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Mark your calendars, the SBN meeting will be held June 24 - 27, 2009 at Michigan State University. SBN meeting registration is available online at www.sbn.org.

Deadline Extension: Students and post docs that wish to compete for an awards will until March 6, 2009 to get their applications and their letters of support uploaded on line. To enter the poster competition or apply for travel or young investigator awards you must be a current SBN member so join or renew now!

The deadline for all other abstract submissions (posters and invited speakers) will be April 1, 2009.

Airline fares are quite low, so book your flights soon!

Call For Nominations: Daniel S. Lehrman Lifetime Achievement Award

Deadline: March 15, 2009

Nominations are being accepted for the 4nd 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.

Please 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.

Election Year Notice to Regular Members

This is an election year for SBN. We will have the ballot for President-Elect and Secretary online soon. The Nominations Committee; Art Arnold, Anne Etgen and Jessica Mong have put together the following slate of outstanding candidates:

President Elect:

Jeffrey Blaustein (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)
Barney Schlinger (University of California, Los Angeles)

Secretary:

Julie Bakker (University of Liege)
Christine Wagner (State University of New York at Albany).

Membership Renewal

If you haven't already done so, please remember 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.

New Poster and Symposia Opportunities at Annual Society for Neuroscience Meeting

Announcements are forthcoming regarding newly available mini-symposia and poster "bundling" opportunities at the annual SFN meeting. SBN members are encouraged to consider organizing a symposia or connecting with colleagues to bundle their posters as ways to give greater exposure to our field of behavioral neuroendocrinology at this meeting. Keep an eye open for these announcements from SFN.

Stimulus Package News for SBN members

As you are all aware the ARRA (stimulus package) will provide stimulus monies to NIH, NSF and other science funding mechanisms. Things are in a state of flux and there is information and misinformation out there. Clearly NIH is still working out their priorities for how this money will be distributed but a few things are clear at this time.

1. Each Institute will have its own priorities. If you are funded, or have a grant pending funding at one of the NIH Institutes you should receive updates on their decisions pertaining to funding mechanisms. If you are not getting these updates you might check for announcements online at the NIH website.
2. The turn around for releasing these funds has to be very fast, and the accountability for how the money is spent will have to be more structured than for a typical NIH grant.

3. If you have a grant application in the "grey zone" near the pay line it may be wise to contact your program officer.

4. If you have a funded NIH grant one likely mechanism for dispersion of funds is supplement requests, but the specifics have not been worked out as of yet.

Please visit the following website for additional information:

<http://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/internet/grants/22009niharracall.pdf>

General Announcements

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.

Job Postings/Training Opportunities

Summer School in Behavioral Neuroendocrinology

With support from the National Science Foundation, a consortium of faculty from the University of Massachusetts, Michigan State University, the Center for Behavioral Neuroscience (Georgia State University, Emory University, Clark Atlanta University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Morehouse College, Morehouse Medical School, Morris Brown College, Spelman College), Ohio State University, Northwestern University and the University of Michigan will be sponsoring a Summer School of Behavioral Neuroendocrinology (SSBNE) for undergraduates who are considering graduate studies. For 2009, the course will be offered June 17-23 on the campus of Michigan State University. Students will get hands-on experience in laboratory work and the analysis of behavior. In addition, faculty from the sponsoring institutions and other universities will offer lectures on specialized topics, including sex differences in behavior and the nervous system, reproductive behavior, maternal behavior, aggression, courtship and comparative research. Travel expenses, lodging and meals will be provided. Students will also receive funds to attend the meeting of the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology (SBN) June 24-28, 2009 also on the Michigan State University campus immediately after the summer school is concluded. People who have already been admitted to a graduate program are not eligible to attend. Students can learn more about the program by visiting the website: <http://www.ssbne.org>. Students wishing to attend the summer school must commit to attend the entire school and SBN meeting (arriving at MSU on Wed June 17, departing on Sun June 28) should submit a CV, a 1-2 page statement of career goals, and should ask 1-3 people to provide letters of recommendation.

Application materials and letters should be emailed as PDF FILES ONLY directly to: ssbne@msu.edu. Materials should be received by May 1, 2009 for full consideration.

College of the Liberal Arts: Department of Anthropology Postdoctoral Researcher

The Department of Anthropology at The Pennsylvania State University seeks applicants for a Postdoctoral Researcher in the laboratory of Dr. David Puts to investigate hormonal contributions to the development of psychological sex differences. The successful candidate will use the techniques and principles of behavioral endocrinology to test related hypotheses using hormonal, genetic,

anthropometric and psychometric data from human subjects. In addition to designing and implementing new studies, the successful applicant will submit proposals for internal and external research funding and author manuscripts for submission to peer-reviewed journals. Doctoral degree in anthropology, biology, neuroscience, psychology or a related field is required. This is a fixed-term appointment funded for one year from the date of hire with the possibility of re-funding.

Submit curriculum vita, cover letter, and contact information for 3 references in electronic form (Word or PDF preferred) to Faye Maring at fmaring@psu.edu; electronic submission strongly preferred. If unable to send electronically, applications can be mailed to:

Faye Maring, Department of Anthropology,
Pennsylvania State University
414 Carpenter Building
University Park, PA 16802.

Applications received by March 27, 2009, will receive full consideration; however, all applications will be considered until the position is filled. For information about the department, visit our Web site at <http://www.anthro.psu.edu>. Penn State is committed to affirmative action, equal opportunity and the diversity of its workforce.

Study Behavioral Neuroendocrinology at UCLA

This upcoming year we expect to make several appointments at the pre- and postdoctoral levels to a training grant entitled "Neuroendocrinology, Sex differences and Reproduction". This highly successful training grant is in its 29th year of continuous funding and supports The Laboratory of Neuroendocrinology, of the UCLA Brain Research Institute. For information on training opportunities and associated faculty please visit www.lne.ucla.edu.

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