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## SBN Announcements

### SBN 2013: Call for Symposium Proposals

The 2013 meeting of the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology will be held in Atlanta June 23-26. The Program Committee is now soliciting proposals for symposia. Symposia are typically 2 hours 10 minutes long, which includes a short introduction. This time can be distributed evenly across speakers, or may include shorter talks (e.g., by junior investigators) at the end. Successful proposals will be expected to contain good diversity in one or more of the following ways: junior/senior speakers; countries represented; animal taxa; ethnicity; gender; and methodological approaches. Although we welcome proposals that include non-member speakers (not a member for the last 2 years), the number of non-member speakers must be limited due to budget limitations. You may also suggest keynote speakers to speak in association with your symposium. Proposals should be submitted to Jim Goodson via e-mail ([jlgoodso@indiana.edu](mailto:jlgoodso@indiana.edu)) **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12**. Please provide a brief description and verify ahead of time that the speakers are willing to participate should the proposal be accepted.

### Call for Nominations for SBN Executive Positions

The terms of SBN's Past-President Greg Ball, Secretary Greg Demas, and Treasurer Terry Horton all end in June 2013. A nominating committee chaired by Jacques Balthazart (members: Ellen Ketterson and Russ Romeo) has been appointed by the Executive Committee. We encourage you to suggest qualified SBN members for President-Elect, Treasurer and Secretary (President-elect: 2 year term, then 2 years as president, then 2 years as past-President, Secretary: 2 year term, Treasurer: 3 year term). Nominations of colleagues and self-nominations are both encouraged. Please send your suggestions to Jacques Balthazart at: [jbalthazart@ulg.ac.be](mailto:jbalthazart@ulg.ac.be)

## General Announcements

### Fifth Parental Brain Conference

The 5th Parental Brain Conference will be held in the UNESCO World Heritage City of Regensburg,

Germany, from July 11th to 14th, 2013. The deadline for symposium proposal is end of September 2012. More detailed information and regular updates can be obtained on the conference website [www.uni-r.de/ParentalBrain2013](http://www.uni-r.de/ParentalBrain2013) or by contacting Dr. Oliver Bosch ([oliver.bosch@ur.de](mailto:oliver.bosch@ur.de)).

## **NIH Toolbox for the Assessment of Neurological and Behavioral Function**

Unveiling the NIH Toolbox, Sept. 10-11, 2012, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD  
-Free scientific conference

-Overview of the development, testing, and use of the NIH Toolbox in biomedical research  
Lecture, Interactive demonstrations, Panel discussions

AND

Administering the NIH Toolbox, Sept. 12-14, 2012, MicroTek, Washington, DC.

-Comprehensive training workshop following the conference

More details at [www.nihtoolbox.org](http://www.nihtoolbox.org)

## **13th Annual Symposium of the Center for Neuroendocrine Studies University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

The Center for Neuroendocrine Studies at UMass, Amherst would like to announce our 13th Annual Symposium entitled, "The Motivated Brain: Hormones, Learning and Reward" which will take place on Friday, October 26, 2012. This year we are excited to have five experts in the field speak on the neurobiology of motivated behavior, each with his/her unique behavioral perspective:

Dr. Larry Young, Emory University

Dr. Jim Goodson, Indiana University

Dr. Ruth Wood, University of Southern California

Dr. Robert Bridges, TUFTS School of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Susan Fahrback, Wake Forest University

Registration opens soon! For more program and registration information, visit our web site at <http://www.umass.edu/cns/symposium.htm>.

In addition to a poster session for contributed abstracts, we are also organizing five Career Development Workshops taking place during the Symposium. All postdoctoral, graduate and undergraduate trainees are invited to sign up for one mid-day Workshop at the Registration table.

The topics include: Finding a Graduate Program and Mentor, Navigating the Funding Mechanisms of the NIH and NSF, Work/Life Balance, Jobs Outside the Academy, and Disseminating Your Research.

## **Job Postings/Training Opportunities**

**FULL DESCRIPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT THE SBN  
WEBSITE: <http://www.sbn.org/opportunities/bno.aspx>**

## **Tenure-track Faculty Position, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

The Department of Psychology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst

(<http://www.psych.umass.edu>) is inviting applications for a tenure-track faculty position at the advanced Associate or Full Professor level in its Behavioral Neuroscience Division, starting in Fall,

2013. Applicants must have a PhD in Neuroscience or a related discipline, an excellent record of research with a productive, federally funded research program and strong commitment to undergraduate and graduate education. Ideal candidates will have a strong program in one or more of the following areas: stress, learning and memory, addiction, neurodegenerative disorders, neuroimmunology, and/or neuroendocrinology. Epigenetic, genetic, electrophysiological, pharmacological, or neuroanatomical approaches are particularly desired. Applications should include a cover letter, statement of research interests and teaching philosophy, curriculum vitae, sample publications, and the names and contact information of three references. We will begin to review applications on October 15, 2012, and we will continue to accept applications until the position is filled. Applications should be sent to [neurosearch@cns.umass.edu](mailto:neurosearch@cns.umass.edu) or mailed to Behavioral Neuroscience Search Committee, Department of Psychology, 135 Hicks Way/Tobin Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003.

### **Tenure-track Faculty Position, Boston College**

The Department of Psychology of Boston College invites applications for a tenure-track position in Behavioral Neuroscience to begin July 1, 2013. Outstanding research in all areas of behavioral neuroscience will be considered, although we are particularly interested in applicants studying neural mechanisms of motivation, learning and memory, or behavioral development in mammals. Applicants should have postdoctoral experience. The rank is Assistant Professor, but for an outstanding candidate, appointment at the Associate Professor level is possible. Applicants will be evaluated on their potential to establish a prominent, externally funded research program and to excel in teaching at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. Applicants should e-mail to [psychsearch.bns@bc.edu](mailto:psychsearch.bns@bc.edu) one attached pdf document containing a cover letter, cv, research statement, and teaching statement outlining teaching experience and philosophy. Applicants should arrange to have three letters of reference, in pdf format, e-mailed to the same address (these references should be named in the cover letter). All materials must be submitted on or before October 15, 2012 for full consideration. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

### **Two Tenure-track Positions, The College of Wooster**

The Program in Neuroscience invites applications for two tenure-track positions beginning August 2013. One position will be housed in Biology, and one will be housed in Psychology. Both successful applicants will contribute to a rapidly growing interdisciplinary Neuroscience major.

#### **Assistant Professor of Biology**

Teaching responsibilities will include courses in cellular neuroscience and development. Additional responsibilities include teaching introductory molecular/cellular biology. Preference will be given to applicants who work in whole animal systems. Applicants should have a PhD; postdoctoral research and/or teaching experience preferred. Send curriculum vitae, statements of research and teaching philosophy, graduate and undergraduate transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to Dr. M. Loveless, Chair of Biology, The College of Wooster, Wooster, OH 44691 ([mloveless@wooster.edu](mailto:mloveless@wooster.edu)). Electronic applications are preferred, and should be received by October 5th, 2011 for full consideration.

#### **Assistant Professor of Psychology**

Teaching responsibilities will include Introductory Psychology, Human Neuropsychology, Introduction to Neuroscience, an Integrative Senior Seminar in Neuroscience, and courses in the candidate's area of specialty. Preference will be given to candidates with training in Human Neuroscience. Ph.D. or ABD required. Send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, graduate transcripts, statements of teaching and research interest, and arrange to have three letters of recommendation sent to [mspencer@wooster.edu](mailto:mspencer@wooster.edu). Hard copies may be sent to Mary Spencer 1189 Beall Avenue, The College of Wooster, Wooster, OH 44691. Questions concerning the position can

be addressed to John Neuhoff ([jneuhoff@wooster.edu](mailto:jneuhoff@wooster.edu)), Chair, Department of Psychology. Electronic applications are preferred, and should be received by October 5th, 2011 for full consideration.

## **Two Tenure-track Positions, University of Virginia**

The Department of Neuroscience at the University of Virginia seeks two creative and energetic applicants for tenure-track faculty positions. The Department of Neuroscience is developing a new center to study the roles of brain immunology and glial cells in neurodegenerative, cognitive and developmental disorders. Rank depends on qualifications. Candidates must have a PhD and/or MD with a background in cellular, molecular, or systems neuroscience. Postdoctoral experience and outstanding publication track record required. To apply, visit <http://jobs.virginia.edu> and search on Posting Number 0610283. Complete a Candidate Profile online and attach a cover letter, Curriculum Vitae, summary of current research activities, and contact information for three references. For further information about this position and application process, please contact Sharon Heyka via email [srh5g@virginia.edu](mailto:srh5g@virginia.edu) or call 434-924-9108.

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## **Post-doctoral Positions:**

### **Two Post-doctoral Positions, University of Liège, School of Medicine**

A postdoctoral position is available in the laboratory of Jacques Balthazart and Charlotte A. Cornil in the GIGA Neurosciences at the University of Liège, School of Medicine, to study the role of neuroestrogens on the control of brain function and behavior. Our laboratory utilizes molecular, anatomical and behavioral approaches to elucidate the role of neuroestrogens in the control of sexual motivation using the Japanese quail as an animal model. In collaboration with the electrophysiology group of the GIGA Neurosciences, we are currently extending our initial electrophysiological studies to in vitro patch-clamp recordings as well as in vivo recordings in awake and behaving animals. We are seeking for a highly motivated post-doc candidate with a strong background in electrophysiology and interested in behavioral neuroendocrinology. Experience in this field would be an asset. Applicants must have a PhD. The position is available immediately and applications will be considered until the position is filled. Funding is available for one year but may be extended according to progress and available funding. To apply, please send a motivation letter, CV and at least two letters of recommendation to [charlotte.cornil@ulg.ac.be](mailto:charlotte.cornil@ulg.ac.be). For more, information see: [http://www.giga.ulg.ac.be/jcms/prod\\_182120/equipe-de-j-balthazart](http://www.giga.ulg.ac.be/jcms/prod_182120/equipe-de-j-balthazart).

A postdoctoral position is available in the laboratory of Jacques Balthazart and Charlotte A. Cornil to study by a combination of in vivo imaging and molecular techniques the question of how brain plasticity is regulated at the cellular level in two songbird models (zebra finches and starlings) with different song learning and neuroplasticity characteristics. The successful candidate will be in charge of neuroanatomical and neurochemical studies by techniques such as immunohistochemistry, in situ hybridization and/or tract tracing that will be combined with in vivo imaging studies performed in Antwerpen. The candidate will also have the opportunity to participate in these imaging studies. We are seeking for a highly motivated post-doc candidate with a strong background in neuroendocrinology and (avian) neuroanatomy. Experience in the study of brain plasticity would be an asset. Applicants must have a PhD. The position is available on October 1st, 2012 and applications will be considered until the position is filled. Funding is available for five years

but contracts will be issued annually with possible renewal by mutual agreement. To apply, please send a motivation letter, CV and at least two letters of recommendation to Jacques Balthazart ([jbalthazart@ulg.ac.be](mailto:jbalthazart@ulg.ac.be)) or Charlotte Cornil ([charlotte.cornil@ulg.ac.be](mailto:charlotte.cornil@ulg.ac.be)). For more information, see: [http://www.giga.ulg.ac.be/jcms/prod\\_182120/equipe-de-j-balthazart](http://www.giga.ulg.ac.be/jcms/prod_182120/equipe-de-j-balthazart) and <http://webh01.ua.ac.be/biomag/index.htm>.

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