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Email: info@sbn.orgWebsite: www.sbn.org**SBN Announcements****Call for Nominations for SBN President-Elect and Secretary**

This year will be one of transition for the positions of President-elect and Secretary of the SBN. A Nominating Committee for these positions has been appointed:

Geert De Vries, University of Massachusetts Chair
Andrew Bass, Cornell University
Anne Etgen, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Tracey Shors, Rutgers University
Joseph Lonstein, Michigan State University

Nominations are now being solicited for the position of President-Elect and Secretary of the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology to serve starting in July of 2011.

Self-nomination is encouraged. Self-nominations should ask for at least one additional nomination from a member of SBN.

Nominations will close **February 28, 2011**.

Please send nominations (e-mail is preferred) to Geert De Vries, Nominating Committee Chair at devries@cns.umass.edu. Paper nominations may be sent to:

Geert De Vries
University of Massachusetts
Center for Neuroendocrine Studies
Tobin Hall
Amherst MA 01003-9271

Duties of the SBN President

The SBN president supports and leads all dimensions of the mission of the Society. This includes convening and chairing regular meetings of the Executive Board as well as communicating with the advisory board about policy issues as well as future meetings. The president appoints the program committee and works with them and the local organizing committee

to facilitate successful conferences. At the annual meeting the president organizes the business meeting as well as meetings of the advisory board and addresses the membership at the annual banquet. The president, in consultation with the executive board, selects members of the various committees and appoints chairs of these committees. The president also organizes nomination committees for elections as well as the selection committee for a new editor of *Hormones and Behavior* at the end of each four year term. The president also interacts with the management company the society has engaged to insure the smooth running of the society. The president also represents the society to outside organizations and other societies or appoints someone to do this.

Duties of the SBN Secretary

The SBN Secretary is responsible for the coordination and preparation of timely and effective communication to SBN members. The Secretary also serves as a full member of the Executive Board. The specific responsibilities of the Secretary include soliciting, receiving and editing news items and announcements to be included in a monthly newsletter, soliciting and receiving announcements appropriate for email distribution to SBN membership. The Secretary also coordinates and facilitates communication between Committee Chairs and prompt committee chairs regarding all timely communication to SBN members. The Secretary takes minutes of meetings of the Advisory Board and participates in all Executive Committee discussions.

Present your research at SBN 2011!

The 2011 Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology Annual Meeting will be held at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) Institute of Neurobiology in Queretaro, Mexico from June 23-26, 2011. Below are some important dates to keep in mind.

Abstract submission deadlines:

For SBN Trainee Members: Undergrads, Graduate Students and Post Docs:

If you would like to enter the poster award competition, or apply for a Travel or Young Investigator Award, the deadline for submitting your **application materials and your abstract** will be **Friday March 18, 2011 at NOON CST.**

If you are an **invited speaker** at the meeting, or you would like to present a poster without applying for an award, the deadline for non-award abstract submissions will be **Friday April 15, 2011 at NOON CST.**

Registration deadline:

The deadline for early registration will be **Friday April 15, 2011.** Stay tuned for details about registration for the meeting, and how to secure housing in Queretaro.

Call for Nominations: Daniel S. Lehrman Lifetime Achievement Award

Nominations are being accepted for the Daniel S. Lehrman Lifetime Achievement Award in Behavioral Neuroendocrinology.

The purpose of this award is fourfold. We wish to honor the lifetime achievement of the most distinguished investigators in our field, open an opportunity for the SBN members to show their appreciation and respect, educate the younger members of our field about the life and work of our distinguished foremothers and forefathers and their own academic lineage, and create a public education/public relations opportunity to invite the press to an exciting scientific presentation at our annual meeting.

AWARD CRITERIA: Investigators that have sustained a record of significant original research, distinguished scholarship, and highly effective mentorship in any field of behavioral neuroendocrinology may be nominated. They may be either retired or still active in research, provided they have been a full professor (or foreign equivalent, if outside the U.S., or industry equivalent, if working outside academia) for more than 10 years and have trained a significant number of students and research associates who have, in turn, made exceptional contributions in behavioral neuroendocrinology.

NOMINATIONS: Submit a letter of nomination, including a detailed description of the nominee's most significant contributions to research, scholarship and mentorship and a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae. More than one nomination letter or jointly written nomination letters are helpful to the committee. Electronic applications are preferred.

Send materials by **March 1, 2011** to
Barney Schlinger, Chair, SBN Awards Committee
schlinge@lifesci.ucla.edu

The award, in the form of an engraved sculpture, will be presented at the banquet of the annual Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology Meeting. Daniel Lehrman was one of the most influential scientists in our field. Lehrman was an astute observer of the social interactions between animals in natural environments, and he was largely responsible for making the connection between these behavioral changes and the hypothalamic-pituitary system. Thus, he can be seen as one of the founders of Behavioral Neuroendocrinology. Through his original and creative behavioral experiments, coupled with his ability to incorporate contemporary methodological developments in neuroendocrinology, he made an enormous impact in elucidating the reciprocal relationship between hormones and behavior. Through his scholarship, mentoring and teaching, and most notably his leadership role in the founding of the Institute for Animal Behavior at Rutgers University, he influenced a whole generation of scientists studying animal behavior. Many current members of SBN can trace their academic lineage to Lehrman. Preference will be given to nominees who share many of the best characteristics of Daniel Lehrman.

Attention SBN Trainees: Get recognition for your research! Undergrads, Graduate Students, and Post Docs

SBN recognizes exceptional research by SBN trainees with three types of awards at the SBN meeting: Poster Awards, Travel Awards, and Young Investigator Awards. The eligibility and application requirements for each

are described below, and are also available on the SBN website at www.sbn.org. Award applications should be submitted through the SBN website, once the site opens for abstract submissions.

Note that there is an early deadline for award applications and abstracts: **March 18, 2011 Noon CST.**

Poster Awards are open to undergraduates, senior graduate students, and post docs. Judges will evaluate posters at the meeting, and awards (non-monetary) will be given at the meeting banquet.

Poster award applications require a brief description of the significance of the work to behavioral neuroendocrinology and the applicant's contribution to it. In addition, applicants must list where the work was conducted (whether it was in an undergraduate, graduate or postdoctoral position), and whether that is the same or different than the position they will have when attending the meeting.

Travel Awards are available to trainees at any level. Trainees must be first author on an abstract presented at the meeting. The Education Committee will review the applications and will consider information provided in the application, along with other factors such as maintaining a balance by awarding trainees at all levels proportionally to their numbers in the application pool. No more than one trainee from each laboratory will be granted a travel award. Travel Awardees are eligible to enter the Poster competition.

Travel award applications require a brief description of the significance of the work to behavioral neuroendocrinology and the applicant's contribution to it. Travel Award applicants must also provide a short justification of the need for financial assistance to attend the meeting, including an explanation of other sources of available funds. Faculty mentors should be asked to prepare a letter of recommendation that will be directly uploaded to the website.

Young Investigator Awards are open to senior graduate students and post docs who have a substantial story to tell about their research program. Individuals receiving Young Investigator Awards will give a talk in the Young Investigator Symposium, and may not present a poster in addition to their talk.

Young Investigator award applications require a statement of research history and goals (one page). Applicants for the Young Investigator Award will be asked to submit a second abstract (we anticipate that the abstract for a Young Investigator's talk would be more broad than one for a poster). Young Investigators will be selected by the end of April, and all applicants will be notified of the type of their presentation. Three letters of recommendation should be requested, one of which is from the applicant's current faculty mentor. These letters will be directly uploaded to the website.

Individuals who won an award in the last two years are not eligible to compete for the same type of award, and all award applications will require a CV.

Membership Renewal

The time to renew your membership in SBN for 2011 is now!

Renewing your membership in a timely manner helps SBN cut costs and saves considerable time and effort for our support staff. For your convenience dues can be paid on the SBN website at www.sbn.org.

Many of us have benefited from the excitement of the annual meeting for anywhere from a few years to several decades. With back-to-back international venues, last summer in Toronto and next summer in Mexico, the meeting has taken on an additional flair. Remember that you will need an active membership to submit abstracts for next summer's meeting and to register. This is also a good time to encourage any friends and colleagues working in the field to join the Society. By encouraging others to join and by renewing your membership you can ensure SBN's vitality and growth into the future.

SBN Media Contest

The SBN Public Education Committee is excited to announce a Media Contest for trainees. Participation in the contest will not only help educate the public about science, but it documents your initiative and creativity in scientific outreach and it could also help defray your costs to attend the next SBN meeting.

Goal: To solicit high-quality, information YouTube-style videos which pertain to behavioral neuroendocrinology from trainees in SBN. Selected videos will be posted on the SBN website to be accessed by the public and used by educators with the goal of improving public science literacy within the topic of behavioral neuroendocrinology.

Criteria: Originality; Visual appeal; Informative; Interesting without trivializing science; appropriate for K-12. Length should be 3-5 minutes.

Possible topics: Gender differences; Diversity of hormone effects; Hormones across the lifespan; Hormone effects in various animal models; Clinical cases; Hormonal rhythms; social bonds.

Timeline: Submissions should be sent as a DVD, with a deadline of May 1, 2011. A winner would be announced at the SBN meeting in Mexico.

Prizes will be travel awards to offset travel expenses to the meeting. Runners-up would also be acknowledged by having their video posted on the SBN website.

SBN on Facebook

The SBN Facebook page now has 238 members! Please check it out and consider joining if you haven't already.

Job Postings/Training Opportunities

Faculty Positions:

Assistant Professor Social Neuroscientist - Wayne State University

As part of the University's initiative to enhance existing programs of excellence, applications are invited for a tenure-track faculty appointment in the area of social neuroscience. Successful candidates will be expected to develop an independent, externally funded research program that complements and interacts with existing strengths in the department. The successful candidate for this position would conduct research using neuroscience techniques with a social psychology perspective and would contribute to both undergraduate and graduate teaching in social psychology.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Wayne State is committed to development of innovative approaches to neuroscience and supports a state-of-the art MRI Research Center with an outstanding staff of MR physicists and technologists dedicated to research and development. Wayne State University is a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University-Extensive and is ranked by NSF among the top 50 public research universities in total R&D expenditures. We are located in the cultural center of Detroit, a metropolitan area of five million people. See <http://www.clas.wayne.edu/Psychology> and <http://www.wayne.edu> for more information about the Department and the University. Applicants should submit a CV, key reprints/preprints, statements of research and teaching interests, and have three letters of reference sent to R. Douglas Whitman, Chair, Department of Psychology, Wayne State University, 5057 Woodward Avenue, Suite 7908, Detroit, MI 48202. This position is pending final budgetary approval. **Inquiries and materials can be submitted electronically (on-line application instructions will follow at a later date)** to psychology@wayne.edu. Wayne State is an Affirmative Action/Equal Access/Equal Opportunity Employer that encourages women and minority candidates to apply.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign - Open Rank Faculty Positions, Department of Comparative Biosciences

The Department of Comparative Biosciences at the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign invites applications for two open positions at the Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor level. Candidates must possess a Ph.D., or equivalent degree. Postdoctoral training is preferred. Candidates currently at the Associate or Full Professor rank with federal funding are especially encouraged to apply. The successful candidates will participate in the professional and graduate curricula and develop research programs which complement existing department and campus strengths in developmental and reproductive biology, endocrinology, neuroscience, environmental toxicology, stem cell biology, and cancer biology. Full information about the department is available at <http://vetmed.illinois.edu/cb/index.html>. The positions are regular, full-time, 9-month, tenured or tenure track appointments, and are available August, 2011. Salary and rank will be commensurate with

qualifications.

Qualified applicants should apply on line at <https://jobs.illinois.edu>. Applications should include a cover letter including a research statement, CV, and contact information for three references. Questions may be directed to Dr. Jodi Flaws, chair, jflaws@illinois.edu or 217/333-7933.

In order to ensure full consideration, applications must be received by February 1, 2011. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. The University of Illinois is an equal opportunity employer.

Faculty Position in Cognitive Neuroscience, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

As part of a major research growth initiative, The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee is seeking applicants for a faculty position in Cognitive Neuroscience. This position will build directly on the current strength of our program (neuroscience.uwm.edu) and the appointment will be made at the Assistant Professor level.

Successful applicants will participate in the Center for Imaging Research (www.firc.mcw.edu) which provides multiple research dedicated imaging platforms and technical infrastructure for brain mapping in human subjects and laboratory animals. Area of research specialization is open but outstanding individuals with interests in attention, perception, action, language, or emotion are particularly encouraged to apply. Responsibilities include developing an independent extramurally funded research program and teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in the neurosciences and experimental psychology.

Applicants must have a Ph.D. in neuroscience or a closely related field, research interests in cognitive neuroscience, and significant postdoctoral research experience. Preferred qualifications are strong potential for extramural funding; demonstrated research productivity; interest in fostering graduate and undergraduate research experience; excellence in graduate and undergraduate teaching; and the ability to strengthen or expand existing programs.

Review of applications will begin on November 15, 2010 and continue until the positions are filled. To apply online please see: <http://jobs.uwm.edu/postings/4938>

A complete application will consist of a cover letter, vita, a concise statement of research interests, and three letters of reference. Candidates may submit a statement of teaching interests. All application materials may be submitted electronically, except applicants should arrange for three letters of reference to be mailed to Neuroscience Search Committee, Department of Psychology, UWM, PO Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201. UWM is an equal opportunity institution committed to diversity.

Faculty Position - Assistant Professor - Integrative Vertebrate Physiology, University of California, Riverside

The Department of Biology at the University of California, Riverside invites

applications for a tenure-track 9-month academic position at the Assistant Professor rank beginning July 1, 2011. A Ph.D. in Physiology or a related field and at least one year of postdoctoral experience are required. The salary for this position is commensurate with the education and experience of the successful candidate. Applicants are expected to develop a strong and externally funded research program in functional biology of vertebrates, focusing on physiological mechanisms, integrative functioning of organ systems, biomechanics, and/or behavior. We seek a candidate who can bridge our existing departmental strengths in integrative and comparative physiology with campus-wide strengths in biomedical and applied physiology.

Opportunities include collaborations with a variety of campus research centers (<http://www.cnas.ucr.edu/centers/index.html>), the emerging medical school, and the University of California Natural Reserve System. All faculty members teach at the undergraduate and graduate level, and may participate in one or more interdepartmental graduate programs. Applicants should log on to <https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/574> to submit their curriculum vitae, separate statements of research and teaching interests, and up to three reprints. In addition, applicants should request that three letters of recommendation be submitted through <https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/574>.

Review of applications will begin on November 30, 2010. Website: <http://biology.ucr.edu>.

The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

Associate or Full Professor -- American University College of Arts and Sciences

The Department of Biology at American University invites applications for a tenured position at the advanced Associate or Full Professor level, to begin Fall 2011. A PhD in Endocrinology or a closely related field; an established record of research including evidence of significant external funding and a strong publication record; and substantial teaching experience are required. Responsibilities will include maintaining a strong externally funded research program, recruiting new faculty, mentoring junior faculty and graduate students, teaching undergraduate and graduate courses, including advanced courses in endocrinology, and providing university service. The primary appointment will be in the Department of Biology, with possible joint appointment in the Department of Psychology depending on experience and research interests. Applicants should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, an overview of their research program, and the names of at least 3 references to: Dr. Victoria Connaughton, Endocrinology Search Committee Chair, Department of Biology, American University, 4400 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20016. To submit electronically (preferred), send applications to biology@american.edu. Review of applicants will begin on November 30, 2010 and continue until the position is filled. American University is an Affirmative Action Equal Opportunity Employer, committed to a diverse faculty, staff and student body. Women and minority candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

Postdoctoral Positions:

Postdoctoral position in neuroscience/patch-clamp electrophysiology, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

A post-doctoral position is immediately available in the group of Dr. Raphael Pinaud in the Department of Physiology/ROCA at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, OK. The overarching goal of the projects associated with this position is to determine how estrogen modulates the auditory processing of complex auditory signals, and determine the intracellular mechanisms through which this hormone regulates auditory learning and plasticity-associated gene expression (see Tremere et al. (2009) J. Neurosci. 29: 5949-5963; Tremere et al. (2010) Nature Prot. 5: 191-200; Tremere & Pinaud, (2011) J. Neurosci. - in press). The position is available for a highly motivated individual who has an excellent record for productivity in research and is enthusiastic about the neural basis of auditory processing and plasticity, and/or neuroendocrinology. More specifically, the position is open for an individual with strong experience whole-cell patch clamp electrophysiology in neurons. The candidate should have a Ph.D. in the biological sciences. This full-time position is available for 1-year initially, with the potential for renewals for up to 4 additional years, and is funded by grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Science Foundation (NSF). Salary will be commensurate with experience and competitive benefits are provided. Applications will be reviewed immediately and continue until the positions are filled. Interested candidates should e-mail a short letter of interest, a CV with a summary of research experiences, and the names and contact information of 3 references to raphael-pinaud@ouhsc.edu.

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Behavioral Neuroscience, Dept. of Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Postdoctoral fellowship available in the lab of Dr. Karyn Frick starting February, 2011 to study how aging, ovarian hormones, and the environment affect memory and hippocampal function in rodents. Our studies combine a variety of approaches including behavioral, biochemical, pharmacological, genetic, and anatomical methods to understand the molecular mechanisms underlying the effects of aging, estrogens, progestagens, environmental enrichment, and stress on the hippocampus and hippocampal memory formation. The Neuroscience Program in at UWM has expanded significantly in recent years with the addition of 5 new faculty. My newly renovated lab is one of 9 active neuroscience labs in the department, all of which focus on the neurobiology of learning and memory. Candidates should have a Ph.D. in Neuroscience, Pharmacology, Psychology or related discipline, and should be highly motivated and able to work both independently and as part of a team. Experience in molecular biology/biochemistry, stereotaxic surgery, and behavioral testing especially desirable. Additional information on the lab is available at <http://uwm.edu/~frickk>. Please send CV with names of three references and a statement of research interests to Dr. Karyn M. Frick at frickk@uwm.edu.

Postdoctoral positions at the University of Massachusetts

A postdoctoral position is available at the University of Massachusetts to study the neural and neuroendocrine control of natural behavior. Several project themes are currently available, including a focus on the regulation of auditory forebrain neuronal excitability by neuromodulators such as steroids and catecholamines. Using the songbird model system, our research combines highly sensitive, in vivo measures of neurochemistry with electrophysiological, biochemical, histological, and molecular approaches. Applicants must have a PhD and training in neuroscience and/or neuroendocrinology. Previous methodological experience with either in vivo microdialysis or electrophysiology is preferred. For more information on the laboratory visit our website: <http://www.umass.edu/healeylab>

For more information on the position, please contact Dr. Luke Ramage-Healey: healey@cns.umass.edu.

The University of Massachusetts is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Individuals from a variety of backgrounds and experiences are encouraged to apply.