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SBN Announcements

Membership Renewal

It is time to renew your membership in SBN for 2010! You should have received by mail your membership renewal statement. For your convenience dues can be paid on the SBN website at www.sbn.org.

This is an exciting time in behavioral neuroendocrinology and for our Society in particular. Last summer's meeting at Michigan State was a wonderful reminder of the origins of Behavioral Neuroendocrinology. We can celebrate the future directions of our field at the 2010 meeting scheduled for June 18-21 in Toronto, Canada. This is also a good time to encourage any friends and colleagues working in the field to join the Society. By encouraging others to join and by renewing your membership you can ensure SBN's vitality and growth into the future.

SBN Newsletter

Submit announcements, news items and job openings for the SBN Newsletter using the new link on the SBN website homepage at www.sbn.org or email directly to Christine Wagner at cwagner@albany.edu.

Mark Your Calanders for SBN 2010! - July 18 - 21, Toronto, Canada

Program Outline

Pre-meeting Workshop - Methods in Epigenetic Research

Introduction: Emilie Rissman, University of Virginia

Patrick Grant, University of Virginia

Jessica Connelly, University of Virginia

Keynote Addresses

Hymie Anisman, Carleton University

Stressors, cytokines, and their interaction in relation to depressive symptom in an animal model

Susan Fahrback, Wake Forest University

Hormonal links between behavioral and brain plasticity in honey bees

Luis de Lecea, Stanford University

*Optogenetic control of arousal***Scientific Symposia****You Are What Your Parents Eat: Inheritable Adaptation**

Introduction: Jun Xu, Tufts University

Speakers:

Joseph Nadeau, Case Western Reserve University

Christine M. Disteche, University of Washington School of Medicine

Michael K. Skinner, Washington State University

Female Reproductive Health and Biological Rhythms

Introduction: Megan Mahoney, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Speakers:

Kazue Semba, Dalhousie University

Barbara Parry, University of California San Diego

Richard Stevens, University of Connecticut Health Center

Patrick Chappell, Oregon State University

Estradiol- A New Role in Auditory Processing Related to Social Behaviors

Introduction: Anne Marie Wissman, Northwestern University

Speakers:

Luke Remage-Healey, University of California Los Angeles

Raphael Pinaud, University of Rochester

Sarah M.N. Woolley, Columbia University

Donna Maney, Emory University

Mating-Induced Control of Female Neuroendocrine and Behavioral Functions: A Tribute to Mary S. Erksine

Introduction: Mike Baum, Boston University

Speakers:

David Grattan, University of Otago

Nicole Cameron, Binghamton University

Raul Peredes, Autonomous University of Mexico

Young Investigator Symposium

Speakers: TBA

Presidential Symposium

Speakers: TBA

Call for Nominations: Daniel S. Lehrman Lifetime Achievement Award

Nominations are being accepted for the 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 1, 2010 to
Barney Schlinger, Chair, SBN Awards Committee
schlinge@lifesci.ucla.edu

The award, in the form of an engraved plaque, will be presented at the banquet of the annual Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology Meeting. The winner will be invited to submit a special autobiographical review to be published in *Hormones and Behavior*. 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.

SBN is Now a Group on Facebook

Please log on to your account and join our group. Simply search for Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology or follow this link:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?v=wall&ref=nf&gid=183497986274>. We hope to encourage communication between members and friends of the society. This includes postings of events that members might be interested in, as well as science news articles relevant to our membership.

Announcing a New SBN Media Contest!

Goal: To solicit high-quality, informative videos which pertain to behavioral neuroendocrinology. Selected videos can be posted on the SBN website to be accessed by the public and used by educators with the goal of improving public science literacy within the topic of behavioral neuroendocrinology.

Criteria for judging: Submissions should cover an aspect of neuroendocrinology and behavior. They should be original in design and scope appeal to a lay audience and/or be appropriate for K-12 students without trivializing the topic. The information should be accurate and references should be provided where appropriate. Length should be 3-5 minutes.

Possible topics: Gender differences; Diversity of hormone effects; Hormones across the lifespan; Hormone effects in various animal models; Clinical cases; Hormonal rhythms; social bonds. Topics that relate to a new discovery or technique would be very attractive.

Contestants, either individuals or a group of trainees, are free to use their submitted video at their home institution (e.g., lab homepage or departmental sites).

Submissions should be sent as a DVD, postmarked by May 1, 2010. Winners will be announced at the SBN 2010 meeting in Toronto.

Suggestions: Contestants may want to get advice from their home institution's press office. Editing software, such as Final Cut Express, may be useful. A format that includes multiple voices and labs can have extra appeal. An example, albeit a different topic can be found at: <http://www.scivee.tv/node/11181>

Additional details will be provided on the SBN website.

So get your creative energies flowing!

General Announcements

Endocrine Society - Basic Research Community Page

Visit the redesigned Basic Research community page on The Endocrine Society's website. This website contains many new features to help locate resources for research, awards and funding, committees, upcoming meetings etc. Visit this site at www.endo-society.org/basicresearch for more information.

Job Postings/Training Opportunities

The National Science Foundation is seeking qualified candidates for several Program Director positions within the Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (BCS). All NSF openings are described in greater detail with application instructions on the NSF website.

BCS is seeking program directors for the following programs:

- Developmental and Learning Sciences Program (up to 2 positions, one as permanent and one as rotator)
- Perception, Action, and Cognition (1 position as rotator)
- Social Psychology (1 position as rotator)
- Linguistics (1 position as rotator, to be posted shortly)

Program Directors have responsibilities managing proposal evaluation, project development and support, and program planning. The scientific expertise of the program director is critical in insuring leadership in program planning and internal management and for translating these into effective scientific, budgetary, and operational activities for the division and directorate. Applicants should have a Ph.D. or equivalent experience in the appropriate or related discipline, plus six or more years of successful research, research administration, and/or managerial experience pertinent to the position.

These positions will be filled on a one or two year Visiting Scientist Appointment, a Federal Temporary Appointment or an Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) assignment. Visiting Scientist appointments will be made under the Excepted Authority of the NSF Act with a current salary range of \$102,721 to \$160,078 including locality pay for the area. Salaries for IPAs will be determined in collaboration with the candidate's university.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Amber Story, Deputy Division Director, Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences, at astory@nsf.gov or (703) 292-7249, or contact Dr. Mark Weiss, Division Director, Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences, at mweiss@nsf.gov or (703) 292-7272.

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