

**SBN**

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SBN ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) OUR 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

This year's annual meeting in Groningen was a great success! The scientific program was outstanding, social events were highly enjoyable, Groningen was a beautiful and vibrant location and the meeting ran smoothly, without a hitch. We extend our deepest appreciation to the local organizing committee, chaired by Gert ter Horst, the program committee, chaired by Jeff Blaustein, and all of the participants for creating such a memorable event.

We ask that any participants who captured good (and publishable) photographs of the meeting to please forward those to Terry Horton (thorton@northwestern.edu), Chair of the website committee, for posting on the SBN website.

2) TRAINEES WHO ATTENDED THE SBN 2008 MEETING

The PDF file of the PowerPoint presentation for the trainees "Build your career: Put your best foot forward" is now available online. We would also like to receive your feedback on the educational events organized at the meeting. Please take a few moments to complete the form and let us know how we can improve it.

3) SBN SCIENTIFIC ADVOCACY AWARD

A new award has been created by the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology to recognize an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the field of Behavioral Neuroendocrinology through advocacy of the field on the interface between research and the public. Nominated individuals may serve in a variety of capacities including, but not limited to, employees of government or non-profit agencies, individuals that directly or indirectly educate the public on scientific matters, writers/journalists, etc. We would like to give this award for the first time at the SFN meeting this November in Washington DC. If you would like to nominate an individual, please send a copy of the candidate's CV and a letter describing how the individual's career exemplifies scientific advocacy. Nominations should be received by September 15, 2008. Send the nomination materials to Dr. Elaine Hull (hull@fsu.edu) the Chair of the Awards Committee.

4) MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2008 please go to the SBN website (www.sbn.org) 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.

General Announcements

1) NNB STUDY SECTION MEMBERS NEEDED:

Dear Colleagues – In my ongoing need to identify prospective members for the NNB Study Section, I would like to enlist your help. Please email me the names of investigators you think would make good additions to our panel. They could be from any of the scientific areas represented on NNB: HPG axis and related behaviors, HPA axis and related behaviors, OT/AVP/PRL and related behaviors, ingestive behavior and neuroimmunology. In general, reviewers should be R01 funded, established investigators who have attained some level of national scientific stature (e.g. symposium speaker, journal editorial board member, research award, prior grant review experience) and who have had some scientific leadership experience (e.g. scientific society officer, scientific meeting organizer or program committee). Service also requires mature judgment, balanced perspective, objectivity, ability to work and communicate effectively in a group, commitment to complete work assignments, and assurance that the confidentiality of applications will be maintained. Your suggestions should focus on Associate and Full Professors, but could include younger Assistant Professors who might not be ready until a couple of years from now, but who I could start watching and perhaps invite to *ad hoc* a round or two given the appropriate applications.

We need to maintain minority representation on our panel and so I encourage you to include minority researchers in your recommendations. For this purpose minority groups include Asian Americans, African Americans, American Indians, Indian Indians, Hispanic Americans, and smaller minority groups (e.g. Aleuts). We also need to maintain geographical and gender balance but I'll worry about that. FYI the current NNB roster with dates of tenure is attached. Thank you for your assistance. Mike Selmanoff

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Job Postings/Training Opportunities

1) **Indiana University** invites applications for a post-doctoral traineeship to be supported by NIH-CHHD via an NIH T32 training grant entitled, 'Common Themes in Reproductive Diversity.' We offer broadly integrative training in the areas of sexual reproduction and development with a focus on the behavior of animals including humans. Research conducted by participants addresses key questions in the development and expression of sex differences, as well as maternal and paternal effects on morphological, sexual, and social development. Indiana University's excellent support for research and its globally recognized strengths in animal behavior, endocrinology, human sexual health, and evolution of development ensure high quality training.

Traineeships include a competitive salary based on current NIH pay scale commensurate with experience and funds to support research and travel. The successful applicant will help foster collaborations among faculty and serve as a professional model for pre-doctoral trainees. A Ph.D. in biology, psychology, neuroscience, chemistry, gender studies or a related field is required. Candidates are invited to make initial contacts with training faculty. To apply, please visit the following website to find instructions and forms to download:

<http://www.indiana.edu/~reprodiv/apply/>

Please e-mail your completed application to Linda Summers at lisummer@indiana.edu or (less desired) mail it to 402 N. Park Street, Bloomington, IN 47405. The email subject line should read: CTRD Postdoc-Ketterson. For full

consideration, applications should arrive by 1 September 2008, although later applications will be considered. The search will continue until the position is filled. Please note that the traineeship must begin on or before April 2009. Minority applicants are especially encouraged to apply. Trainees must be citizens, non-citizen nationals, or permanent residents of the US. Indiana University is an Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Employer.