

# Save the Date

SEPTEMBER 27, 2010

## Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Office of Research on Women's Health

Date: **September 27, 2010**

Location: **Natcher Conference Center (NIH Campus in Bethesda, MD)**

Online registration: <http://www.orwhmeetings.com/20thAnniversary>

On September 27, 2010, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will hold a symposium to highlight some of the scientific advances that have increased our understanding of women's health, differences between males and females, and implications for sex/gender-appropriate clinical care and personalized medicine. At the same time, the Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) will unveil and launch the third scientific agenda for women's health research for the coming decade, entitled *A Vision for 2020 for Women's Health Research: Moving Into the Future With New Dimensions and Strategies*.

The daylong event, to include a reception, will provide a forum to recognize some of the major contributors to the establishment of ORWH and will celebrate progress in the field of women's health research realized through the dedicated work of an entire generation of researchers—women and men. The 20th anniversary celebration will acknowledge the success of the many advocates who have worked tirelessly to energize support and set the stage for the realization of a vision—ensuring NIH-wide attention to the science of sex differences research and women's health issues across the lifespan.



**We look forward to seeing you at this exciting event!**

Check out our Web site for the latest information: <http://orwh.od.nih.gov>

**Moving Into the Future:  
New Dimensions and Strategies for Women's Health Research**

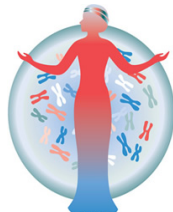
**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scientific Symposium and Celebration**

**September 27, 2010**

**Natcher Conference Center**

**Office of Research on Women's Health**

**National Institutes of Health, HHS**



The NIH will be celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Office of Research on Women's Health on September 27, 2010. This marks the historic founding of the very first office in the federal government to focus on the health of girls and women and to address issues of importance for women in biomedical careers. The formation of the Office was in specific response to concerns about the lack of inclusion of women in federally funded clinical studies and to reassure the women's health advocacy and scientific communities, and Members of Congress that future research will include sex/gender distinctions. Thus the Office began to establish programs, policies and priorities to meet its mandate to (1) ensure the inclusion of women and minorities in clinical research studies; (2) enhance and increase research; (3) expand the concepts of women's health to address the lifespan; (4) implement programs to advance careers of women in science AND promote both men and women as researchers in the field of women's health.

NOW, 20 years later, on September 27<sup>th</sup>, the NIH will hold a scientific symposium to highlight some of the scientific advances that have increased our understanding of women's health, the differences between males and females, and implications for sex/gender appropriate clinical care and personalized medicine.

At the same time, the Office will unveil and launch the third scientific agenda for women's health research for the coming decade. More than 1400 women's health advocates, scientists, professional associations, health care providers and the lay public met in 5 regional meetings to contribute to the construct of the new research vision for women's health, entitled *Moving Into the Future – New Directions and Strategies for Women's Health Research for the NIH.*

The daylong celebration, to include a reception, provides a forum to recognize some of the major contributors to the establishment of the Office and to progress in the field of women's health research realized through the dedicated work of an entire generation of researchers – women and men. More importantly is a desire to recognize and hear from early stage investigators who represent the promise of the future of sex differences research at the basic and clinical levels with implications for improving the health of women, their families, and their communities both nationally and globally. The dedication that helped to create ORWH continues to be a strong motivating factor in support of women's health research today and for the future. The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration will acknowledge the success of all those advocates who worked tirelessly to energize support and set the stage for the realization of a vision -- the Office of Research on Women's Health and a trans-NIH attention to lifespan issues of women's health and the science of sex differences research. (A special appearance by the award-winning actress Ms. Cicely Tyson is planned for the end of the scientific symposium but has not yet been confirmed.)

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