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SBN Announcements

SBN 2012 in Madison, WI, Next Month

The annual SBN meeting will be held in Madison, Wisconsin, June 15 -18 at the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Monona Terrace: www.mononaterrace.com.

Meeting Highlights

Keynote Speakers: Larry Young (Emory University), Rae Silver (Columbia University), Heather Cameron (NIMH)

Pre-Meeting Workshop: Strategies for Studying Social Behavior and the Social Brain

Symposia:

Neuroendocrine-Immune Interactions

Neuroplasticity, Neurosteroidogenesis, & Neurotrauma

Hormones and Evolutionary Trade-Offs in Social Context for Females and Males

Kisspeptins and the Control of Reproduction

Neural Plasticity and Endocrine Responses to Social Odor Cues in Parents

Young Investigators Symposium

Meeting & program information are available at: <http://sbn.org/meetings/2012/>.

Meeting & housing information can be found at <http://sbn.org/meetings/2012/default.aspx> and the registration page is at: <http://sbn.org/meetings/2012/register.aspx>.

New to the SBN Program

The annual SBN meeting will host several new programs this year.

1. New member welcome and orientation. First time attendees will be introduced to the meeting and our society during the "New Members Workshop". The workshop precedes the scientific program on Friday from noon to 2:00 p.m. and will serve to introduce our newest members to the SBN, its officers and the annual meeting.

2. Travel award poster session. Come and meet the latest travel award winners. Travel award winners will present their posters on Friday from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00pm. Come see why the Awards Committee voted to support these talented members.

3. The Open Lecture has been canceled. Instead, we invite the first time attendees to "debrief" with the Education Committee over dinner.

4. Speed mentoring! Looking for a mentor? Happy to help a mentee? Come join us for lunch, discussion and a chance to meet others like yourself for a fast-paced mentoring matching session at noon on Sunday. Please sign up during registration so we know how many to expect!

Call for Nominations for the Frank A. Beach Young Investigator Award in Behavioral Neuroendocrinology

Nominations are now being accepted for the 23rd annual Frank A. Beach Award in Behavioral Neuroendocrinology. The award will be made to a new investigator, normally within eight years post-PhD (or MD) who shows exceptional promise for making significant contributions to the field of Behavioral Neuroendocrinology. Investigators conducting original, independent research in any area of Behavioral Neuroendocrinology may be nominated. The nominator(s) should submit ONE letter of nomination. This letter can be jointly signed by any number of individuals of any rank, but the Committee will consider only one letter. A current copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae should be included with the nomination. Re-nomination of individuals nominated previously, who still meet the nomination criteria, but were not chosen, is encouraged.

The Awardee will present a short lecture (15 minutes), receive the award and an honorarium at the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology Social at the Society for Neuroscience (in New Orleans sometime between October 13-18). A paper based on the text of the lecture will also be published in **Hormones and Behavior**.

This year's Beach awardee will be selected by the SBN Awards Committee, which members include: Emilie Rissman (Chair), Barbara Woodside, Shaila Mani, Barney Schlinger and Leonida

Fusani. The deadline for nominations is **August 15, 2012**. Nominations for this year's award or questions about the nomination procedures should be sent to:

Dr. Emilie Rissman, University of Virginia, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics, PO Box 800733, Charlottesville, VA 22908-0733. Submission of nomination materials as PDF files via email is encouraged: Rissman@virginia.edu.

General Announcements

Remembering Alison Douglas

Alison Douglas, who was suffering from breast cancer, passed away on May 9, 2012. She will be taken to her home in Northern Ireland for burial next week. She passed away peacefully with her husband, Stephen, at her side at the Marie Curie hospice in Edinburgh, Scotland. While she had been fighting the disease for two years, it was only in the last few weeks that she was unable to continue her professional and academic life. Alison was chair of the British Society for Neuroendocrinology and a member of the International Neuroendocrine Federation (INF) Council. A brief tribute is posted here: <http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/integrative-physiology/news-events/news/201205-alison-douglas>.

From the Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences (FABBS) of which SBN is a member:

A Communications Toolkit was prepared by the FABBS Foundation's new science writer to help scientists engage with the media. If any of your scientists have questions, we invite them to contact Robin Tricoles (RTricoles@fabbsfoundation.org). Robin intends to update the toolkit on a regular basis (probably several times a year), so visit the FABBS website at www.fabbsfoundation.org/science-communications to check for the latest version.

Protect Science Funding! Join the FABBS Action Alert List Now

SBN requests your help in protecting funding for science by joining the Action E-List of FABBS, the Federation of Associations in the Behavioral and Brain Sciences, an organization that represents SBN to Congress and other branches of government.

NIH predicts that when the cuts related to the White House's Budget Control Act that begin in Jan. 2013 are added to already stagnant funding levels, success rates will drop into the single digits and there will be a loss of around 2,300 research grants. NSF and other federal science agencies are likely to take similar hits. In recent years, the value of federal funding for our sciences was called into question in a House subcommittee hearing, and one senator specifically called for the elimination of the NSF Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Directorate.

To contribute to the cause, we ask you to register for FABBS Action Alerts. Once registered, you will receive an alert if something occurs that needs your attention. You will be directed to a specific message prepared by FABBS, and if you approve the message, an email will be sent to your member of Congress. Sign up now for FABBS Action Alert ("Action E-List"), and ask your colleagues to do the same: <http://www.fabbs.org/news/alerts-register/>. Please be sure to use your home contact information so that your Congressional district will be registered correctly.

2012 FASEB Summer Research Conference

Integration of Genomic & Non-Genomic Steroid Receptor Actions (July 29 - August 3, 2012)

Joyce M. Slingerland, University of Miami, Chair
Martin J. Kelly, Oregon Health and Science University, Co-Chair
Stephen R. Hammes, University of Rochester, Co-Chair
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Bert O'Malley, Baylor College of Medicine

Sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Disease. For additional information contact: FASEB Summer Research Conferences, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814 jllyons@faseb.org www.faseb.org/src.

Animal Physiology and Behavior Blog

Please check out a new animal physiology and behavior blog called The Scorpion and the Frog (<http://the-scorpion-and-the-frog.blogspot.com/>). The weekly posts are geared towards the public (teens and older) and either cover a single research study or a topic more broadly. There is also a section called "Get to Know a Scientist" that is intended to show the human side of science to the public. The blog is being written by our very own Sarah Jane Alger (missbehaviorbiology@gmail.com). She would appreciate input from the SBN community.

Special Issue on Parental Neural Plasticity

The journal Neural Plasticity welcomes manuscript submissions from SBN members and their friends for a special issue on Parental Neural Plasticity. The editors of the issue are hoping to get a broad range of species, strains, behaviors, techniques and experimental paradigms to stimulate cross disciplinary communication. Please see the call for papers below for details, and feel free to contact the editors if you have any questions. <http://www.hindawi.com/journals/np/si/319636/cfp/>.

Job Postings

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

Postdoctoral Positions:

Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania

A post-doctoral fellowship is available for recent or soon to become PhDs with a clear record of productivity and an interest in training in systems neuroscience of energy balance. Candidates with experience in techniques related to one or more of the following: behavioral pharmacology, cell signaling, gene expression, gastrointestinal physiology, biopsychology, reward/motivation, anatomical connectivity or neuroendocrinology are preferred. Grill's laboratory is examining the brain circuits including elements within medulla, midbrain, ventral and dorsal forebrain that contribute to [a] need-based and reward/environmental cue-based feeding, [b] appetitive and consummatory behavior, and [c] energy expenditure. NIH level funding is available initially; candidates will be expected to generate funding for subsequent years. Contact: grill@psych.upenn.edu.

Postdoctoral Position, FAS Center for Systems Biology, Harvard University

Two postdoctoral positions will be available working with Dr. Lauren O'Connell at the FAS Center for Systems Biology at Harvard University to study proximate mechanisms of phenotypic evolution using poison dart frogs as a model clade. Poison dart frogs show remarkable diversity in mating systems, parental care, and color-morph patterns within and across species. Research in this integrative lab will focus on understanding how the genome contributes to variation in behavioral phenotypes between species and diversity in color morphs within a species. Applicants should send their CV, a 2-page statement of research experience and interests, and the names of three recommenders to Lauren O'Connell, by email at loconnell@utexas.edu.

Postdoctoral Position, Department of Psychology and Program in Neuroscience at the Florida State University

An NIH funded postdoctoral position is available in the Laboratory of Dr. Zuoxin Wang in the Department of Psychology and Program in Neuroscience at the Florida State University. We use socially monogamous prairie voles (*Microtus ochrogaster*) as a model. Our ongoing projects include the study of neurochemicals/neurocircuitry involved in the regulation of social behaviors such as male-female pair bonding, biparental care and aggression, as well as the examination of the effects of environmental and hormonal factors on cell birth and death in the adult brain (adult

neurogenesis). To apply, please send a cover letter and CV directly to zwang@psy.fsu.edu. Florida State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Postdoctoral Position, University of Maryland School of Medicine

An NIH funded postdoctoral position is available in the laboratory of Dr. Jessica A. Mong in the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine to study the neural and neuroendocrine control of methamphetamine facilitated female sexual motivation. Our laboratory utilizes molecular, anatomical and behavioral approaches to elucidate the hormone-drug interaction modulating sexual motivation. Applicants must have a PhD. The position is available immediately and applications will be considered until the position is filled. Salary is commensurate with experience, according to NIH guidelines. This position also provides excellent health benefits. To apply, please send a cover letter, CV and three letters of recommendation to JMong@som.umaryland.edu.

Postdoctoral Position, Wellesley College

An NIH funded postdoctoral position is available in the lab of Dr. Marc Tetel in the Neuroscience Program at Wellesley College. Our lab is interested in how steroid receptors and nuclear receptor coactivators act in brain to regulate gene expression and reproductive behavior in rodents. Ongoing projects include studies of the mechanisms of ligand-dependent and-independent activation of progesterin receptors in brain and behavior, and proteomics-based screens to identify novel coactivators in rodent brain. Applicants must have a PhD and an interest and aptitude in biochemical and molecular approaches and behavioral analysis. The position is available immediately and applications will be considered until the position is filled. To apply, please cut and paste the following link into your browser: www.career.wellesley.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=50961.

Postdoctoral and Graduate Student Opportunity, University of Mississippi

Adventure in Panama, Suriname, and Guyana: The Neurobiology and Endocrinology of Manakins. Positions are open for a postdoc and a PhD student in the laboratory of Dr. Lainy Day in the Biology Department at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS. Successful applicants will be involved in studies analyzing the relationship between neuroanatomy/neuroendocrinology and courtship display complexity in birds of the manakin family (Pipridae). Fieldwork will take place in Panama and along the Amazon Basin in Suriname and Guyana. Interested postdoc applicants can send a CV directly to Dr. Day (lainyday@olemiss.edu).



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