

**SBN**

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Message from the President

Happy New Year to all,

This past year saw many successes for our society. The biggest "thank you" for this year goes to Barney Schlinger and his colleagues at UCLA who did such a fantastic job organizing the 2007 meeting. The work done by the chairs (Randy Nelson, Sunny Body and Chris Wagner) and members of the Program, Education and Awards committees was spectacular and contributed greatly to the success of the meeting. In addition both of the Lehrman Award presentations were touching, moving, and natural highpoints of the year. I'd like to thank the members of the Executive Committee and the Staff at WJWeiser for a productive year. I am so grateful to be working with a wonderful group of fellow officers, committee chairs and members. Most of all thanks to the membership for supporting SBN and making this such a special undertaking. We look forward to an even more exciting and productive 2008.

Best,

Emilie Rissman
SBN President

Announcements (4)

1) Our 2008 Annual Meeting

Be sure to mark your new calendars for the 2008 meeting in Groningen July 7-10th. Preliminary program, transportation, general and registration information can be found at www.rug.nl/bcn or by going to the SBN website (www.sbn.org) and clicking on SBN 2008. The Program Committee headed by Jeff Blaustein has done a spectacular job of generating a diverse and high quality program.

2) Membership Renewal Reminder

We have had a fantastic response to our membership renewal drive, but if you are in the small minority of members who has not yet renewed for 2008 please go to the 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.

3) The Federation of Behavioral, Psychological, & Cognitive Sciences

Emilie Rissman represented us at the annual FBPCS meeting in Washington DC. This group is composed of 21 scientific societies. The mission of their permanent staff in DC is to lobby and represent issues of interest to Behavioral Scientists with staffers and congressional aides and also with federal funding organizations (NIH and NSF in particular). SBN has been a member for several years and we were previously represented by Jeff Blaustein and Elaine Hull. Both Jeff and Elaine now have elected positions on the council and so we are well respected and are a visible and active force. For more information go to: www.thefederationonline.org.

4) Stress Workshop - 2008

The ANS sponsored Neuroendocrine Workshop on Stress will take place from June 12th to June 15th, 2008 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Rafael, CA. Major areas to be addressed at the workshop include stress and epigenetics, neuroadaptation and plasticity induced by stress; and sex-related differences in stress responsivity. In addition, a session will celebrate Dr. Mary Dallman's contributions to the neuroendocrinology of stress on the occasion of her retirement from UCSF. During the 2008 Workshop, Dr. Bruce McEwen will deliver a keynote address and a session will be devoted to new approaches for the study of stress neuroendocrinology. There will also be an open poster session for other scientific contributions. Further information can be found on the ANS website (www.neuroendocrine.org). Other inquires should be directed to Dr. Jim Koenig (jkoenig@mprc.umaryland.edu).

New Job Posting (1)

1) BIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY POSITION AT OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY

The Department of Psychology, Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, GA, invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor position in biopsychology, beginning August 2008. The normal teaching load is 3-3, including Behavioral Neuroscience, Drugs, The Brain, and Behavior, Sensation and Perception, and contribution to the core curriculum in COR 401 Science and Human Nature: The Biological Sciences. Additional teaching responsibilities may include service courses for the major (e.g., Introduction to Psychology), development of new courses (e.g., Hormones and Behavior), as well as opportunities to teach special topics courses. The qualified candidate is an excellent teacher who has a Ph.D. in biopsychology or neuropsychology, experience teaching at a small liberal arts college, and who has experience with academic advising and mentoring undergraduate students in research activities. Regarding the latter, the preferred candidate will have a program of research that is appropriate for an undergraduate teaching-oriented college that provides ample opportunity for training students in preparation for graduate school (please note that the department does not have animal laboratory facilities; thus, the ideal candidate will be able to describe how she or he can conduct research with this limitation in mind). Oglethorpe University is a selective liberal arts college with an enrollment of 1000 students (for more information, see www.oglethorpe.edu). To assure full consideration, forward a letter of interest, evidence of teaching effectiveness, and curriculum vita with three letters of reference by March 1, 2008 to: biopsychologysearch@oglethorpe.edu. Inquiries may be made to jcarton@oglethorpe.edu. EOE.