

SBN "e-letter" for November, 2007

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Message from SBN President Emilie Rissman

For those of you that did not attend the Society for Neuroscience meeting last week we had a very special Behavioral Neuroendocrinology Social. We had two honorees this year. Dr. Arnie Gerall received the 2008 Lerhman Award and Dr. Leonida Fusani was this year's Beach award winner. The tribute to Arnie from his longtime colleague and friend, Dr. Jim Zadina, was extremely touching and reminded all of us of the importance of Arnie's work and his generosity toward his students and colleagues. Arnie's acceptance was also a very moving combination of insightful comments and modesty. One final note is that both speakers gave us a small glimmer of the disruption and permanent changes Hurricane Katrina has brought to the citizens of New Orleans.

Dr. Barney Schlinger, Leonida's second post doctoral mentor, gave a witty introduction. Leonida's research overview was an excellent combination of field and laboratory approaches that he has used to pursue his studies on behavioral neuroendocrinology in a number of avian species. Frank Beach would have appreciated his comparative approach, his careful behavioral studies and his incorporation of evolutionary theory into his experimental design. Bravo to Leonida.

We are all looking forward to the meeting next summer in Groningen. To accommodate SBN members who want to attend either the International Avian Endocrinology meeting or the International Academy of Sex Researchers, both of which are being held nearby we have moved the date of our meeting by a few days. We will have the opening reception on July 7th and the meeting will begin on the morning of the 8th with our traditional banquet on the last night, July 10th. I sincerely hope that this does not inconvenience the membership.

A final note is that within the next few weeks you will be receiving renewal notices in the mail. Within the next few days we will have the renewal applications available on our website where and you can download them to be printed and submitted or you can renew directly on line. We hope that all of you will renew, the health of our society depends on our members. Many thanks in advance for your continued support, it is a true pleasure and honor for me to work with all of you and to see our young society grow, expand and mature.

Announcement

Change of Dates for 2008 SBN meeting in Groningen.

Due to conflicts with other meetings, the Groningen meeting has been rescheduled to occur from July 7-10, 2008. Please mark your calendars accordingly and plan to attend what promises to be an excellent meeting in a wonderful setting.

Job Postings (3)

1) Graduate Student Opening in the van Anders Human Social Neuroendocrinology Lab at Indiana University Bloomington.

Dr. Sari van Anders is looking for one or more graduate students to join the new Social Neuroendocrinology Lab at Indiana University Bloomington for September 2008. Graduate students from psychology, neuroscience, biology, or diverse backgrounds including anthropology or gender studies are especially encouraged to apply. Research in the lab currently addresses associations between sex hormones and (1) partnering/pair bonding; (2) sexuality; (3) biological rhythms. Future directions include the same, but also addressing intersections between sex hormones and the HPA axis, health/immune function, steroid receptors, and neural imaging (e.g. fMRI). This is a *human* lab, so interested students must have experience working with human participants (or be enthusiastic about learning). Additionally, research is generally conducted with healthy adult women and men, though students with interest in clinical applications of healthy human research are welcome. Please see <http://mypage.iu.edu/~smvanand/> for more info. IU offers a strong and unique range of programs of interest to budding behavioral neuroendocrinologists. Students can apply to work with Dr. van Anders through Psychological and Brain Sciences and/or the Program in Neuroscience. In addition, students can major or minor in Human Sexuality via the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction, Animal Behavior via the Center for Integrative Studies in Animal Behavior (CISAB), or Gender Studies via that department. In addition, the university features a dynamic university-wide Common Themes in Reproductive Diversity group that brings together behavioral neuroendocrine-minded folks from various disciplines.

If you are an interested student, or know of one, please contact:

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2) Assistant Professor, Medical Histology & Biological Sciences: The University of Idaho is seeking a talented educator and researcher to join both of our faculties in the

WWAMI Medical Education Program and the Department of Biological Sciences, in the area of microscopic anatomy/histology, and to coordinate the use of the newly developed and staffed, **interdisciplinary Confocal Microscope Lab** for life sciences. This is a 9-month, tenure track position. With a passion for both teaching and scholarly pursuits, this person will share responsibility for classroom and lab instruction in histology to first year medical students, have a teaching responsibility in Biological Sciences, and will coordinate the newly designed and staffed Confocal Lab. We seek an outstanding investigator and teacher who will conduct research and succeed in grant procurement in his/her own area of discovery. Current areas of potential collaboration include neuroscience, developmental and reproductive biology. Qualified candidates must (a) possess an earned doctorate in an appropriate bioscience discipline; (b) demonstrate successful college teaching in the area of microscopic anatomy/histology; (c) demonstrate evidence of an active research program; (d) demonstrate potential to acquire external funding. Review of applications begins 12/10/07. For a full description and application materials, visit www.hr.uidaho.edu

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3) The **Texas Consortium in Behavioral Neuroscience**, a training program sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) seeks applications for predoctoral and postdoctoral fellowships in behavioral neuroscience. Training spans state-of-the-art approaches to basic and translational research on brain and behavior, including brain metabolic mapping of behavioral functions, neuropharmacology, neuroimaging, and electrophysiology. Faculty provides mentorship to enhance trainees' professional development and success. Stipend levels follow current NIH guidelines.

Goal: To increase the number of behavioral neuroscientists from underrepresented populations in science. To provide diversity and optimal human resource development, applications are accepted from all eligible candidates. See application in <http://www.psy.utexas.edu/TCBN>

Eligibility:

Predocctoral applicants: U.S. citizenship or permanent residency and a bachelor's degree at the time of appointment.

Postdoctoral applicants: U.S. citizenship or permanent residency, a doctoral degree at the time of appointment, and 0 or 1 year of postdoctoral experience.

Training faculty: Edwin Barea-Rodriguez, Antonio Cepeda-Benito, David Crews, Yvon Delville, Brian Derrick, Michael Domjan, Gerald Frye, Peter Fox, David Glahn, Rueben Gonzales, Francisco Gonzalez-Lima, Jim Grau, Bill Griffith, Julie Hensler, Theresa Jones, Dan Johnston, Jack Lancaster, Joe Martinez, Rajesh Miranda, Mary Meagher, David Morilak, Jack Nation, Mendell Rimer, Tim Schallert, Farida Sohrabji, Holly Van Remmen, Ursula Winzer-Serhan.

The Consortium includes these five Texas universities:

**University of Texas at Austin
University of Texas at San Antonio
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
Texas A&M University
Texas A&M University System Health Science Center**

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