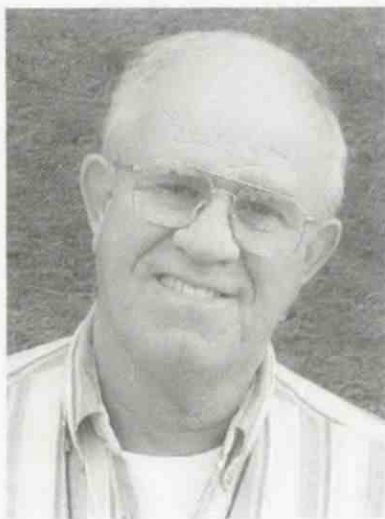


Archives

Steven P. Geiermann, DDS

Retirement

Thomas G. Reeves, PE, retired after 33 years of government service. After spending three years in the army, Tom received his master's in environmental engineering from the University of Kansas. After six years of service with the Environmental Protection Agency, he transferred to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 1979. In his 24 years with the CDC as a national fluoridation engineer, Tom assisted states and communities in implementing water fluoridation programs for the prevention of tooth decay. He developed training manuals and courses for state fluoridation personnel. During his tenure with the CDC, the population in the United States benefiting from water fluoridation grew from an estimated 105 million to 162 million. Tom also provided technical assistance to a number of countries on the engineering aspects of fluoridation, thus helping extend this public health benefit to additional populations.



Thomas G. Reeves

Appointment

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Roadmap is underway and Dr. Elias A. Zerhouni, the director of NIH,

has begun to assemble a team to coordinate its implementation and related activities. As part of this effort, he has appointed **Dr. Dushanka V. Kleinman**, deputy director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, to serve as the assistant director for Roadmap coordination, beginning December 15, 2003. During this initial six-month detail, Dr. Kleinman will work closely with the NIH Roadmap Implementation Coordination Committee, designated NIH Roadmap liaisons, the senior adviser for clinical research reengineering activities, and senior staff within the office of the director to facilitate policy development and key decisions related to Roadmap implementation. In addition, a team of advisers will be formed to address key aspects such as monitoring, communication, and evaluation. Dr. Kleinman will continue in her role as chief dental officer for the US Public Health Service during this time.

Soon after becoming the director of NIH, in May 2002, Dr. Zerhouni convened a series of meetings to chart a "roadmap" for medical research in the 21st century. The purpose was to identify major opportunities and gaps in biomedical research that no single institute at NIH could tackle alone, but that the agency as a whole must address to make the biggest impact on the progress of medical research. The opportunities for discoveries have never been greater, but the complexity of biology remains a daunting challenge. NIH is uniquely positioned to catalyze changes that must be made to transform our new scientific knowledge into tangible benefits for people.

Promotion

Captain Lireka P. Joseph was promoted to Rear Admiral in the US Public Health Service on November 1, 2003. RADM Joseph joined the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 1979 when she was employed by the Bureau of Radiological Health. She has continued to work within that area



Lireka P. Joseph

even after the Bureau of Radiological Health merged with the Bureau of Medical Devices to become the Center for Devices and Radiological Health. Her experiences within federal employment have been enriched by many special assignments, including: an assignment with the CDC that pertained to the Surgeon General's Report on Smokeless Tobacco, serving as executive secretary to the committee that assessed the oral health effects of smokeless tobacco; a three-year period as special assistant to the deputy commissioner for operations in the FDA's Office of the Commissioner; and serving as the interim division director for the Division of Mammography Quality and Radiation Programs when the Mammography Quality and Standards Act was first implemented. Prior to joining the FDA, RADM Joseph taught in community dentistry departments in five US dental schools and served as a dental health consultant within the Michigan Department of Health.

[Editor's Note: We sadly note that RADM Lireka P. Joseph died on February 17, 2004, as this issue of the JPHD was in production. A full obituary will appear in the next issue.]

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