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SBN Announcements

1) 2009 SBN Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars, the SBN meeting will be held June 24 – 27, 2009, at Michigan State University. SBN meeting registration will be available on line (sbn.org) shortly.

Deadlines for abstract submission will be April 1, 2009. For students and post docs applications for Travel and Young Investigator awards will be available on the website soon and will be due March 1st.

Finally students and post docs that wish to compete for poster awards will also have to enter online by March 1, 2009. To enter the poster competition or apply for travel or young investigator awards you must be an SBN member so join now!

2) Membership Renewal

It is time to renew your membership in SBN for 2009! To help ease the process, the website can now accept credit cards for your yearly dues. This is an exciting time in behavioral neuroendocrinology and for our society in particular. We have an exciting meeting being planned this coming June 25 – 27, 2009 at Michigan State University. The society has a newly created Public Education and Membership committees as well as new membership in the American Institute of Biological Sciences. The website continues to evolve into a significant site to obtain up-to-date information about our society, the field of behavioral neuroendocrinology and our members. We encourage you to renew your membership to maintain SBN's vitality and growth into the future.

3) Nominations for SBN Officers

The membership committee seeks nominations for president-elect and for secretary. Please send the name of your nominee for these important positions to committee chair Art Arnold at: arnold@ucla.edu. The deadline for submission is January 31, 2009.

4) Humboldt Research Award

We are pleased to report that one of our members, Dr. Hubert Schwabl of Washington State University has been elected the recipient of a *Humboldt Research Award*. This award is conferred in recognition of lifetime achievements in research. In addition, the recipient is invited to carry out research projects of his/her own choice in cooperation with specialist colleagues in Germany. You can find further information about this award on the Humboldt website: <http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/7806.html>

Congratulations to Hubert!

5) Call for Nominations: Daniel S. Lehrman Lifetime Achievement Award

Nominations are being accepted for the 4th 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 15, 2009 to:

Elaine Hull, Chair, SBN Awards Committee
hull@psy.fsu.edu

The award, in the form of an engraved plaque, will be presented at the banquet of the annual Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology Meeting in June 2009.

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.

General Announcements

1) NSF Positions Available

The Integrative Organismal Systems Division in the Directorate for Biological Sciences is seeking to fill two permanent Program Director positions. One of these will be in the Neural Systems cluster and the other in the Physiological and Structural Systems cluster. Both could be of interest to SBN members. Detailed information on the positions including salary, qualifications, and application procedures can be found at the link below. John Godwin is also happy to speak with interested persons and can be reached at jgodwin@nsf.gov or (703) 292-4845.

www.usajobs.gov

Job Announcement Number: E20090027. This is most easily found by going to the Search Jobs tab on the upper left part of the page, then entering the Job Announcement Number, and hitting the Search for Jobs button at the bottom of the page.

2) Society for Women's Health Research Accepting Nominations for Prize for Contributions to Women's Health

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2009 Society for Women's Health Research Medtronic Prize for Scientific Contributions to Women's Health. The annual \$75,000 prize recognizes a woman scientist or engineer for her contributions to women's health. It also encourages women scientists and engineers to work on issues uniquely related to women's health and rewards women who have devoted a significant part of their careers to this area. The nomination form can be found here (please paste the entire address into your web browser):

http://www.womenshealthresearch.org/site/DocServer/2009_Nomination_Form.pdf?docID=2261

"Women's health deserves a specific and careful research focus because it is different from men's health at a biological level across so many conditions, diseases and organ systems," said Jo Parrish, vice president of institutional advancement for the Society, a Washington, D.C., based non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the health of all women through research, education and advocacy. "Women scientists need recognition of their work, as well as encouragement to continue research in key fields of health. This award brings attention and support to two areas of great importance to women."

The prize will be given to an outstanding scientist or engineer in early to mid-career whose work has led or will lead directly to the improvement of women's health. The recipient's commitment to sex differences research and their success as a role model and as a mentor will be noted.

A panel of scientists selected by the Society will select the award winner. Full selection criteria and the award's application process are available on the Society's Web site, www.womenshealthresearch.org <<http://www.womenshealthresearch.org>>. The application deadline is Jan. 28, 2009, and the award will be presented at the Society's annual gala on April 20, in Washington, D.C.

Founded in 1990, the Society brought to national attention the need for the appropriate inclusion of women in major medical research studies and the need for more information about conditions affecting women disproportionately, predominately, or differently than men. Medtronic, Inc., based in Minneapolis, is a global leader in medical technology. The Medtronic Foundation is committed to helping people live healthy and productive lives. Its grant making is focused in three specific areas: health, education and community.

The Society for Women's Health Research is the nation's only non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the health of all women through research, education and advocacy. Founded in 1990, the Society brought to national attention the need for the appropriate inclusion of women in major medical research studies and the need for more information about conditions affecting women disproportionately, predominately, or differently than men. The Society advocates increased funding for research on women's health; encourages the study of sex differences that may affect the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease; promotes the inclusion of women in medical research studies; and informs women, providers, policy makers and media about contemporary women's health issues. Visit the Society's Web site at www.womenshealthresearch.org for more information.

3) 2009 Workshop on Steroid Hormones and Brain Function: Young Investigator Symposium

The 2009 Workshop on Steroid Hormones and Brain Function will be held in Breckenridge, CO from April 1 – 4, 2009 (www.steroidworkshop.org). We are soliciting nominations for senior graduate students or current postdoctoral fellows to participate in the Young Investigator Symposium, which is generously supported by the National Science Foundation. Awardees receive expenses for travel and lodging (shared with another young investigator winner), with the conference registration waived. Recipients of the award are expected to stay for the entire duration of the meeting.

Applicants should include a current CV, an abstract of the research to be presented, and a one-page research history/professional goals, and a sponsor's letter. This information should be sent as a single document attachment (in Adobe PDF or MS Word format) by e-mail to Paul Mermelstein (pmerm@umn.edu) by the January 31, 2009 deadline. Applicants will be notified of the decision in February.

4) Year of Science 2009 Kicks Off Across the Nation

The Coalition on the Public Understanding of Science (COPUS) kicked off Year of Science 2009 (YoS2009) – a national, yearlong, grassroots celebration – this past week in Boston at the annual meeting of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology. COPUS, which represents more than 500 organizations, is celebrating how science works, who scientists are, and why science matters.

For more information, please visit a special Web site (www.yearofscience2009.org) for more information on this yearlong, national event. COPUS, which began with support from the National Science Foundation, has grown to be an inclusive grassroots endeavor spurring communication and collaboration in the scientific community while shining the spotlight on science in 2009. To register as a participant or to learn more, visit www.copusproject.org.

For more information about COPUS and the Year of Science 2009, please visit:

- www.copusproject.org
- www.yearofscience2009.org
- <http://blogs.aibs.org/copus/>

