

MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

DATE REPORT ISSUED: April 15, 2014
ATTENTION: Medical Board of California
SUBJECT: Special Faculty Permit Review Committee
Recommendation
STAFF CONTACT: Curtis J. Worden, Chief of Licensing

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the recommendations of the Special Faculty Permit Review Committee (SFPRC) for appointment of Maria-Grazia Roncarolo, M.D., pursuant to Section 2168.1 of the California Business and Professions Code.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:

The Medical Board of California (Board) is authorized to issue a Special Faculty Permit (SFP) to a person who is academically eminent and meets all of the other requirements pursuant to Section 2168.1 of the California Business and Professions Code (B&P).

An individual who holds a valid SFP is authorized to practice medicine only within the medical school itself and any affiliated institutions in which the SFP holder is providing instruction as part of the medical school's educational program and for which the medical school has assumed direct responsibility.

The SFPRC is comprised of two Board members, one who is a physician and one who is a public member, and one representative from each of the medical schools in California. The SFPRC reviews and makes recommendations to the Board regarding the applicants applying pursuant to Section 2168.1 of the B&P.

At the SFPRC's March 27, 2014 meeting, the SFPRC reviewed the qualifications of one applicant from the Stanford University School of Medicine (Stanford).

Maria-Grazia Roncarolo, M.D., Stanford - SFP APPLICANT:

Laurence Katznelson, M.D., Professor of Neurosurgery and Medicine, Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education, presented Stanford's request for Maria-Grazia Roncarolo, M.D., to receive a SFP and to be the Division Chief of Pediatric Translational and Regenerative Medicine. Dr. Katznelson also presented the qualifications of Dr. Roncarolo. Dr. Katznelson indicated that Dr. Roncarolo has been offered a position as Professor in the Stanford Tenure Line, with tenure. Stanford's Provost granted an extremely rare waiver of a faculty search because of Dr. Roncarolo's highly regarded international reputation in the field of stem cell research, gene therapy and autoimmune diseases and it would be very difficult to find another clinician – scientist of her caliber.

Dr. Roncarolo was appointed to Chief of the Pediatric Immunology and Hematology Division at San Raffaele Scientific University in Milan in 2003. In 2008, Dr. Roncarolo was appointed to Scientific

Director of San Raffaele Scientific University where she still holds this position. Dr. Roncarolo has been awarded several awards, such as the Eurodis Scientific Award for outstanding contributions to the cure of genetic disease, Outstanding Achievement Award from the European Society of Gene and Cell Therapy, and is an elected member of the Academia Dupaea of Sciences. Dr. Roncarolo has 100 out of more than 280 papers published in internationally scientific peer review journals, contributed 22 chapters to books, and is an exceptionally distinguished individual who is recognized as a world leading clinical scientist conducting fundamental immunologic research. Her expertise, training, and passion for translational research will be a great benefit to the Stanford research program.

Dr. Roncarolo will hold a full time faculty appointment as a Professor of Pediatrics at Stanford, if approved for a SFP appointment by the Board. In addition, Dr. Minor the Dean of Stanford University School of Medicine is requesting that the Board approve Dr. Roncarolo to be appointed as the Division Chief of the Pediatric Translational and Regenerative Medicine (a new program at Stanford), pending approval of Stanford's SFP request for Dr. Roncarolo by the Board. Dr. Roncarolo will be training physician-scientists and graduate students in the Institute of Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine, Immunology, Cancer Biology, and Developmental Biology. Dr. Roncarolo will also mentor pediatric residents and pediatric hematology oncology fellows.

SPECIAL FACULTY PERMIT REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS:

The SFPRC recommended approval of Dr. Roncarolo for an SFP at Stanford pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 2168.1 (a)(1)(A).

In addition, the SFPRC recommended approval of Dr. Roncarolo to be the Division Chief of the Pediatric Translational and Regenerative Medicine pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 2168(c).