

**Nomination of Dr. Bernard Lo as Co-Chair of the Standards Working Group  
to Replace Harriet Rabb.**

The Co-Chair of the Standards Working Group, Harriet Rabb, has resigned from membership on the Working Group for personal and professional reasons. To fill the leadership gap created by Ms. Rabb's departure, CIRM submits for consideration by the ICOC, Dr. Bernard Lo, an ethicist who is currently a member of the Standards Working Group, to serve as Co-Chair of the Working Group along with Sherry Lansing. A brief biographical sketch of Dr. Lo is provided below.

**Bernard Lo, MD** is Professor of Medicine and Director of the Program in Medical Ethics at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Lo has served as the chair of the Chancellor's Campus Advisory Committee on Ethical Issues in Oocyte, Embryo, and Stem Cell Research since 2003. Dr. Lo has written extensively on issues relating to biomedical ethics: including authoring a recent article (2004) entitled "*Informed Consent in Human Oocyte, Embryo, and Embryonic Stem Cell Research.*" He directs the national coordinating office for the Initiative to Strengthen the Patient-Provider Relationship in a Changing Health Care Environment and chairs the End of Life Committee convened by the American College of Physicians, which will develop recommendations for clinical care near the end of life. Dr. Lo was a member of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission and of the Data Safety Monitoring Board for the AIDS Clinical Trials Group at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and is a past member of the Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee at NIH. In addition, professor Lo has served as National Program Director of the Greenwall Faculty Scholars in Bioethics Program since 2001 and been a member of the Institute of Medicine Council since 2002. Dr. Lo is a current member of the CIRM Standards Working Group.