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A Strong Program for 2017

Patricio O'Donnell, M.D., Ph.D., Program Committee Chair

Every year I look forward to the ACNP Annual Meeting because it provides an opportunity to learn about the top ongoing basic and clinical research in our field while interacting with basic scientists interested in the clinical impact of their work and clinical scientists interested in the biological underpinnings of the disorders they study.

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ACNP \$\$ - Then and Now

Ronnie Wilkins, Ed.D., CAE, Executive Director

When I became the Executive Director of ACNP in July 1999, our financial status was a notable example of a good news, bad news scenario. The good news was that we had a net worth of approximately \$1.2 million, and a strong revenue stream that more than adequately funded our yearly needs. The bad news was that over two-thirds of our revenue was coming from the pharmaceutical industry, thereby creating an unhealthy dependence on that industry for our financial survival. [More...](#)



Call for Ideas for Investment in Education and Research

Council

ACNP is a non-profit organization with a mission to advance education and research. Based on this, Council wants to re-invest some of our profits to support the mission of the College. As we consider new projects to invest in, we would like to invite membership to share their suggestions for potential new initiatives that ACNP could undertake.

Please send brief descriptions to Erin Shaw, eshaw@acnp.org, by August 14, 2017. Council will consider all suggestions in making the final selections. Please be bold, think out of the box, and don't hesitate to share your thoughts.

Interview with Richard Keefe, Membership Committee Chair

James Murrough, M.D., Ph.D., Membership Advisory Task Force Member

Membership Advisory Task Force member, James Murrough, interviewed Richard Keefe, Membership Committee Chair, on membership considerations for early-career scientists in industry. [Click here](#) to read this full interview.



Establishing and Maintaining Scientific Collaborations

Christie Fowler, Ph.D., Membership Advisory Task Force Member

Scientific collaborations have become increasingly essential to promote novel discoveries both within and across fields. In-depth interrogation of research hypotheses often requires multiple technical approaches to ensure that strong conclusions may be derived. This will be the focus of the 2017 Career Development Session at the Annual Meeting. [More...](#)



Summary of Membership Advisory Task Force Annual Survey 2017

Sachin Patel, M.D., Ph.D., Membership Advisory Task Force Member

[Click here](#) to read more from the Associate Member and Past Travel Awardee survey results.



Statement of Principles on the Ethical Care of Animals for Research, Testing, and Education

Animal Research Committee

The Animal Research Committee has revised the [Statement of Principles on the Ethical Care of Animals for Research, Testing and Education](#) for neuropsychopharmacologic research performed by members of the ACNP. The statement has been updated and simplified, and has been adopted by the ACNP Council for the organization. The basic premise of the statement is that humane care of animals involved in research is critical, and minimized pain and distress are essential for scientifically sound research. The basic principles follow the Animal Welfare Act and the Guide for Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, both of which govern research that involves animals in the United States. The Principles are outlined here and if anyone has any questions please contact the chair, Dr. Sari Izenwasser, or co-chair, Dr. David Jentsch, of the Animal Research Committee.

ACNP 56th Annual Meeting

December 3-7, 2017

Registration for the 56th Annual Meeting opened on June 1st. We are looking forward to welcoming members and their guests to the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort in Palm Springs, California. [Click here](#) for additional information.



2017 Travel Awardees Named

Steven Siegel, M.D., Ph.D., Education and Training Committee Chair

Aysenil Belger, Ph.D., Education and Training Committee Co-Chair

The Education and Training Committee is pleased to announce the selection of 60 outstanding scientists for the 2017 ACNP Travel Award program. We received 400 applications for the 60 awards, making this yet another year for difficult decisions by the committee. In addition, the ACNP continues to partner with the ADAA (Anxiety Disorders Association of America) to offer invitations to their selected young researchers to attend the meeting.

Each year, we strive to assign each awardee a mentor during the week of the meeting. Year after year, the committee receives positive feedback from these young scientists who value the experience. Many consider the mentorship aspect of the travel award program one of the most meaningful parts of the annual meeting. The Travel Award program remains a key pipeline for the College, as it brings the best and brightest early career scientists in the field to participate in the annual meeting, some of whom will eventually go on to become members. Requests for mentor volunteers for this year's meeting will be sent to all members in early October. We hope you will be generous with your time and volunteer to mentor.

This year's schedule of events for the awardees will include a Travel Awardee reception on Saturday, evening, December 2nd, and a Travel Awardee luncheon on Wednesday, December 6th.

For a complete listing of the awardees, please click: [Travel Awardee Class of 2017](#)

Poster Abstract Submissions

The poster deadline is August 10, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Central. *NEW THIS YEAR, the maximum area per poster is 4 feet high by 4 feet wide.*

In order to submit a poster for review by the Program Committee, you must have completed your registration to the annual meeting.

Please view the [poster guidelines](#) for additional information.



Childcare During the Annual Meeting

During the ACNP 56th Annual Meeting, **KiddieCorp** will again provide a children's program. KiddieCorp is in its 31st year of providing high-quality children's programs and youth services for meetings and special events. They take watching your children very seriously. KiddieCorp has enjoyed long-time partnerships with the American Academy of Pediatrics, which has helped establish KiddieCorp as a premier provider of event children's program services. This is the 6th year the ACNP has partnered with KiddieCorp to provide a childcare option for attendees.

Their goal is to provide your children with a program they want to attend while providing you with that critical "peace of mind" feeling so you can attend your meeting activities. The children's program is for children ages 6 months through 12 years old. The dates for the program are December 3 - 7, 2017 at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort in Palm Springs, California. For more information and to register, please visit <https://jotform.com/KiddieCorp/acnpkids>. The advance registration deadline is November 3, 2017.

Important College Policy Reminders

As you are making plans to attend the 56th Annual Meeting, we ask you remember these important College policies:

- 1. Photos During the Annual Meeting** - Please do not take photographs of any slides, posters, or other presentations of data that are being presented without the permission of the author/presenter.
- 2. Organizing Small Meetings** - Please do not organize any activities that conflict with scientific sessions of the annual meeting. If you are invited to attend any such meetings, please inform the meeting organizer that this is in violation of ACNP policy.
- 3. Use of ACNP Name/Logo** - The ACNP name, logo, or the name of the annual meeting may not be used in association with any CME activity without the approval of the College. To obtain permission to use the College name for such purposes, please contact the Executive Office (acnp@acnp.org) who will have your request reviewed by the appropriate committee and/or Council.
- 4.** Everyone who attends the annual meeting must be registered and will need to check-in at the registration desk to receive meeting materials. People who are not registered or are registered as an Accompanying Person will not be allowed into scientific sessions. Attendees must wear name badges to be admitted into all sessions. The name badge policy will be strictly enforced.

Membership Nominations and Promotions

Nomination materials for new Member, Associate Member, and Fellow promotion candidates are available under the Membership tab on the [ACNP Website](#). The deadline for nominations and applications is September 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Central. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Erin Shaw at eshaw@acnp.org.

Guidelines and Instructions:

- [Associate Member](#)
- [Member](#)
- [Member to Fellow Promotion](#)

Dates to Remember

- **August 10, 2017:** Deadline to submit Poster Abstracts
- **September 12, 2017:** Deadline to submit new Membership Nominations and Promotions
- **October 28, 2017:** Annual Meeting early registration deadline, fees increase by \$50
- **November 9, 2017:** Annual Meeting Hotel reservation deadline

Upcoming Meetings

To see a list of upcoming meetings in the field of neuropsychopharmacology, [click here](#).

Staff Spotlight

Meet the Project Coordinator, Jasper L. Hendricks, III

Jasper Hendricks has been a part of ACNP since February 2017. [More...](#)



ACNP Staff Contact List

For a full listing of the ACNP Staff in the Executive Office, [click here](#).

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