Background

The American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) was established as a part of the National Academy of Sciences in 1947. AIBS is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) scientific association dedicated to promoting biological research and education for the welfare of society. AIBS advances its mission through a range of activities and events. For more information, please visit www.aibs.org.

The Scientific Peer Advisory and Review Services (SPARS®) division of AIBS was established in 1963 to perform peer review and related scientific support services**.** AIBS SPARS has over 50 years of experience partnering with a diverse group of funding organizations (private foundations, government entities, academic institutions, etc.) with a wide range of missions.

Common activities of AIBS SPARS include: receiving and tracking review materials, tailored expertise recruitment, structured review management, virtual and/or onsite meeting facilitation, technical editing and report preparation, administrative program support, and processing of honoraria and reimbursement.

As a valued partner in science, our work advances research through expert analysis and support that inform critical decisions.

Core Services

- Adept Scientific Peer Review
- Proficient Organization/Program Support
- Customized Information Technology
- Comprehensive Meeting Planning

Sample List of Clients

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Doris Duke Charitable Foundation
Flight Attendant Medical Research Institute
Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative
The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust
New York State Stem Cell Science
University City Science Center
US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command

What Sets Us Apart?

- ✓ **50-year history** of continually performing all forms of independent, expert scientific peer review – our main line of work
- ✓ **501(c)(3) nonprofit** structure offers an external, objective entity to perform peer review and support services at competitive pricing
- ✓ **#1 peer review provider** to federal agencies, as listed in the Federal Procurement Data System
- ✓ Virtually all of our **staff members have over 5 years of experience with peer review** and almost 50% of our staff members have 10 years or more of experience
- ✓ The Scientific Comprehensive Online Research and Evaluation System **(SCORES®) suite, a proprietary collection of modern web-based applications used for all steps of the peer review process**
- ✓ Standing/member review committee support, as well as a growing database of more than **20,000 subject matter experts** available with expertise in a vast range of topics
- ✓ Industry leading **confidentiality and conflict of interest** policies and assessment procedures
- ✓ Continuous **formal analysis of the peer review process with regular publications** that ensures optimization of our own services and advances the scientific community as a whole
- ✓ Strong reputation of **highest quality products and services, on schedule and within budget**

Our Impact

AIBS SPARS provides skilled peer review and program support services that are essential to organizations making informed decisions. Partnering with us lends diligence, transparency, and credibility to research programs by ensuring independent, expert analysis of research, which raises confidence in the review process integrity for stakeholders, investigators, and the general public.

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