

2004 ACNP Honorific Awards

Dennis Charney, Chair
Honorific Awards Committee

During the 2004 President's Plenary Session the ACNP announced a full complement of honorific awards.

The Daniel H. Efron Research Award is presented to an individual who has made distinguished basic research contributions to neuropsychopharmacology. The 2004 Efron Award was presented to Athina Markou, Ph.D. of The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, California. An exceptionally bright, talented, and creative researcher, Dr. Markou has made significant contributions to the interface between the neuropsychopharmacology of reward in animal models and human psychopathology.

The 2004 Joel Elkes Research Award for outstanding clinical research contributions to psychopharmacology was awarded to Scott Rauch, M.D. of Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Rauch is an international leader and an outstanding psychiatrist and scientist. He has made important contributions in the areas of neuroimaging, the neurobiology of anxiety disorders, and the neurosurgical treatment of psychiatric illness.

The Paul Hoch Distinguished Service Award is presented to an ACNP member who has made unusually significant contributions to the College. This year the Hoch Award was presented to Irwin Kopin, M.D. Dr. Kopin is a past ACNP President and has served as Treasurer of the College since 1995.

The Julius Axelrod Mentorship Award was presented for the first time in 2004. This award is presented to an ACNP member who has made an outstanding contribution to neuropsychopharmacology by mentoring and developing young scientists into leaders in the field. George Heninger, M.D. was presented with the 2004 Axelrod Award. Over the past 37 years he has mentored young research scientists in the early phase of their careers. He has constructed and maintained a rich, highly productive and innovative research training environment that has produced an exceptionally large number of leaders in the field today.

The 2004 ACNP Media Award, recognizing a journalist who has made an important contribution to neuropsychopharmacology by educating the general public, was awarded to Michelle Trudeau. Ms. Trudeau is a National Public Radio Science correspondent who, over the past two decades, has demonstrated a commitment to cultivate an informative communication link between psychiatric researchers and the public.

ACNP Conflict of Interest Policy for Journal Editor and Field Editors

An Ad Hoc Committee appointed by Council was asked to develop a proposed conflict of interest policy for the ACNP Journal Editor and Field Editors. The committee met by conference call in November 2004 and developed a recommended policy that was presented to Council. That draft policy was then discussed in Council meetings in December 2004 and was shared with members at the ACNP annual meeting. After those discussions Council revised the draft policy in January 2005. This current draft of the policy has been reviewed by an ACNP attorney, and is now being posted on the ACNP Website for member review and comment. It will remain posted and available for comment through March 31, 2005.

To review the policy and make comments log in to the ACNP Members Only Website. If you do not have a user name and password you may send an e-mail to acnp@acnp.org or call our office at (615) 322-2075 and our staff will help you with that. At the Members Only home page click on the link to Journal Editor Conflict of Interest Policy to read the document. You may then send comments to coipolicy@acnp.org.

The ACNP at the Stockholm meeting of the ECNP

Oakley Ray, Executive Secretary, ACNP

The ACNP and the ECNP continued its longstanding and very fruitful scientific collaboration at the Stockholm meeting of the ECNP in October 2004. The weather was superb and the social activities were in a variety of beautiful sites used also by the Nobel ceremonies. The outstanding science in the program was the third leg of a successful meeting: good people, good venue, good science. What more can you ask?

The American College and the European College exchange symposia and young poster winners. The ACNP symposium at ECNP was titled “Development of Molecular Targets in Psychiatric Diseases” and was organized, as is the tradition, by the current ACNP President Carol Tamminga. The topic was a winner and the room was filled with some of the 6000 scientists attending the meeting all over the world.

They were not disappointed. The featured speakers were: Trey Sunderland (NIMH) who spoke on Alzheimer’s Disease; Terry Goldberg (NIMH) on Schizophrenia; Lisa Monteggia’s (UT Southwestern Medical Center) topic was Depression; David Sweatt’s (Baylor College of Medicine) was Mental Retardation/Angelman's Syndrome Syndrome; Michael Owens (Emory University) discussed stress.

One mark of a successful symposium is the number of audience members who connect with the speakers after the symposium to ask questions. By that standard the topic and the speakers were a great success.

Showing the best of the ACNP posters—as selected by the Education and Training Committee--was Cristine Czachowski from Brown University and Fang Liu from the University of Toronto. Cristine Czachowski’s poster was titled “Alcohol-Seeking and Self-Administration: Effects of a Serotonin 1B Agonist in the Nucleus Accumbens” and Fang Liu’s poster was titled “Dichotomy of dopamine transporter regulation by dopamine D2 receptors”.

The ACNP appreciates the opportunity to present researchers and ideas from North America to the ECNP audience. We look forward, always, to the ECNP symposium at the ACNP meeting and to the young ECNP poster award winners who will present their posters at our meeting. May this transatlantic cooperation continue as we all work to minimize the impact of geographical location on the development of the field we all enjoy and work in.

The speakers (from left to right) were:

1. Oakley Ray
2. Michael Owens
3. Carol Tamminga
4. Terry Goldberg
5. Lisa Monteggia
6. David Sweatt
7. Trey Sunderland

DEADLINES AND RULES FOR ACNP ANNUAL MEETING PANEL PROPOSALS AND POSTER ABSTRACTS

Panel Proposals: The call for proposals for panel presentations at the 2005 ACNP Annual Meeting, December 11-15 at the Hilton Waikoloa Village will be sent out to the membership in mid-February. The proposals will be due in late April. Please watch for the announcement. NOTE: In 2005 Council has decided that there will be NO evening scientific study groups. However, one evening will be set aside for proposals that deal with such non-scientific topics as policy or ethics.

Posters: The online site for submitting poster abstracts will open in May, and the deadline for Poster Abstracts will be Monday, August 1, 2005. **Reminder:** ACNP Scientific members (scientific members do not include associate members, administrative members, or corporate representatives) may sponsor only ONE poster. A member may also present ONE poster. However, if the member does not sponsor a poster, then he/she may present two posters.

Please note the following rules:

- ACNP Scientific members (scientific members do not include associate members, administrative members, or corporate representatives) may only invite ONE person as a scientific registrant to the Annual Meeting.
- A non-member poster presenter MUST be invited AND have an ACNP member sponsor his/her poster. It does not have to be the same ACNP member.
- If you agree to sponsor a poster, please remember to either invite that individual to the meeting as your guest or advise him/her that you already have invited someone else and he/she will need to secure an invitation from another ACNP member.
- A member may invite someone to the meeting even if the member is not attending the meeting.
- Please send the invited guest's information to the ACNP in writing.

New Officers and Council Members for 2005

Daniel R. Weinberger, M.D., Chief, Clinical Brain Disorders Branch, National Institute of Mental Health was awarded a Mont Blanc pen as President and the new signatory of the College during the ACNP business meeting in San Juan on December 15, 2004. In the coming year Dr. Weinberger will oversee the implementation of the ACNP Strategic Plan and the initial work of two new committees, the Publications Committee and the Clinical Research Committee. He has also asked the ACNP staff to put into place a system to monitor and report the progress of the various ACNP committees as they carry out their charges.

Kenneth L. Davis, M.D., President and CEO, The Mount Sinai Medical Center and Dean, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, assumed the role of President-Elect. Stepping into their new roles as members of Council were Mary Jeanne Kreek, M.D., Head of the Laboratory of the Biology of Addictive Diseases, The Rockefeller University and Michael Davis, Ph.D., Robert W. Woodruff Professor of Psychiatry, Emory University School of Medicine. Ellen Frank, Ph.D., Director, Depression & Manic Depression Prevention Program, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine was also elected to fill the vacancy on Council left by Ken Davis as he moves to President-Elect.

Employment Opportunities Page on ACNP Website

The ACNP offers an employment opportunities page on the Website for the benefit of members. Members who would like to have job openings posted on the Website may e-mail them to webmaster@acnp.org. We will also post job openings for positions that might be of interest to ACNP members, associate members, or travel awardees. To visit the employment opportunities site click on the link below.

The College elected 36 new members and 15 associate members during the 2004 Annual Meeting. There were also 6 members who were promoted to fellow and 3 fellows promoted to life fellow.

ACNP New Members/Promotions

New Members – 2005

Bryon Adoniff
Anthony Altar
Susan Andersen
Steven Arnold
Mark Bear
David Bleakman
Kathleen Brady
Margit Burmeister
Joseph Buxbaum
Jonathan Cohen
Deborah Deas
Dimitri Grigoriadis
Vahram Haroutunian
Shitij Kapur
Robert Kowatch
Joseph LeDoux
Alexandros Makriyannis
Jacqueline McGinty
Mark Mintun
Andrew Nierenberg
Maria Oquendo
Katharine Phillips
Pasco Rakic
Scott Rauch
Bryan Roth
Peter Schmidt
Edward Scolnick
Tracey Shors
Edith Sullivan
Trisha Suppes
James Swanson
Gunvant Thaker
Madhukar Trivedi
Bruce Turetsky

Charles Zorumski
Jon-Kar Zubieta

Associate Members – 2005

David Baker
Aysenil Belger
E. Sherwood Brown
Linda Carpenter
Lynette Daws
Yogesh Dwivedi
Igor Elman
Stan Floresco
Mark Frye
Marc Kaufman
Christine Marx
Graeme Mason
Andreas Meyer-Lindenberg
James Rowlett
Dean Salisbury

Promotions – 2005

Member to Fellow

Sheryl Beck
Karen Berman
Jay Giedd
Athina Markou
David Sibley
R. Suzanne Zukin

Fellow to Life Fellow

Arnold Mandell
Ernest Noble
Joseph Schildkraut

2004 ACNP Travel Awardees

A total of 42 travel awardees attended the 2004 ACNP Annual Meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico. This total included four Aventis Travel Awardees, five NIMH Minority Travel Awardees, twelve ACNP Young Investigator Travel Awardees, ten ACNP Memorial Travel Awards, seven Travel Awardees from the APA Program for Minority Research Training in Psychiatry, three Anxiety Disorders Association of America Travel Awardees, and one Eli Lilly Minority Faculty Awardee.

NIH has published a new list of drugs for which pediatric studies are needed, including:

- Methadone for opiate addicted neonates
- Clonidine for autism, attention deficit disorder
- Bupropion for depression

For more information see below.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

List of Drugs for Which Pediatric Studies Are Needed

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is providing notice of a "List of Drugs for Which Pediatric Studies Are Needed." The NIH developed the list in consultation with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and pediatric experts, as mandated by the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act. This list adds to the previously published lists prioritizing drugs most in need of study for use by children to ensure the safety and efficacy of their medication. The NIH will update the list at least annually until the Act expires on October 1, 2007.

DATES: The list is effective upon publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Tamar Lasky, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), 6100 Executive Boulevard, Suite 5C01G, Bethesda, MD 20892-7510, e-mail

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Upcoming Meetings

ADAA 25th Annual Conference

March 17-20, 2005

Seattle, WA

For meeting and award information, go to www.adaa.org.

CCNP 28th Annual Meeting

July 2-5, 2005

St. John's, Newfoundland, CANADA

For meeting and award information, go to www.ccnf.ca.

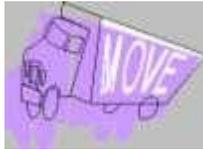
ACNP 44th Annual Meeting

December 11-15, 2005

Waikoloa, HI

Important Dates

The ACNP Office is Moving



Please note, effective February 14th 2005 our new address and telephone number will be:

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