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Recognition Campaign Report

Many of you have e-mailed MCS America and are anxiously awaiting the results of our recognition campaign with the American Medical Association (AMA), Center for Disease Control (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), and National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS). We have received two replies thus far.

The American Medical Association letter was a follow-up to a 2005 letter urging the AMA to support further training in toxicology for all students in medical school. We received a personal reply from Barbara Schneidman, in which we were given information about the accrediting agencies for medical schools. The AAM is one such agency who serves in that position every other year. This was not one of those years, so we have forwarded our request to the accrediting agency with a carbon copy to the individual who handles accreditation at the AMA in even numbered years.

The second reply was received from David Schwartz at the National Institute of Health Sciences (NIEHS). Schwartz thanked us for updating him on the research about MCS and other potential environmentally related disorders. He shared the NIEHS Strategic Plan entitled New Frontiers in Environmental Sciences and Human Health. The vision of this plan is “to prevent disease and improve human health by using environmental science

to understand human biology and human disease” and Schwarz shared that the first step is to focus on understanding the complex etiology and pathogenesis of human disease. To accomplish this, the NIEHS is encouraging research to increase knowledge of the effects of environmental exposures on human health and disease, such as MCS. We were encouraged to apply for research support through the National Institute of Health (NIH) and we will be looking into that possibility shortly.

Affiliations

This month, MCS America partnered with National Environmental Education Week, which is from April 15-22, 2007. The purpose of the week is to present educational opportunities to students and teachers in preparation for Environmental Education Week. For more information about the week or how you can become a partner, please visit their website at: www.EEweek.org.

We have also joined forces as a partner with the Collaborative on Health and the Environment (CHE). CHE is a large organization with a focus in many areas including electro sensitivities, asthma, and more. CHE has a listserv for each focus group and MCS America has joined three of those groups to share information and resources and support the mission of CHE. To learn more about CHE, please visit their website at:

<http://www.healthandenvironment.org>

