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SBN Announcements

2009 SBN Annual Meeting:

The SBN meeting will be held June 24 – 27, 2009 at Michigan State University. Meeting program information and registration information is available on line at www.sbn.org.

NSF Young Investigator and Travel Award Winners for 2009:

We are pleased to announce the following individuals as those selected as winners of the Young Investigator and Travel Awards competitions. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks also to all of those who entered these competitions. We thank the Education Committee, chaired by Shaila Mani, for their thoughtful consideration of all the candidates and for their selection of this outstanding group. We also thank Sheri Berenbaum and members of the Program Committee who help select the Young Investigator. We know they had many fine candidates from which to choose. Most of all we thank the National Science Foundation for their continued support of our young members.

Young Investigator Awardees:

Jodi L. Lukkes, *Basic Biomedical Sciences, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD*: SOCIAL ISOLATION ALTERS ANXIETY-LIKE BEHAVIOR AND CORTICOTROPIN-RELEASING FACTOR INTERACTIONS WITH SEROTONIN

Jin Ho Park, *Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA* : NOVEL GENES ASSOCIATED WITH GONADAL STEROID-INDEPENDENT MALE SEXUAL BEHAVIOR

Susanne Brummelte, *Department of Psychology, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada*: PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO HIGH LEVELS OF CORTICOSTERONE DURING GESTATION AND/OR POSTPARTUM CAUSES CHANGES TO MATERNAL CARE, 'MOOD' AND OFFSPRING'S OUTCOME

Kyle L. Gobrogge, *Department of Psychology and Program in Neuroscience, Florida State University, Tallahassee FL: ANTERIOR HYPOTHALAMIC VASOPRESSIN REGULATES NATURALLY OCCURRING AND DRUG-INDUCED AGGRESSION IN A SOCIALLY MONOGAMOUS RODENT*

Zachary M. Weil, *Department of Psychology, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH: SEASONAL AND CIRCADIAN DETERMINANTS OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE*

Timothy J. Greives, *Department of Biology, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN: KISSPEPTINS AND THE REGULATION OF REPRODUCTION IN A SEASONALLY BREEDING RODENT*

Travel Awardees:

Jaclyn M. Schwarz, *Duke University, Durham, NC*
Jennifer Cummings, *University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, MI*
Alison Golinski, *Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ*
Mary K. Holder, *University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD*
Danielle S. Stolzenberg, *Boston College, Chestnut Hill MA*
Mario G. Oyola, *Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX*
Adam Perry, *University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL*
Shao-Ying Cheng, *University of Texas, Austin, TX*
Michael R. Jarcho, *University of California, Davis, CA*
Margaret A. Mohr, *Hope College Biology Department, Holland, MI*
Heather B. Adewale, *North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC*
Tyler Stevenson, *Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD*
Kyle K. Pitchers, *University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada*
Bradley J. Walters, *Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA*
Benjamin C. Nephew, *Northeastern University, Boston, MA*
Mario Gil, *Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL*
Damian G. Zuloaga, *University of Arizona College of Medicine, Phoenix, AZ*
Leah M. Pyter, *University of Chicago, Chicago, IL*

Election Year Notice to Regular Members: Deadline Approaching:

This is an election year for SBN and if you have not yet voted we urge you to cast your ballot soon. The deadline is **May 15, 2009**. The candidates are:

President Elect:

Jeffrey Blaustein (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)
and
Barney Schlinger (University of California, Los Angeles)

Secretary:

Julie Bakker (University of Liege)
and
Christine Wagner (State University of New York at Albany).

Job Postings/Training Opportunities

Summer School in Behavioral Neuroendocrinology:

With support from the National Science Foundation, a consortium of faculty from the University of Massachusetts, Michigan State University, the Center for Behavioral Neuroscience (Georgia State University, Emory University, Clark Atlanta University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Morehouse College, Morehouse Medical School, Morris Brown College, Spelman College), Ohio State University, Northwestern University and the University of Michigan will be sponsoring a Summer School of Behavioral Neuroendocrinology (SSBNE) for undergraduates who are considering graduate studies. For 2009, the course will be offered June 17 – 23 on the campus of Michigan State University. Students will get hands-on experience in laboratory work and the analysis of behavior. In addition, faculty from the sponsoring institutions and other universities will offer lectures on specialized topics, including sex differences in behavior and the nervous system, reproductive behavior, maternal behavior, aggression, courtship and comparative research. Travel expenses, lodging and meals will be provided. Students will also receive funds to attend the meeting of the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology (SBN) June 24 – 28, 2009 also on the Michigan State University campus immediately after the summer school is concluded. People who have already been admitted to a graduate program are not eligible to attend. Students can learn more about the program by visiting the website: www.ssbne.org

Students wishing to attend the summer school must commit to attend the entire school and SBN meeting (arriving at MSU on Wednesday, June 17, departing on Sunday, June 28) should submit a CV, a 1-2 page statement of career goals, and should ask 1-3 people to provide letters of recommendation. Application materials and letters should be emailed as PDF FILES ONLY directly to: ssbne@msu.edu. Materials should be received by **May 1, 2009** for full consideration.

Study Behavioral Neuroendocrinology at UCLA

This upcoming year we expect to make several appointments at the pre- and postdoctoral levels to a training grant entitled "**Neuroendocrinology, Sex differences and Reproduction**". This highly successful training grant is in its 29th year of continuous funding and supports The Laboratory of Neuroendocrinology, of the UCLA Brain Research Institute. For information on training opportunities and associated faculty please visit www.lne.ucla.edu.