enforcement Unit (MEU), A former OTT Licensing and Patent Manager in the General Medicine Branch, her most recent technology transfer position was with the FDA. Charlene still serves as a Commander in the US Public Health Service (USPHS) and holds a B.S. in Chemistry with a Specialization in Biochemistry from the University of Virginia along with a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Howard University. | |  |  | |  | **D. Ann Pillow** has joined NIAID’s Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Office (TTIPO) in Branch A as a Patent Paralegal.  She obtained her paralegal certificate from University of Maryland Global Campus and has since served clients in small, medium, and large law firms as well as from the other side of the table in in-house legal departments. Three such in-house legal departments called upon Ann to set up internal systems from scratch and a fourth utilized her knowledge and experience to audit records and overhaul systems. TTIPO is thrilled to have Ann on its team and are looking forward to utilizing her technical expertise with the upcoming ETT system. | |  |  | | A person standing in front of a computer  Description automatically generated | **Ajoy Prabhu, MBA** has left his position of Head, Marketing Operations, NIH OTT in order help co-found (with his physician wife) a new health and wellness clinic in Mumbai, India. Prior to joining OTT, Ajoy served in similar tech transfer roles at NIAID TTIPO. While the current pandemic has delayed their plans for relocation to India, we wish Ajoy & family future success with this important patient care project. | | **A person smiling for the camera  Description automatically generated** | **Karen Rogers**, currently Acting Director and Senior Royalties Administrator at NIH OTT, has been selected to additionally serve as the NIH Agency-Level Representative to the Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC). The FLC was organized in 1974 and formally chartered by the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 to promote and strengthen technology transfer nationwide. Today, more than 300 federal laboratories, facilities and research centers and their parent agencies make up the FLC community. | | A person smiling for the camera  Description automatically generated | **Berna Uygur, Ph.D.** joined TTC in April 2020 as a CRTA fellow. Previously, she was a postdoctoral fellow at NICHD for six years and worked on prostate cancer related research projects. She has a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from the University of Maine with expertise on prostate cancer. Berna holds a Master Science degree in applied medical science from University of Southern Maine, and Master and Bachelor Science degrees in textile chemical engineering from Ege University, Turkey. While at her postdoctoral training at NICHD, she completed “Advanced Studies in Technology Transfer Program” at the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES) Graduate School at NIH. In her spare time, Berna likes writing, cooking Mediterranean cuisine, traveling and running. | | **A person posing for the camera  Description automatically generated** | **Xiaoli Weng, Ph.D.** joined TTC’s IDMU in April 2020 as a CRTA fellow. Before joining TTC, she was a postdoc at NCI for two years. She has a Ph.D. in Molecular Biophysics from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Xiaoli worked as an intern in TTC’s Invention Development and Marketing Unit since November 2019. In her spare time, Xiaoli loves to draw and paint using both digital and traditional media. She also enjoys traveling the world and exploring new places. | |

