

SBN "e-letter" for October, 2007

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1) 9th International Symposium on Avian Endocrinology (Leuven, 11-15 July 2008)

The symposium will cover a wide variety of endocrinological research in birds related to growth & development, food intake & energy metabolism, reproduction & gametogenesis, maternal investment in eggs, brain plasticity, biorhythms, behaviour & stress, immune function, functional genomics, ecology & evolution, ecotoxicology & endocrine disruption.

Organisers: Veerle Darras & Eddy Decuypere

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This meeting is of potential interest to many SBN members. It takes place every 4 years and was held in previous years in Phoenix, Arizona (USA), Varanasi (India) and in Calgary (Canada). You will notice that this meeting overlaps partly with the SBN meeting in Groningen. The local organizing committee is aware of this conflict and has agreed that those symposia that concern behavior will be grouped at the end of the ISAE (14th and 15th of July). This will allow SBN members to attend the full SBN conference and afterwards, travel to Leuven on Sunday the 13th (3-4 hours by train or car) and still attend all symposia of interest during the last two days of ISAE.

2) Reminder: Call for candidates for Editor of *Hormones and Behavior*

Candidates are sought for the editorship of *Hormones and Behavior*, the official journal of the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology. The Editor should have an outstanding research record and a broad vision for the field consistent with the goals of the Society. To ensure a smooth transition, candidates should be willing to work in parallel with the current editor prior to assuming their duties in January 2009. Please send a statement of interest, including an outline of your qualifications including a CV, or suggestions for candidates along with a brief explanation of why they should be considered, to the Chair of the search committee, Michael Baum, before November 15, 2007.

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3) TRANSLATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEUROSCIENTISTS AT THE NIMH

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) is seeking talented neuroscientists to advance and direct the extramural grant support of research leading to new knowledge of neurobehavioral development and the pathophysiology of child and adolescent mental disorders. Currently, there are two openings for Program Officers in the NIMH Division of Developmental Translational Research (DDTR), which supports a portfolio of \$134 million in extramural research grants. Research in humans, animals, and model systems are supported within this division with the goal of translating basic research findings to a better understanding of clinical disorders in children and adolescents and developing better treatments and interventions. These Program Officer positions offer broad exposure to cutting-edge issues in developmental science as well as productive engagement with the research community. The positions provide the opportunity to influence priorities, develop new research initiatives, and contribute to the advancement of science on a national and international level. Individuals with specialties in molecular, cellular, systems, cognitive, behavioral and/or developmental neuroscience, who are interested in applying their research knowledge to fostering the understanding of child and adolescent mental disorders, are invited to submit a preliminary application. Experience investigating brain-behavior relationships is required, and knowledge of developmental approaches is strongly preferred. The positions require doctoral-level research training, postdoctoral research experience, and strong analytic, written and oral communication and organizational skills.

Candidates should send a CV with bibliography and a letter of background and interest to Ms. Pamela Mitchell, pmitchel@mail.nih.gov. Review of applications will begin on October 1, 2007, but applications will be accepted and considered until the positions are filled.

4) The James McKeen Cattell Sabbatical Awards

For over half a century, the James McKeen Cattell Fund has provided support for the science and the application of psychology. The Fund offers a program of supplementary sabbatical awards ("James McKeen Cattell Fund Fellowships"). These awards supplement the regular sabbatical allowance provided by the recipients' home institutions, to allow an extension of leave-time from one to two semesters. Information on the history of the fund, as well as all application materials, requirements for award eligibility, and a list of previous recipients are available at:

For more information, please see: <http://www.cattell.duke.edu/>

or

<http://www.psychologicalscience.org/awards/cattellfund/index.cfm>

The deadline for receipt of applications for sabbaticals intended in the 2008-2009 academic year is December 1, 2007. The award value for next year will be \$35,000. Please help us get this information to a wide audience of talented psychologists for this year's competition. The Cattell Sabbatical Award Fund has formed an alliance with the Association for Psychological Science (APS). Cattell Sabbatical Awardees

will be announced annually at the APS Spring Meeting and a profile of each awardee will be published in the APS Observer.

Many thanks,

The Cattell Trustees

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(Note SBN members have been recipients of this award!)

5) 2011 SBN Annual Meeting in Japan

The SBN Executive Committee is pleased to announce that in 2011 we will hold the first SBN meeting in Asia. The date is not set yet but we will meet in Japan our meeting host will be Dr. Yasuo Sakuma and the local organizing committee includes: Drs. Sonoko Ogawa, Yasuhiko Kondo, Kazuo Yamada and Takefumi Kikusui. We are looking forward to a very exciting meeting and hope many of you will be able to attend.

Job Postings (3)

1) POSITION AVAILABLE

University at Albany, State University of New York: The Department of Psychology invites applications for a tenure-track position in **Behavioral Neuroscience** at the Assistant Professor level for appointment in Fall 2008. We invite applications from highly promising junior scholars with a doctoral degree from a college or university accredited by the U.S. Department of Education or an internationally recognized accrediting organization. The University at Albany is engaged in a major initiative in the Life Sciences that includes a new state-of-the-art research building and core facilities. Although the research specialty is open, applicants should emphasize a strong multidisciplinary approach to investigations of behavioral systems using strategies of contemporary cellular, molecular, and/or genetic neuroscience. Successful candidates are expected to have a strong publication record and demonstrated ability to establish an independent, externally funded research program and to work cooperatively with a broad group of scientists in Psychology, Biology and Chemistry. Candidates should also demonstrate the capacity for high quality undergraduate and graduate teaching in behavioral neuroscience. Applicants must address in their applications their ability to work with and instruct a culturally diverse population. Applicants should submit a curriculum vita, a statement of research and teaching interests, and three letters of recommendation to: Christine Wagner, Chair, Behavioral Neuroscience Search Committee, at cwagner@albany.edu or to Department of Psychology, Social Science 369, University at Albany, Albany, NY 12222. Review of applications will begin on

December 1, 2007 and will continue until the position is filled. The University at Albany is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

2) Wright State University: The Department of Psychology seeks applicants for a tenure-track, Assistant Professor position in behavioral neuroscience to begin September 1, 2008. Candidates must have a Ph.D. in Psychology or a related discipline (anticipated by 9/1/08) with training in behavioral neuroscience. Post doctoral experience is preferred. Candidates must be actively engaged in research and show promise of establishing an externally funded research program. Preference will be given to candidates whose research contributes to our emphases in developmental psychobiology (www.psych.wright.edu/facultystaffhome.htm). Candidates must be capable of teaching classes in behavioral neuroscience. Preference will be given to candidates who also can teach classes in the area of developmental psychology. Wright State's neuroscience programs are undergoing rapid growth. A concentration in behavioral neuroscience has been established for undergraduate Psychology majors, and a campus-wide Comprehensive Neuroscience Center was recently instituted. Behavioral neuroscience faculty in the Department of Psychology are eligible to supervise graduate students in the interdisciplinary Biomedical Science Ph.D. program. Wright State University was recently ranked fourth nationally for universities with limited numbers of doctoral programs in the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index, as well as among the "Best in the Midwest" universities by The Princeton Review. Applicants should send CV, statement of research and teaching interests, representative publications, and three letters of reference to Dr. Michael Hennessy, Chair, Behavioral Neuroscience Search Committee, 335 Fawcett Hall, Department of Psychology, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435. Review of applications will begin December 15, 2007, and continue until the position is filled. Wright State University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

3) Postdoctoral Position, Neuropharmacology of Male Rat Sexual behavior, Florida State University

An NIH-funded postdoctoral research associate position is available to begin immediately to study the neuropharmacology and neuroendocrinology of male rat sexual behavior. We are especially interested in the cellular mechanisms that mediate the beneficial effects of sexual experience and in the place of the medial preoptic area within the neural network for motivated behavior. Techniques used in our laboratory include: microdialysis and HPLC with electrochemical detection, intracranial microinjection, immunocytochemistry, western immunoblotting, and behavior. The successful applicant will be expected to develop his or her own related projects as well as working on existing research projects. Competitive salary based on experience and NIH guidelines. Florida State University has an active and collaborative neuroscience program. Please send curriculum vitae, a brief description of research interests/experience, and the names and contact information of three references to: Dr. Elaine Hull, Florida State University, Eppes Psychology Building, 145 Convocation Way, Tallahassee, FL, 32306-1270; e-mail: hull@psy.fsu.edu. Florida State University is an EO/AA employer, committed to diversity in hiring, and a Public Records Agency.