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ACNP 2009 President's Letter

David L. Braff, M.D.

“Remembrance of Things Past, Living in the Moment, Managing the Future”

As we approach the ACNP's 50th Anniversary, there is a good reason to be proud of our past, live fully in the moment and to be excited about nurturing young scientists for a challenging and promising future. There is also good reason to prepare for continuing significant challenges in these current difficult times.

The Past: The ACNP was founded in the cauldron of the scientifically unsound, anecdotal mid-20th century psychiatry that focused on myths and the elusive search for even minor parenting errors that allegedly left indelible and severe scars on the psyche. Thus, almost 50 years ago, the ACNP was established based on the promise of a new “scientific psychiatry” reflecting the optimistic belief that in using strong inference to delineate brain-behavioral abnormalities we ultimately could find cures for seriously disabling mental disorders. Although most biological therapies resulted from serendipity, it was a good start.

The Present: Our College is in the midst of dealing with profound scientific and societal transformations. The Human Genome Project, advances in brain imaging and the use (and sometimes misuse) of new generations of medications have borne (some) fruit. From the impact of genetic variation on key neurodevelopmental and neural substrate functions, we now are beginning to understand the mysteries of neuropsychiatric disorders. We have the potential to use novel genomic and neurobiological findings to create a more efficacious generation of psychotropic medications. Yet, treatment is more complex than just giving a patient pills: it involves the therapeutic alliance and psychosocial and vocational rehabilitation. Per the NIMH Strategic Plan, we need to use our resources to treat not only common and disabling mental disorders, but also identify the biomarkers of risk that will enable us to create and implement “early” detection and treatment of these disorders. As Tom Insel said at the 2008 ACNP Annual Meeting, we should also search for “cures,” although this is a profound challenge.

We face challenging societal expectations and responsibilities to our patients and their families. Alfred Adler called for “Gemeinschaftsgefühl” (community spiritedness) at the beginning of the 20th century: we will be wise to adopt such a spirit in our work. From the “outside,”



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patients and society expect and deserve increased vigor in delineating how we handle conflicts of interest and other ethical issues. Some calls for "reform" are quite well informed: others seem strident and even reflect a disheartening level of schadenfreude. One vexing issue is how to address conflicts of interest (COIs). A COI represents the potential for misbehavior. Many COIs do not constitute violations of ethics rules. It is only when the conflict leads to unethical behavior that wrongdoing has occurred.

The ACNP has developed proactive policies regarding our core values and our ethics rules for academic and corporate members, which also are excellent models of establishing a moral center from which we can lead. We will also continue the efforts started by previous Councils and Officers to clarify the boundaries of acceptable behavior for both academics and industry in our converging interests in helping psychiatric patients and their families. While it is clear that the optimal solution to the conundrum of the control of clinical trials would be a purely unbiased NIH or IOM based clinical trials entity, such a solution is not realistic in the near future. So we need to fully utilize and monitor existing structures and develop new medication evaluation entities.

Within the ACNP, this year we will be creating a clear, transparent and better understood path to Membership. In the past year, it has become apparent that such clarifications are needed, and your Council will be working with the Credentials Committee to ensure confidentiality, fairness and clarity regarding the Membership process. Luckily, we have a first rate staff, led by Ronnie Wilkins and Sarah Timm, to help us in these endeavors.

The Future: While we (sometimes) live in the moment, we all hope to nurture the next generation of psychiatric neuroscientists. The ACNP is an honorific College, and we hope that Travel Awards, Associate Members and Invitees, will facilitate our scientific growth. The rapid expansion of information about genomics, proteomics, signaling pathways and neurodevelopment and our ability to influence these and other neural processes offer a rich palette of possibilities for advancing our science. But like the God Janus, who looked in multiple directions simultaneously, we must be sensitive to both good science and society. We should help a new generation of leaders to integrate vast arrays of information wisely and to use strong inference to demythologize mental disorders and apply the best new science to treating seriously disabling mental disorders.

In the near future, we hope to embrace the emerging idea of an equitable "Sunshine Law" that, while respecting individual rights, will create a central repository of information about funds that are received by biomedical researchers from Industry. Since 2006, we have offered our good offices and financial support (the latter of which was turned down) to the IOM and AAMC in order to create clear, reasonable and ethically sound principles of conduct. The ACNP is a small but important group that will be evaluating and hopefully endorsing balanced new "openness" policies, which will be made public by the IOM this spring. We look forward to the increased open discussion of these and other ethical principles, which we and our Colleagues will be able to support.

We have an obligation to be agents of positive change, to foster research into the cause and treatment of psychiatric disorders and to focus on key new research. I remember the excitement (and a bit of 'newcomer anxiety') I felt at my first ACNP Meeting. Now we must all create a continuing exciting and balanced College and welcome and encourage our young colleagues as we try to advance our basic and clinical science. I thank you for the opportunity of serving and leading you in this coming year: it is a singular honor. I believe that our Members are still the "best and brightest" and tapping into our wealth of talent and good will offers a unique opportunity to advance our field and to help alleviate the suffering of our patients and their families. In order for me to best represent our College, please feel free to contact me or Ronnie Wilkins, Executive Director, with any concerns or questions that you may have.



Director's Notes

Ronnie Wilkins, Ed.D., ACNP Executive Director

I think my new mantra for 2009 will simply be "AGDIN!", which means Another Great Day In Neuropsychopharmacology! Maybe I'll even have some buttons printed for us to wear.

For the third year in a row, and for the fifth time out of our last six meetings, we had record attendance at the 2008 Annual Meeting. The final tally was 1,552 scientific registrants, just two more than in 2007. One reason that attendance at the meeting has continued to increase in recent years is that Council has initiated several new efforts to bring more young scientists to the meeting. This year we had over 200 young people at the meeting through our travel awards programs, our invitation bank for young scientists, and the extra invitations offered to other young trainees and new R01 grant recipients. Along with the increased number of young people, we continue to have strong support from the ACNP membership, with sixty-three percent of the members in attendance.

However, it is not just the continued increase in meeting attendance that is so encouraging. It is the fact that we continue to see excellent ratings of the meeting content; we continue to see impressive reports of the work being done by ACNP Committees; and we continue to make progress each year toward the goals set forth in our Strategic Plan. I encourage you to go to the website, log in as a member, and look under ACNP Documents to see the committee reports and the Strategic Plan report. There is far more interesting work being done than I could begin to summarize in these brief notes. If you take the time to review those reports, I think you will be impressed, as I am, with the work that you and your fellow members are doing.

As you can imagine, I was anxious to see how people would like meeting in Arizona. Of the 619 people who completed the meeting evaluation, sixty-five percent rated Scottsdale as either good or excellent as a meeting site, and seventy-five percent rated the Fairmont Princess as either good or excellent. Those ratings are in line with the ratings for the Boca Raton Resort and Club, and somewhat lower than the ratings for the Westin Diplomat and the Waikoloa Village. Assuming that we will continue with our current rotation of meeting two years in the East and the third year in the West, we will present to Council this year several possibilities of Western, mainland locations for the 2014 meeting. You are welcome to send me any additional thoughts or suggestions for that meeting.

At the risk of rambling, I want to briefly mention three points of pride:

- Look carefully through the pictures taken at the Annual Meeting on page 11 of this Bulletin. In one of them, you will see Roger Meyer with a very special travel awardee, his daughter, Stephanie Meyer. To my knowledge, this is the first time a member's child has been honored by receiving an ACNP travel award. Congratulations to a proud father!
- Of the 619 people who completed meeting evaluations, 615 of them rated the ACNP staff as either good or excellent. Can you imagine the pleasure and the pride I have in working with this staff?! By the way, my mission this year is to find the 4 people who did not rate the staff as good or excellent and find out what we have to do to make you happy!
- January 2009 marked twenty years for Kathy Latimer as an ACNP staff member. In today's world that kind of tenure and stability is extremely rare. I know that you join me in congratulating Kathy, but more importantly in thanking her for her contributions to ACNP over these years.





Procedures for Electing the Nominating Committee and Officers

Sarah Timm, ACNP Deputy Director

You will soon receive an e-ballot to select the ACNP President who will take office in 2011, the 50th anniversary of the College. The College has a carefully designed process to ensure a fair and accurate election, which consistently produces an excellent group of members on the Nominating Committee and slate of candidates for office and Council who dedicate countless hours of their time to the College.

This three-part process begins each year with the selection of candidates for the Nominating Committee at the Summer Council meeting. A list of Fellows and Life Fellows who have previously served as committee chairpersons or Council members is presented to Council on a ballot for each member to select 10 to 15 nominees. The top nominees are presented to all Fellows and Members for an online vote. Once the votes are tabulated, the Secretary contacts the individuals on the list, beginning with the person who received the most votes. The elected members are told that they are not eligible to run for an office if they are on the Nominating Committee. The first person who accepts is named Chair. Phone calls or emails to members continue in descending order of number of votes until the committee is complete.

The work of the Nominating Committee begins in October. A memo, along with a list of eligible Fellows and Life Fellows for office, is sent to the membership asking for suggestions for the open positions. These suggestions are returned directly to the Chair and not the Executive Office to ensure a member-driven process. The Nominating Committee Chair compiles the suggestions into a confidential list and sends it to the committee asking each member to develop their own list of names. Once the Chair receives these lists, the Chair summarizes the suggestions which are discussed at the meeting in December. During this meeting, the committee takes into consideration that it is likely inappropriate for a government employee to participate in any of Council's visits to members of Congress or Administration Officials. Since the President is usually the chief spokesperson for the College, it is probably not wise to have successive Presidents who are federal employees. Once a slate is finalized, the Nominating Committee Chair calls or emails each nominee and asks them if they are willing to run for the position without letting them know the other members they might be running against.

The final step is the election. In 2008, the ballots were developed using an online voting system. This was successful and will continue in 2009. The candidates' picture and position statement is included on a fully secured webpage. The link is sent to each voting member along with a unique username and password via email which allows them to vote only once. Once the deadline has passed and the results are reviewed by the Secretary and Nominating Committee Chair, the candidates are notified and the results are sent to the membership.

As you can see, the integrity of ACNP elections is carefully safeguarded by Council, the Nominating Committee and the Executive Office. Should you have any questions or comments about the procedures, please feel free to contact me at stimm@acnp.org or 615-324-2374.



Travel Award Wrap Up and a Look Ahead

The 2008 ACNP Travel Award program proved to be the largest year yet, supporting 69 travel awardees to the Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona. The young scientists had a full week of activities and presentations. For the annual travel awardee breakfast and lunch, ACNP members Alan Frazer, Editor of the *International Journal of Neuropsychopharmacology*, Alan Gelenberg, Editor of the *Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*, Joe Coyle, Editor of the *Archives of General Psychiatry* and John Krystal, *Editor of Biological Psychiatry* all presented information designed to further the careers of these early researchers. The topics covered included writing a scientific manuscript, funding, teaching, scientific independence, impact factor, and the overall current research environment in the field of neuropsychopharmacology. In addition to learning from these leaders in the field, almost all of the awardees were fortunate enough to each have two mentors throughout the week, guiding them through the meeting and introducing them to the College and fellow ACNP members. Thank you to all of the members who spent part of their week devoted to making this program a success. Listed below are the 69 awardees for 2008.

Even though it is only February, we are ready to look ahead to the next group of awardees. Applications are now available online for the 2009 Travel Awards, with a deadline of April 30. Please encourage any young, qualified scientist that you may know to visit www.acnp.org for more information about the various types of travel awards. Many past travel awardees who are now ACNP members will attest to the incredible experience of receiving an award and attending the meeting at such an early stage in their careers and having access to the best science and researchers in the field. Should you or someone you know have any questions, please contact Nicole Greer in the Executive Office at ngreer@acnp.org, or (615) 324-2376.



Susanne E. Ahmari, M.D., Ph.D.	Young Investigator	Tracy S. Gertler, B.S.	NIMH	Daniel J. Mueller, M.D.	Young Investigator
Raag D. Airan, M.S.	NIMH	Tiffany A. Greenwood, Ph.D.	Young Investigator	Eleanor Joy Murphy, Ph.D.	Travel Award for Minorities
Ryan K. Bachtell, Ph.D.	Young Investigator	Danielle H. Guez, M.D., Ph.D.	NIMH	Anna M. Nelson, B.A.	NIMH
Sudie E. Back, Ph.D.	Early Career	Massih Hamidi, B.A.	NIMH	Ketema N. Paul, Ph.D.	Faculty Fellowship
Debra A. Bangasser, Ph.D.	Young Investigator	Gretchen Hermes, M.D., Ph.D.	NIMH	Albert R. Powers, III, M.D., Ph.D.	NIMH
Jennifer A. Bartz, Ph.D.	Autism Speaks	Jonathan Hollander, Ph.D.	Young Investigator	Jagadeesh S. Rao, Ph.D.	Travel Award for Minorities
Gillinder Bedi, D. Psych	Travel Award for Minorities	Mbemba Jabbi, Ph.D.	Travel Award for Minorities	Anne-Noel Samaha, Ph.D.	Women's Research Award
Mica Y. Bergman, B.S.	NIMH	Lena L. Jefferson-Wilson, M.D.	APA	Adolfo Sequeira, Ph.D.	Travel Award for Minorities
Timothy Bredy, Ph.D.	Young Investigator	Rebecca C. Knickmeyer, Ph.D.	Early Career	Barry Setlow, Ph.D.	Young Investigator
Melissa A. Brotman, Ph.D.	Young Investigator	Martine Lamy	NIMH	Stanley Shyn, M.D., Ph.D.	APA
Tanja Brueckl, Ph.D.	ADAA	Angeli Landeros-Weisenberger, M.D.	APA	Monsheel Sodhi, Ph.D.	Young Investigator
Lyngine Calizo, Ph.D.	Travel Award for Minorities	Eric Landsness	NIMH	Joanna L. Spencer	NIMH
Monica E. Calkins, Ph.D.	Early Career	Maurice P. Lee, M.D., Ph.D.	Travel Award for Minorities	Kevin M. Spencer, Ph.D.	Young Investigator
Delane Casiano, M.D.	APA	Royce Lee, M.D.	APA	Simona Spinelli, Ph.D.	Autism Speaks
Christine C. Cloak, Ph.D.	Faculty Fellowship	Melissa Lopez-Larson, M.D.	APA	S. Evelyn Stewart, M.D.	ADAA
Rita M. Cowell, Ph.D.	Early Career	Claudio A. Mastronardi, Ph.D.	Faculty Fellowship	Holly Swartz, M.D.	Women's Research Award
Julie Dumas, Ph.D.	Young Investigator	Colleen A. McClung, Ph.D.	Young Investigator	Debby Tsuang, M.D., M.Sc.	Women's Research Award
Jamie Elliott, M.D., Ph.D.	NIMH	Clinton B. McCracken, Ph.D.	Young Investigator	Alicia A. Walf, B.A.	ADAA
Kaney J. Fedovskiy, M.D., M.P.H.	Travel Award for Minorities	John E. McGeary, Ph.D.	Young Investigator	Consuelo Walss-Bass, Ph.D.	Early Career
Susan M. Ferguson, Ph.D.	Young Investigator	Stephanie E. Meyer, Ph.D.	Young Investigator	Aliza P. Wingo, M.D.	APA
Jess G. Fiedorowicz, M.D., M.S.	Young Investigator	Jose J. Miguel-Hidalgo, Ph.D.	Travel Award for Minorities	Yuhuan Xie, M.D.	Travel Award for Minorities
Kate D. Fitzgerald, M.D., M.S.	ADAA	Mohammed R. Milad, Ph.D.	Young Investigator	Huaiyu Yang, M.D.	Travel Award for Minorities
Erika E. Forbes, Ph.D.	Young Investigator	Romina Mizrahi, M.D., Ph.D.	Young Investigator	Dongyang Zhang	NIMH



2008 and 2009 ACNP Funded Community Programs

Although ACNP may be a national organization, through the innovative programs created and run by our members, the 2008 Educational Outreach Initiative recipients have touched the lives of consumers on a local level in a big way. The five programs outlined below were selected by the Education & Training Committee this past year to receive a grant of \$5,000 from the College to support public education activities designed to promote a greater community awareness of the advances in brain research and how those advances impact people's lives. These educational projects were outstanding demonstrations of promoting the understanding of brain-related science among the general public. Following the recipients from 2008 is a listing of the selected programs for 2009. The deadline for applications for 2010 will be October 30. For more information on this program, please visit www.acnp.org or contact Nicole Greer in the ACNP Executive Office (ngreer@acnp.org).

2008 Educational Outreach Initiative Winners

David Self, *UT Southwestern Medical Center*

"Professional Development for Middle School Science Teachers on Drug Abuse, Addiction, and the Adolescent Brain" was developed as five, standards-based classroom lessons and a DVD that focus on the science of how drugs change the function of the brain and why drugs may have different effects on the developing brains of adolescents. This presentation included interviews with both scientists as well as former drug abusing students which emphasized neural development in adolescence and how drugs can alter the process in potentially irreversible ways. The final product was a valuable asset for middle school teachers to utilize with their students and conveyed an important and scientifically accurate message on the effects of drugs of abuse on the developing adolescent brain.

Ted Abel, *University of Pennsylvania*

The Kids Judge! Neuroscience Fair was an event featuring kid judges (in the form of 95 elementary school students!), 52 undergraduates, and 16 graduate students who put on various poster displays. For this unique twist on the traditional science fair, kids get to judge projects that adults create, with exhibits explaining how the brain and nervous system functions. This flip-flop of roles is designed to make scientists better communicators and to interest elementary school students in science. The exciting exhibits included features such as relay races, memory exploration, balance activities, and visual games.

Huda Akil, *University of Michigan*

"Brains Rule" is an annual event which hosted four schools with a total of approximately 200 6th graders, and over fifty volunteers ranging from graduate and undergraduate students to laboratory technicians and Ph.D.s from a variety of fields, such as Pharmacology, Neuroscience, Psychology and Cellular/Molecular Biology. There were a total of twenty demonstrations presented on topics ranging from genetics and neuroanatomy, to pharmacology and substance abuse, to helmet safety.

Kerry Ressler and Charles Nemeroff, *Emory University*

"Public Outreach Through Community Partnerships: Bringing Neuroscience to Children and Adults" is a novel program featuring a combination of a 2-day "Brain Expo" open to the public and targeting Atlanta inner-city children and parents. The two-day event featured both a Neuroscience film, lecture, and discussion series as well as 30 fun interactive learning



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stations. At the Brain-Expo event, school-aged children were exposed to demonstrations and interactive activities related to neuroscience. The Neuroscience film provided the opportunity to the public to hear from guest speaker and ACNP member Michael Kuhar, a nationally famous expert in the mechanisms of drug addiction. This is one of the largest public education events of its kind in the country, and attracted more than 4,000 visitors. One goal of this event was to get kids excited about science at a younger age. The data from this event found that after attending this event, the students who participated found neuroscience more fun and more interesting and were more likely to see neuroscience as a potential career choice.

Terry Robinson, *University of Michigan*

“The Neurokids Program of the University of Michigan” featured local classroom presentations and promotion of neuroscience outreach through internet sharing of lesson resources and in-classroom video. Graduate students developed and presented a series of hands-on lessons covering a broad range of neuroscience topics including neuroanatomy, neurophysiology, cellular neuroscience and cognitive neuroscience. Their mission was threefold:

- 1) Plan, organize, and participate in neuroscience outreach activities.
- 2) Act as facilitators for those interested in developing their own educational programs based on neuroscience concepts.
- 3) Create a permanent resource for the teaching and dissemination of neuroscience concepts through the planning of curricula and development of novel educational strategies with an emphasis on fun, interactivity, and simplicity.

Since receiving funding, 15 classrooms were visited with the interactive presentations; involving approximately 350 students.

2009 Educational Outreach Initiative Winners

Edythe London: A program aiming to inspire awareness and excitement about the field of neuroscience and higher education to underserved students who might otherwise not have had the opportunity, and increase opportunities for UCLA students to reach out to K-12 students to teach them about the relevance of neuroscience in their lives.

Robert Freedman: Program support for brain awareness and high school student and senior adult outreach.

Thomas Uhde: A program geared towards educating high school students about the brain and its connection to neuropsychiatric and substance abuse disorders. Additionally, this program aims to involve medical students in public education programs as a method for increasing medical student interest in psychiatry as a career.

Nicholas Goeders: Grey Matters: A community lecture and discussion series on the brain and brain awareness week activities.

Ira Glick: An Education Day to promote a greater awareness of current research in the understanding of the biological mechanisms of schizophrenia.



E-Posters from the 2008 Annual Meeting

For the first time, ACNP gave all poster presenters the opportunity to share their poster with all ACNP members and 2008 meeting attendees via an E-Poster website. The poster viewing site is accessible to ACNP Members and registered 2008 meeting attendees only.

To view the e-posters that have been submitted, go to the ACNP website (www.acnp.org), click on "Annual Meeting" and then "ACNP Annual Meeting E-Posters."

Please note that the login ID is your email address. The site will email you your e-poster viewing password, if you have forgotten it, or you can contact the ACNP Executive Office (615-324-2360 or acnp@acnp.org).

The 2008 meeting E-posters will remain available for viewing all year until the beginning of the 2009 ACNP meeting. All ACNP meeting materials, including e-posters are confidential and not citable.

Dates to Remember

Mid-April 2009	Deadline for Proposals
April 30, 2009	Deadline for Travel Award Applications
Mid-May 2009	Registration Materials Distributed
June 24, 2009	Deadline for Honorary Awards Nominations
September 17, 2009	Deadline for Membership Nominations/Promotions
October 30, 2009	Educational Outreach Grant Proposal Deadline

ACNP New Members/Promotions

The College elected 19 new Members, 15 Associate Members and two Foreign Corresponding Fellows during the 2008 Annual Meeting. Sixteen Members were promoted to Fellow, and two Fellows were promoted to Life Fellow.

New Members - 2009

Sherwood Brown	Frederick Moeller
Gunag Chen	Lisa Monteggia
William Clarke	Ziad Nahas
Yu-Shin Ding	Vishwajit Nimgaonkar
Deepak Cyril D'Souza	David Oslin
Mark Goodman	Jaak Panksepp
Thomas Hyde	Rosalinda Roberts
Paul Kenny	Jed Rose
Ming Li	Larry Young
Graeme Mason	

Associate Members - 2009

Paul Arnold	Sanjay Mathew
Richard Bergeron	Dost Ongur
Carlos Bolanos-Guzman	George Papakostas
Katherine Burdick	Paul Phillips
James Fadel	Jagadeesh Rao
Todd Gould	Thomas Schulze
Dan Haupt	Annika Thorsell
Todd Lenz	

Foreign Corresponding Fellow - 2009

Giovanni Biggio
Walter Müller

Promotions - Member to Fellow

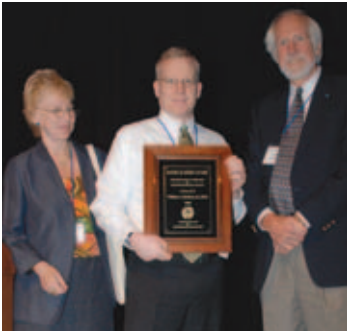
Wade Berrettini	J. Dee Higley
Garth Bissette	Israel Liberzon
Randy Blakely	John Nurnberger
Kathryn Cunningham	Lorna Role
Wayne Drevets	Thomas Schlaepfer
John Gilmore	Mauricio Tohen
Terry Goldberg	Karen Wagner
David Goldman	Marina Wolf

Promotions - Fellow to Life Fellow

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Robert Lenox



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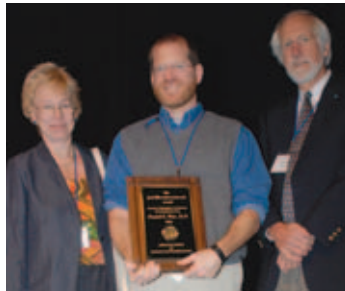


Daniel H. Efron Research Award - winner William A. Carlezon, Jr., Ph.D.

The Efron Award is presented to an individual on the basis of outstanding **basic/translational** research contributions to neuropsychopharmacology. The contributions may be preclinical or work which emphasizes the interface between basic and clinical research. The selection of the awardee is based on the quality of the contribution, and its impact in advancing neuropsychopharmacology.

Joel Elkes Research Award - winner Daniel S. Pine, M.D.

The Joel Elkes Research Award is presented to a young scientist in recognition of an outstanding **clinical/translational** contribution to neuropsychopharmacology. The contribution may be based on a single discovery or a cumulative body of work. Of particular interest in selecting the awardee are contributions, which further our understanding of self-regulatory processes as they affect mental function and behavior in disease and well-being.



Julius Axelrod Mentorship Award - winner Bruce M. Cohen, M.D., Ph.D.

The Julius Axelrod Mentorship 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.

Paul Hoch Distinguished Service Award - winner William T. Carpenter, Jr., M.D.

The Paul Hoch Distinguished Service Award is presented by the ACNP when a member has made unusually significant contributions to the College. The emphasis of this award is on service to the College—not for teaching, clinical, or research accomplishment.



Media Award – winners P. Michael Conn, Ph.D., James V. Parker, Ph.D., authors of *The Animal Research War*

The ACNP Media Award was established to honor a member of the print or electronic media who has made a major contribution to the education of the public about mental illness and substance abuse research and the positive impact of research on treatment. The award is intended to be an expression of appreciation from the College toward outstanding leaders in the media who provide complete, accurate, and unbiased information to our society about brain diseases.

New 2009 Officers and Council Members



The reins of leadership were passed to 2009 ACNP President David L. Braff, M.D., Professor, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA, by outgoing President Judith L. Rapoport, M.D.



David R. Rubinow, M.D., Chairman, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, assumed the role of President-Elect.

Newly elected Council members:

Anthony A. Grace, Ph.D., Professor of Neuroscience, Psychiatry and Psychology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.



Herbert D. Kleber, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry, Director, Division of Substance Abuse, Columbia University, New York State Psychiatric Institute, New York, NY.

Irwin Lucki, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

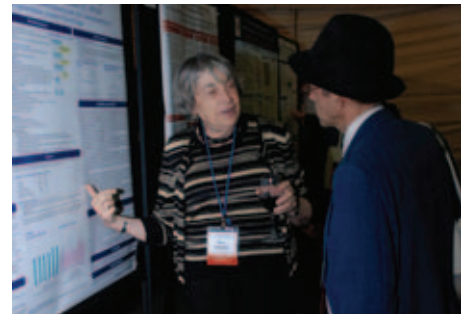
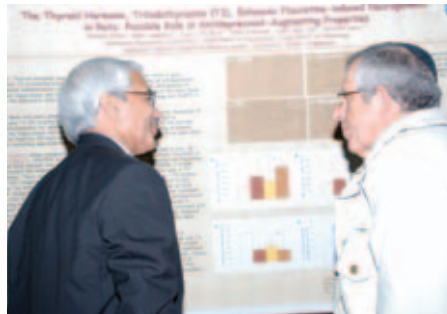


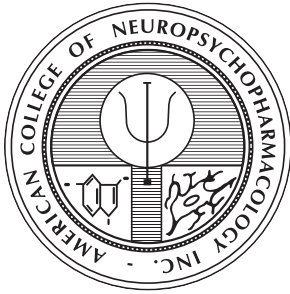
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www.acnp.org**Upcoming Meetings****29th Annual Conference****Anxiety Disorders Association of America**

March 12-15, 2009

Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa

Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico

www.adaa.org**XVIIth World Congress on Psychiatric Genetics**

November 4-8, 2009

Manchester Grand Hyatt

San Diego, California

<http://ispg2009.org>**ACNP Annual Meeting**

December 6-10, 2009

The Westin Diplomat

Hollywood, Florida

www.acnp.org**Past Presidents' Luncheon 2008**

Seated: Joseph Coyle, William Bunney, Kenneth Davis, Judith Rapoport, George Simpson, Irwin Kopin

Standing: Huda Akil, Ronnie Wilkins, Charles O'Brien, William Carpenter, Herbert Meltzer, David Kupfer, Roger Meyer, Benjamin Bunney, Charles Nemeroff, Carol Tamminga, Alan Schatzberg

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