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Hormones and Behavior

The current issue of *Hormones and Behavior* is now available. The table of contents for this issue (volume 66, issue 2) can be found at <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/0018506X/66>.

SBN Announcements

**Silver Anniversary:
Frank A. Beach Young Investigator Award**

Call for Nominations Frank A. Beach Young Investigator Award in Behavioral Neuroendocrinology

Nominations are now being accepted for the 25th Annual Frank A. Beach Young Investigator Award in Behavioral Neuroendocrinology. The award will be made to a new investigator, normally within eight years post-PhD (or MD) who shows exceptional promise for making significant contributions to the field of Behavioral Neuroendocrinology. Investigators conducting original, independent research in any area of Behavioral Neuroendocrinology may be nominated. The nominator(s) should submit ONE letter of nomination. This letter can be jointly signed by any number of individuals of any rank, but the Committee will consider only one letter. A current copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae should be included with the nomination. Re-nomination of individuals nominated previously, who still meet the nomination criteria but were not chosen is encouraged.



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The Awardee will be recognized and receive the award and an honorarium at the Behavioral Neuroendocrinology Social at the Society for Neuroscience (in Washington DC in mid-November 2014). The Awardee will also give a presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology in Asilomar, California (June 10 - 14, 2015).

This year's Beach Awardee will be selected by the SBN Awards Committee. The deadline for nominations is **September 15, 2014**. Nominations for this year's award or questions about the nomination procedures should be sent to: Dr. Jeffrey French, Chair, SBN Awards Committee: jfrench@unomaha.edu. Submission of nomination materials as a single .pdf file is encouraged. Please use the email heading "Beach Award Nomination <Candidate last.name>".

Call for Applications: WC Young Recent Graduate Award in Behavioral Neuroendocrinology

William C. Young was one of the founders of modern behavioral neuroendocrinology. SBN honors WC Young through the "WC Young Recent Graduate Award" (initially created in the 1960's by one of the society's predecessors, the West Coast Sex Conference). The first SBN "Young Award" was presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting.

Eligible applicants include recent PhD awardees in the year their degree is awarded or the following year, and applicants can apply once for this award.

Selection criteria for the WC Young Recent Graduate Award are based on the doctoral dissertation, scholarly productivity and letters of reference. The Awardee will receive travel support to the annual meeting as a Young Investigator and a \$500 honorarium. In addition, the WC Young Recent Graduate Awardee will be the lead speaker at the Young Investigator symposium.

This notice constitutes a call for applications for the award. *The deadline for submission of materials is 1 October 2014.*

Applications should include the following items:

- A three-page double-spaced essay outlining the *specific* contributions of the dissertation, and its *broader significance* of the work for the field of behavioral neuroendocrinology
- A current curriculum vita
- Up to three letters of recommendation

Applicants should solicit letters of recommendation and combine all materials into a single pdf file. Please submit the application electronically to Jeff French, Chair, SBN Awards Committee (jfrench@unomaha.edu). Please include "SBN Young Award <applicant's last name>" in the subject line of the email.

New SBN Website

The long-awaited new SBN website is scheduled to be launched in August! We are soliciting content for two sections under the Research tab. First is a "Featured Research" section that will highlight current research by SBN member labs. Here we want to feature recent and interesting findings that will attract interest to the website; entries would include a lab photo, a one paragraph description of the finding and its significance and a great photo that captures some aspect of the research. Second is a "Diversity in SBN Research" section that will

showcase the breadth of animal models and research approaches used in behavioral neuroendocrinology. For this section, we're looking for great photos with a simple caption; examples can be found on our current website at <http://www.sbn.org/slideshow/index.php>. We anticipate a turnover/refreshing of the Featured Research section approximately four times per year to keep it timely, whereas the Diversity section entries are not meant to have a short shelf life. Please submit content for either section to Cheryl Sisk, PhD (sisk@msu.edu).

Farewell to Joan King

With sadness we say goodbye to Joan King, who passed away June 11, 2014, and extend our condolences to fellow SBN member Stu Tobet, Joan's partner of 36 years. Joan was a much beloved member of the SBN community for decades. She earned her PhD with Arnie Gerall at Tulane University, and had a distinguished scientific career during which she was a pioneer in investigating the functional neuroanatomy of hypothalamic GnRH system. More recently, during her second profession as a life and career coach, she was an inspiration and mentor to many of us, and she continued to have positive influences on our field through her advocacy and support of women in science. We will miss her greatly, but her spirit will continue to live on through the many SBN members for whom Joan was the consummate role model. The obituary below was written by Stu and friend Paula Chauncey, and was published in The Coloradoan.



Joan C. King-Tobet was a child of the Big Easy, born March 6, 1938 into an entrepreneurial New Orleans family that owned local grocery stores. Family life, within a large extended clan, centered on the kitchen where Joan developed a precocious talent for the singular tastes of New Orleans cuisine, a talent that brought endless pleasure to family and friends throughout her life. Losing her beloved father at the age of 10, Joan began a quest for the substance underlying life. By age 17, she entered a Dominican convent to pursue studies in philosophy and theology, chemistry and physics. Ultimately, she found convent culture too restrictive. Emerging from the convent 11 years later, Joan joined Vista moving to Appalachia to live and work in disadvantaged communities.

Her quest next led to graduate school where she deepened her pursuit of science as a vehicle for understanding the biological bases of life and consciousness. She earned a unique-at-the-time multidisciplinary PhD in Neuroanatomy and Psychology from Tulane University in 1972, pioneering as one of the few women in the emerging field of Neuroscience. For the next quarter of a century, Joan conducted basic research in Neuroscience, primarily as a professor at Tufts University School of Medicine, where she worked across medical, dental and veterinary schools. Serving as chair of the Department of Anatomy and Cellular Biology, she imparted her passion, intellectual hunger and boundless sense of the possible to generations of students. In 1997, eager to embrace her next frontier, Joan retired as Professor Emerita.

Having rigorously pursued the "substance underlying life" across spiritual, scientific and medical dimensions, Joan designed a coaching consultancy, Beyond Success LLC, to support others in moving more deeply into their life experiences. Once again she deepened her studies

of human nature becoming credentialed as a Master Certified Coach by the International Coach Federation. In working with clients, she drew upon the biological, psychological and spiritual principles, which she had rigorously explored through her professional and personal lives, as metaphors and tools to expand individual consciousness. In 2013, Joan became president-elect of the global Association of Coach Training Organizations.

Joan published her philosophy in a series of books: *The Code of Authentic Living; A Life on Purpose*; and *Cellular Wisdom for Women*. At the time of her death, she was hard at work on *Cellular Wisdom for Relationships*. Joan described her books "not as a declaration of dogma but as a vehicle for sharing insights about what our cells and our bodies can teach us about thriving in our lives, both as individuals and in relationship."

Joan is survived by her life and scientific collaborator of 36 years, Dr. Stuart A. Tobet, professor of Biomedical Sciences and Engineering at Colorado State University; an extended web of cousins; a groundswell of indebted friends, students and mentees for whom Joan facilitated a profound shift in their world views, and two beguiling black cats.

In lieu of flowers, and in recognition of the generativity which coursed through Joan's life, the family requests that those wishing to honor her pay kindness forward to three other individuals and/or donate to the *Joan King Scholarship* at Colorado State University to support exceptional students in science and engineering. Please direct contributions to: *Joan King Scholarship*, Colorado State University Foundation, P.O. Box 1870, Fort Collins, Colorado 80522-1870 or execute <https://advancing.colostate.edu/KINGSCHOLARSHIP> online at <https://advancing.colostate.edu/KINGSCHOLARSHIP>. Questions may be directed to (970) 491-1624.

2014 SBN/ICN Annual Meeting, August 17-20, Sydney, Australia

Greetings! Our Annual Meeting is fast approaching and the professional development committee is excited about all we have planned for you! Our morning sessions are designed to provide peer mentoring for post docs and partnered faculty. The sessions will address several issues such as "Do I need a mentor" and "Work life balance." Attending our Monday evening session will provide you with a 5 year plan for professional development targeted for your career position: students, post doc or faculty. We'll even give you some non-academic options. Last but not least - we will have fun while working at our **spee** mentoring and teaching lunch workshops. We especially need faculty for the mentoring workshop! If you are available, please consider joining us - your input is needed! Thanks and see you in Sydney!

A successful International Conference on Hormones, Brain and Behavior in conjunction with the celebration of Dr. Jacques Balthazart's Retirement

Check out Jill Schneider's blog on the recent celebration of Jacques Balthazart's scientific career at the International Conference Honoring Brilliant Balthazart held in June in Liege, Belgium. A good time was had by all! <http://sexandfoodand.wordpress.com/2014/06/29/when-im-sixty->

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Call for nominations The David Starr Jordan Prize

In 1986, Cornell, Indiana and Stanford Universities established a joint endowment to fund a prize in honor of David Starr Jordan, a scientist, educator and institution builder of enormous influence on higher education in the United States who had important ties to each of these universities. The prize is international in scope and presented approximately ever three years to a young scientist (Recipients must not be over the age of 40 at the deadline for nomination or if over 40, must be less than 10 years since receiving PhD) who is making novel, innovative contributions in one or more areas of Jordan's interests: evolution, ecology, population and organismal biology.

The intent of this prize is to recognize young scientists who are making research contributions likely to redirect the principal foci of their fields. In addition to a cash reward, the recipient will receive a commemorative medal, will attend an awards ceremony, visit each of the sponsoring institutions and give scholarly presentations of his/her work. The selection of the prize winner will be made by a committee composed of representatives from each of the three institutions. The seventh David Starr Jordan Prize will a carry a prize of \$20,000.00 and will be announced in the Fall of 2014. The award ceremony will be held at Indiana University. The nomination deadline is September 15, 2014. No self-nominations will be accepted. For more detailed information and the nomination form, please click [here](#).

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