**7:30 – 8:30** **REGISTRATION and CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** *- Participants*

**8:30 – 8:45** **Introduction – *Susan Mason,*** *NSF Office of Legislative and Public Affairs*

**Welcome to Maryland Science Center - *Van Reiner****, President & CEO, Maryland Academy of Science at the Maryland Science Center*

**8:45 – 9:15** **Intro and Overview – *Susan Mason***

**9:15–10:00 How Is NSF Organized?** **– *Susan Mason***

Introductions of directorate/office representatives

**Sam Scheiner** – BIO – Directorate for Biological Sciences

**Jeremy Epstein** – CISE – Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering

**Earnestine Easter** – EHR – Directorate for Education and Human Resources

**Larry Bank** – ENG – Directorate for Engineering

**Lina Patino** – GEO – Directorate for Geosciences

**Bogdan Mihaila** – MPS – Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences

**Bill Badecker** – SBE– Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences

**Randy Phelps** – OIIA – Office of International and Integrative Activities

**Libby Lyons** – OIIA ISE – International Science and Engineering

**10:00 – 10:15 BREAK**

**10:15 – 11:30**

**NSF Website and How to Identify Funding Opportunities** *– Jeremy Epstein*

**Things to Consider Before Applying for an NSF Grant -** *Earnestine Easter*

**So You Want to Write a Proposal** *– Lina Patino*

**Parts of a Proposal** *– Larry Bank, Bill Badecker*

**Questions and Answers**

**11:30 – 12:15 Crosscutting Programs**

Overview of Crosscutting Programs *– Libby Lyons*

Short descriptions by panelists

* + International – *Libby Lyons*
  + CAREER – *Bill Badecker*
  + ADVANCE – *Lina Patino*
  + GRFP, Data Science – *Earnestine Easter*
  + ICorps / SBIR –  *Larry Bank*
  + MRI/RUI/ROI/ROA – *Randy Phelps*
  + CIF21 – *Bogdan Mihaila*
* Brain – *Sam Scheiner*
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**12:15 – 1:30 LUNCH**

“Birds-of-a-Feather” discussions with NSF Program Officers about Crosscutting Programs

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**1:30 – 2:30 Merit Review** – *Sam Scheiner, Randy Phelps*

**2:30 – 3:15 Proposal Dos and Don’ts** – *Bogdan Mihaila*

**Questions and Answers**

**3:15 – 3:30 BREAK**

**3:30 – 4:15**  **First Directorate/Office Breakout Session**

**4:15 – 4:30 BREAK**

**4:30 – 5:15 Second Directorate/Office Breakout Session**