

Meet the Green Labs Fair Planning Team

An event such as the Green Labs Fair would not be possible without the collaborative work of a very dedicated group of NIH employees. These employees have volunteered their time for many years to make sure the Green Labs Fair maintains its outreach goals. Though they are each burdened with busy schedules, they have continually set aside time to assist with the planning of this event. Therefore, we would like to take a moment and recognize the hard work each of them has contributed! Please join us in thanking Daman, Minoo, Jean, and Barbara for their work with the Green Labs Fair!

Dr. Daman Kumari

Dr. Daman Kumari is a Staff Scientist in the Laboratory of Cell and Molecular Biology (LCMB) at NIDDK. Her research is focused on understanding the mechanism of repeat mediated *FMR1* gene silencing in fragile X syndrome. Dr. Kumari has been a member of the Sustainable Lab Practices Working Group since 2010 and has helped organize the NIH Green Labs Fair to increase the awareness for adapting green practices in the NIH laboratories.



Minoo Shakoury-Elizeh

Minoo Shakoury-Elizeh is a Biologist in the Genetics and Metabolism Section of LDB /NIDDK and has been a member of the Sustainable Lab Practices Working Group since 2009. Minoo has also been a leader in the planning and execution of the NIH Green Labs Fair since 2012. Minoo has coordinated the events and conducted the outreach for many Green Labs Fairs by engaging with numerous labs throughout the NIH. She has advocated for reduction in the use of mutagenic reagents and promoted recycling. Her efforts will lessen the exposure of the NIH waste stream to potential carcinogens and reduce the costs associated with the disposal of hazardous waste.



Dr. Jean Tiong-Koehler

Dr. Jean Tiong-Koehler is a Program Analyst in the NIA Office of the Director, Division of Neuroscience and has been a member of the Sustainable Lab Practices Working Group since its establishment in 2008. She has influenced pilot programs that eventually turned into NIH Sustainability Programs, including the NIH Styrofoam Take-Back Program, the NIH Empty Chemical Bottle Recycling Program, and the NIH Freezer Initiative. As an outreach activity for the intramural researchers, she initiated the first institute-based Green Labs Mini Fairs in 2010, which eventually became the first NIH Green Labs Fair in 2012.



Barbara Zwiesler

Barbara Zwiesler is the Lab Manager of a large genetics laboratory in NIDCD and has been working at NIH for 26 years. Barbara has been a member of the Sustainable Lab Practices Working Group since its inception in 2008. She has helped with the planning and execution of many outreach efforts to the NIH community, starting with an outreach booth at the NIH Research Festival in 2010, the Mini Fairs in 2011, and the Green Labs Fair in 2013. As an NIDCD Green Team member, she believes that we can all do small things in our daily lives to save the environment, energy and resources.



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