

**SBN**

Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) OUR 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

Be sure to mark your calendars for the 2008 meeting in Groningen July 7-10th!
This is a reminder that the deadline for early registration in May 1.

Please see the conference website for details and documents:

<http://www.rug.nl/bcn/sbn/index?lang=en>

2) Young Investigator Awardees SBN 2008

We are pleased to announce that the SBN awards committee has chosen the following Young Investigator Awardees for the 2008 Annual meeting in Groningen. Each awardee will receive a \$1600.00 honorarium and will present their research during the Young Investigator symposium. Congratulations to them all!

Matthew Butler, Ph.D.
Dept. Psychology
Columbia University, NY

Christina Dalla, Ph.D.
Dept. Psychology & Center for Collaborative Neuroscience
Rutgers University, NJ

Wayne Korzan, Ph.D.
Dept. Biology
Stanford University
Stanford, CA

Gloria Mak (Grad student)
Dept. Cell Biology & Anatomy
University of Calgary
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Christian Mirescu, Ph.D.
Dept. Integrative Biology
University of California Berkeley
Berkeley, CA

Kereshmeh Taravosh-Lahn (Grad student)
Dept. Psychology & Institute for Neuroscience
University of Texas at Austin
Austin, TX

**3) Dr. Diane Witt is appointed as Acting Deputy Division Director for Integrative Organismal Systems at NSF.
Congratulations Diane!!**

"SUBJECT: Appointment of Acting Deputy Division Director Integrative Organismal Systems

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Diane Witt as Acting Deputy Division Director for Integrative Organismal Systems (IOS) effective March 10, 2008.

Dr. Witt came to NSF in 2002 as a Program Director responsible for managing multiple programs in the Neuroscience Cluster. She continued to manage these Neuroscience Programs while serving as Cluster leader in the Behavioral Systems Cluster in IOS. More recently, Dr. Witt has functioned as Cluster Leader for the Neural Systems Cluster leading the management of three new neuroscience-oriented programs.

Dr. Witt's research interests primarily are in the area of neuroendocrinology. As a scientist in the NIH intramural program, and later as a faculty member at Binghamton University (SUNY), she focused on the functional neurochemical pathways and cellular mechanisms underlying reproductive and social behavior.

Dr. Witt received a B.S. degree (Biopsychology) and her M.S degree (Biology) from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. She later received her Ph.D. degree in Zoology (Neuroendocrinology) from the University of Maryland at College Park.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Witt on her appointment.

*James P. Collins
Assistant Director"*

4) Frank Beach Award Nominations (Criteria updated April 8, 2008)

Nominations are being accepted for the 19th Frank A. Beach Award in Behavioral Neuroendocrinology. This award is meant to recognize a junior faculty member conducting outstanding independent research in the area of Behavioral Neuroendocrinology. Investigators conducting original research in any area of Behavioral Neuroendocrinology may be nominated, by any SBN member. Coordination of the nominating process could be done by having the nominating individual work with the nominee's PhD and/or post doctoral advisor(s). Nominees should meet the following requirements. 1) They should not be more than 12 years post receipt of the Ph.D., 2) They must hold a tenure-track academic rank of Assistant Professor (or foreign equivalent if outside the United States), and 3) They should be nominated before a tenure decision has been made. An ideal candidate would be an Assistant Professor in their third or fourth year doing high quality, independent, original research in Behavioral Neuroendocrinology. The nominator(s) should submit a single letter of nomination and a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae. Additional materials will not be considered in the selection process. The winner will present a short lecture (about 20 minutes) and receive the award and a honorarium check at the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology Social at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience (Nov. 15-19 in Washington, DC). The text of the lecture will also be published in *Hormones and Behavior*. Nominations are due by August 1, 2008.

5) MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2008 please go to the SBN website and fill out your renewal notice. In addition if you have new students, post docs or colleagues that would benefit from becoming SBN members please direct them to our website.

6) Call for Author(s): for a chapter on Behavioral Neuroendocrinology/Behavioral Immunology for a book entitled: **Integrative Clinical Psychology, Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine: Perspectives, Practices and Research** (Springer Publishing-expected release early 2009).

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New Job Announcement (1)

1) Assistant, Associate, Full Professor; Neuroscientist, Department of Biomedical Sciences, Colorado State University

The Department of Biomedical Sciences seeks to fill a tenure-track position at open rank of Assistant-Full Professor in Neuroscience. Candidates with expertise in any area of molecular, cellular or systems neuroscience are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to those with expertise in molecular/cellular neuroendocrinology. The successful candidate is expected to develop an independent, extramurally-funded research program and contribute to undergraduate and graduate teaching.

Applicants must have a PhD, DVM, MD or equivalent degree and at least 2 years of postdoctoral research experience. A cover letter, curriculum vitae, statements of research and teaching interests, and names of three references, who may be contacted when appropriate, should be sent to the chair of the search committee: Stuart Tobet, Neuroscience Division, Department of Biomedical Sciences, 1617 Campus Delivery, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523. Application materials can be submitted to Stuart.Tobet@colostate.edu. Review of applications will begin July 1, 2008 and continue until a successful candidate is identified.

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