



ACNP Bulletin

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President's Letter 2013

Securing our Future, Honoring our Past

David A. Lewis, MD

It is a remarkable honor for me to serve as President of an organization that for me has always offered the best of both science and friendships. For each of us, the members and activities of the College represent critical sources of information and motivation in our scientific pursuits. Our annual meeting brings together the best in clinical, translational and basic research, providing a rich source of new ideas, opportunities for building collaborations, and a venue for forming and sustaining friendships. In the coming year, we will face two ongoing challenges: 1) the pursuit of new approaches that will ensure the College's successful leadership in shaping the future of our field, and 2) the preservation of the core values that have defined us as a unique community of scientists and clinicians for more than half a century.



Securing our Future

Under the leadership of recent ACNP Presidents David Braff, David Rubinow, Eric Nestler and John Krystal, we have undertaken a number of initiatives to prepare the College for a vibrant and sustainable future that will enable us to pursue our fundamental mission with excellence. Council reformed and streamlined key areas of the College's activities including membership categories, criteria for membership, committee structure and the increased involvement of women and younger scientists. Each of these initiatives has met with success, but it would be premature either to rest on our laurels or to immediately undertake a completely new slate of initiatives.

The recent revisions in the ACNP's governing documents, policies and procedures have been directed at six goals, each of which deserves continued attention. *Each* of these goals is important; the following order of presentation does not reflect their relative priorities.

1) *Enhance the value of the Annual Meeting for members and guests by ensuring a well-defined and transparent process for designing the Program.* At least four aspects of the annual meeting require continued attention and potential adjustments for future meetings based on membership feedback: a) designing the optimal mix of types of sessions, participants in sessions, and scheduling of sessions; b) creating more time for informal interactions; c) increasing the diversity of participating scientists; and d) stabilizing the meeting size at a level that facilitates interactions and permits all events to take place in one hotel.

2) *Make the path to membership in the ACNP transparent and straightforward, and engage new members in the activities of the College.* The Membership Advisory Task Force has generated a number of creative ideas to facilitate the integration of new members into the life of the College, and will continue these initiatives and will take on new responsibilities such as finding ways in

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which former Travel Awardees can be guided on the path to membership. The latest changes in the By-Laws, which provide flexibility in the number of individuals admitted as Associate Members or Members annually, is another step in empowering the Membership Committee and Council to work together for the best outcome of individual applicants for membership and for the College.

3) *Facilitate career development for women and their participation in the ACNP.* This goal will be pursued by continuing to work with the Women's Task Force to ensure that the charges to the Task Force are clear and that the resources to accomplish those charges are sufficient. In particular, we will seek ways to enhance the effectiveness of events and initiatives focused on women, and we will continue to encourage and support the involvement of women in all aspects of the College including admission to membership, advancement to Fellow, representation in panels and plenary sessions, receipt of honorific awards, and participation in ACNP leadership.

4) *Increase the diversity of our membership and meeting attendees.* At the past two business meetings, the out-going Presidents have cited the criticism that the ACNP membership and meeting participants are "too frail, too male and too pale." As noted above, the Membership Advisory and Women's Task Forces have done a superb job in initiating new activities that are effectively addressing the first two criticisms. In the coming year, we will form a new Task Force on Diversity that will be charged with developing means to increase the participation of under-represented minorities in all activities and membership categories of the College. In addition, the Program and Membership Committees will continue to be instructed to consider diversity, including career stage, gender, race, and scientific focus, in their decision processes and in their proposals for activities within the College.

5) *Further the dissemination of knowledge through Neuropsychopharmacology, the ACNP website and other venues.* We have great confidence that Bill Carlezon and the new editorial group leading *Neuropsychopharmacology* will continue to grow the quality and impact of our journal. Initiatives that will make *Neuropsychopharmacology* an even more attractive and valued publication vehicle for the best work of College members will be considered over the next year. In addition, we are certain that Dave Sibley and team will continue to strategize for our website's high quality content, cutting-edge design and ease of navigation.

6) *Promote long-term fiscal stability of the ACNP through the continued diversification of income streams, ensuring that all income sources are consistent with the stated standards of the ACNP, and through the prudent reduction of expenses.* In the coming year, Council will work with Ronnie Wilkins, Sarah Timm, and the talented ACNP staff to conduct a systematic review of all ACNP procedures and policies. This review will identify ways to reduce staff effort and costs, streamline processes, and simplify the experience for our members and meeting guests.

Honoring our Past

As our name indicates, we are a College...and there is value in periodically reflecting on what that means. While there are many facets to a college, the following four aspects, that have served the ACNP well for the past half century, are worthy of particular emphasis:

First, by definition, a college is characterized by a spirit of *Collegiality*; that is, the ACNP is a social group whose members seek to promote from each other the best in science, training and service.

Second, to effectively operate as a college requires *Civility*. In the words of Stephen Carter, civility is "valuing the 'we' over the 'me'" in all our interactions.

Third, as a college we participate in a *Community*. Together we pursue a goal...understanding the neurobiology of brain diseases and reducing their burden on individuals and our society...that is much larger than any one of us.

Finally, colleges engage in *Celebration*. We take the time to recognize and enjoy (if all too briefly) the contributions and accomplishments of our members.

In conclusion, I look forward to serving you over the next year, and working with you to secure a vibrant future for our College and to preserve our core values.



Director's Notes – Here We Go Again

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

Serving as the ACNP Executive Director can definitely have its stressful moments, but one of the things about this job that is very comforting to me is knowing the natural, annual cycle of activity. As I write this, the 2012 meeting was just a few weeks ago but we are already gearing up for 2013. I just spent an hour testing the abstract submission system for Traci King, because she believes that if I can do it, anyone can! We are just finishing up paying all the expenses of invited speakers and getting the master bill from the hotel reconciled so we can pay it, and yet we are also talking with the Westin about what we want to improve in 2013. We are talking with vendors about audio visual services, abstract submissions, and meeting apps for iPhones and iPads. The cycle continues.



There have been years when I felt like everything just fell into place all through the year, when my natural good luck seemed to be working, and when we entered those final weeks leading up to the meeting with the wind at our backs. There have been other years when the opposite was true; when it seemed that everything that could go wrong did. One memory that is seared into my brain is the year when our shipment of materials for the meeting did not arrive at the Caribe Hilton until very late Friday afternoon, and we had to be ready for Council meeting, committee meetings, and to open registration on Saturday morning. That was a Maalox moment!

So what is it that I find comforting about the annual cycle of activity? I have come to understand that as the calendar year comes to a close, so will our meeting have been completed. Whether we had a terrific year and a fabulous meeting, or whether it was a year full of stress and frustration and the meeting was not what we had hoped for, one way or the other, in December it would be over. And, in January we would start fresh again. Some people don't understand why Mondays are my favorite day of the week. I think it is because I love fresh starts!

Bylaws and Policy Changes

Over the past year, ACNP Council, Committees and Task Forces have been engaged in discussions about a number of policy changes, as well as some changes to the Bylaws, that are intended to open the Annual Meeting and the College to more young people while at the same time controlling, or at least managing, the growth in the size of the meeting. Some of those changes in the Bylaws and in policies have been made, and some that were discussed were ultimately either rejected by Council or postponed to be considered as a later date. We thought it would be helpful to summarize those changes that have actually been made and that will be in effect for this year. Please contact the Executive Office if you have any questions about these changes.

Changes in Emeritus Status: In 2012, Council presented to the members a recommendation to amend the Bylaws regarding emeritus status for Fellows and Members. That recommendation was approved and the Bylaws were amended accordingly. The requirements to become a Fellow Emeritus or Member Emeritus now are that one must be at least 65 years old and must have been a member for at least 10 years. The amendments to the Bylaws now allow Council to change the privileges of emeritus members, but Council decided to make no changes to those privileges. Emeritus members receive the following benefits: 1) dues are waived; 2) meeting registration fee is discounted (\$400 versus \$550 for regular members); and 3) annual meeting attendance is optional.

Annual Meeting Policies: The following policies are new and will be in effect for the 2013 meeting:

- A member may only invite a guest to the meeting if the member is also attending the meeting. When we receive information regarding an invited guest, the Executive Office staff will ask the member to attest that he/she will attend the meeting before we will process the guest invitation.
- An invited guest will be allowed to present a poster if he/she chooses to do so. The guest invitation will constitute sponsorship by the inviting member. No other rules for poster sponsorship will be required.

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Neuropsychopharmacology: The 2013 Transition in Leadership

William A. Carlezon Jr., Ph.D., Editor-in-Chief

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Scientists often use the analogy of standing on the shoulders of their predecessors. As I begin my term as the next Editor-in-Chief (EIC) of *Neuropsychopharmacology*, I find this analogy to be particularly appropriate. The outgoing EIC, Jim Meador-Woodruff, has handed me the reins of a journal that is clearly on the rise, having improvements in a number of key metrics under his leadership. Jim has been gracious in every respect, sharing with me the smallest details of how to run a successful journal in a highly competitive field while leaving time and energy for my other job (running an externally-funded basic research program).



The fact that Jim shared so much of his time and insight during this transition has made it possible to rapidly implement changes that debut in this issue. Some changes are more noticeable than others, but all should contribute to the continued strengthening of the journal.

First, there have been changes in the way that the journal is run. While these changes are not easily visible, they are noteworthy. As one example, *Neuropsychopharmacology* and *Neuropsychopharmacology Reviews* have been administratively fused, ending an era where they were essentially separate journals under one umbrella. This consolidation will make the process of putting together the annual review issue, which has a major influence on our impact factor, much more efficient. Additionally, having more of the journal's senior editorial team involved in the review issue ensures a steady stream of fresh ideas for themes. This change was part of the rationale to modify the organization of the senior editor team, which now comprises the EIC (a basic researcher), two Deputy Editors (both clinicians) and nine Associate Editors (a mix of basic researchers and clinicians). The team has been assembled to handle the types of manuscripts we have received in the past, as well as those we will endeavor to attract in the future. Each member of the Editorial Board has expressed their commitment to being a timely and responsive advisor to the senior editors. Consistent with the desire of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP) to offer all of its members more opportunities to participate and learn, we have set aside slots on the Editorial Board for early-career investigators who have a history of submitting thoughtful reviews and carrying a heavy workload for the journal.

There is a prominent change in how the journal looks. We have added a tagline—"At the Intersection of Brain, Behavior, and Therapeutics"—to the front cover, below the title. This sharpens our brand and helps authors understand the type of work we want to attract, which now goes beyond traditional pharmacology to include devices and biological approaches such as vaccines or gene therapies. The tagline also distinguishes us from other journals with similar names, thereby facilitating the process of getting appropriate manuscripts into the hands of reviewers.

There are also changes in how the journal educates its readership. We have added a feature called "Archival Perspectives". Found at the bottom of each issue's table of contents, it identifies (and provides a link for) the most-cited paper from the same monthly issue 20, 10, and 5 years earlier. This feature will highlight some of the seminal discoveries that have been reported in *Neuropsychopharmacology*, and provide objective insight on their impact upon the field. We will explore adding other features, including one where authors take opposing sides on an issue, but in the end work together to provide a proposal for how to move the field forward.

Finally, there have been changes in how the journal and its content are promoted. Our publisher, Nature Publishing Group (NPG), has a tremendous network of resources that can be used to highlight work published in *Neuropsychopharmacology*. NPG has already started producing 10-minute Podcasts in which the lead authors of high-impact papers describe their

2012 and 2013 ACNP Travel Award Program

The 2012 ACNP Annual Meeting brought another outstanding class of 55 travel awardees to the meeting. The busy week of scientific presentations and sessions began Saturday evening with the Travel Awardee reception and poster session. For the first time, travel awardees were able to present their research to mentors and ACNP leadership in a smaller more intimate setting, affording them the opportunity to make connections early and setting the stage for an outstanding Annual Meeting experience. The awardees also attended a luncheon later in the week where they heard Dr. Robert Malenka reflect on his career path. This combination of unique experiences for the awardees, at an exceptional scientific conference, is what enables the College to capture the best of the future of neuropsychopharmacology.

The Travel Award guidelines for 2013 are now posted on the ACNP website and we will soon be accepting applications for these coveted slots for the 52nd Annual Meeting in Hollywood, Florida. Please visit <http://www.acnp.org> for more information on this opportunity for a young investigator at your institution. For questions, you may email Laura Hill at the Executive Office: lhill@acnp.org.



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work and answer questions about its broad significance for the scientific community as well as the lay-public. Recently, NPG introduced a new feature called Accepted Article Preview (AAP), in which a non-typeset version of each new paper is posted on-line within 72 hours of acceptance. This means that the abstract will be searchable in PubMed (and the research citable) earlier than ever. The editors will continue to send every accepted paper to the ACNP Public Information Committee, which works with NPG to generate press releases for reports of great public interest. We are also working with ACNP to enhance the journal presence on the public portions of its website.

Some of these changes may seem provocative for a journal that, like the organization it represents, is steeped in tradition. While change is often accompanied by risk, the fact is that *Neuropsychopharmacology* represents a field that is rapidly evolving at a time when there are dramatic changes occurring in the publishing business. Many researchers now find the papers they need via on-line searches rather than by reading the hard-copy of their favorite journal from cover to cover. Indeed, the distribution of hard-copies of scientific journals is declining, while the number of exclusively on-line journals is increasing. There is also intense competition to attract the best work from the most innovative scientists, who without exception want their discoveries to appear in journals that have a high impact while being easy to work with in terms of submission process, pace of review, and efficiency of production. All of the changes described above are intended to attract the manuscripts that are most appropriate for *Neuropsychopharmacology*, to hasten the pace of the review, and to maximize the audience size for each paper that gets published in our pages. The success of this approach will be evident in contemporary metrics such as impact factor that, for better or worse, have an influence on the fitness of any scientific journal. Jim leaves us with an impact factor of 7.991, among the highest in the field of Psychiatry.

Our ultimate goal is to ensure that each paper published in *Neuropsychopharmacology* or *Neuropsychopharmacology Reviews* is a source of great pride for authors, and great admiration for readers.

Note: Just before this Bulletin went to press, ACNP Council approved a new annual "best paper" award, which is described in detail on page 7.



ASSOCIATE & NEW MEMBER CONNECTION

2012 Annual Meeting Highlights from the Membership Advisory Task Force Committee

Linda L. Carpenter, M.D., Membership Advisory Task Force Chair

Lisa M. Monteggia, Ph.D., Membership Advisory Task Force Co-Chair

The 2012 Annual Meeting included a number of events specially designed to address the needs of Associate Members and other junior scientists who may seek membership in the future. On Monday night in the poster session, there was a poster titled **“Membership Advisory Task Force: Feedback, Challenges, and Solutions in 2012”**. This poster, created and presented by members of our task force, highlighted 2012 survey data revealing what aspects of the college are valued by Associate Members – and also what they dislike. To help enhance transparency and diminish mystery about the membership application process, the poster also showed statistics describing the age, gender, and H-index of applicants who were accepted into the college as full members and associate members in the past 3 years. There was great traffic at the poster, and many stopped to ask questions and react to the information. Some expressed concern about changes for the future that had been approved by Council, such as the *capping the “years since training” eligibility criterion for Travel Award Applications*. This change, which will be rolled out in increments over three years, is intended to create more opportunities for individuals who are earlier in their career development trajectories to win ACNP travel awards, and to diminish the assignment of those award monies to more accomplished scientists who already have grant funding and are more likely to have other resources for supporting their travel expenses. Others who visited the poster expressed worry about the new requirement that *no more than 10 years lapse from completion of training to the point of application for ACNP Associate Membership* (previously it was 15 years). Committee members explained that this change came in response to concerns that there were not enough associate membership slots for relatively junior scientists to enter the college. With this new requirement in place, applicants who are beyond 10 years from their last year of training will now submit application materials for consideration of acceptance into regular Member slots, rather than take spaces in the Associate Member pool. Committee members at the poster also included news that the membership accepted an amendment of ANCP bylaws to increase the number of Associate Members



accepted into the college each year to 25, instead of 15 (the current limit). All of these steps are intended to attract and retain more junior scientists interested in ACNP, and to make it possible for the best junior candidates to make it to the meeting and to gain access to Associate Member slots.

For the second year in a row, the Membership Task Force sponsored a career development panel discussion at the annual meeting: **“Special Session for Associate Members: Ask the Experts: Peer Review.”** This year’s panelists included Drs. William Carlezon, Marlene Freeman, Robert Friedman, John Krystal, Lisa Monteggia, and Nora Volkow. The central topic was peer review, and some of the issues addressed are summarized here: *Reasons for junior investigators to perform peer review of manuscripts and grants:* Panelists encouraged participation in peer review because it is part of being a good citizen in our academic community; it can help one become a better writer; it facilitates networking and establishing connection others in your field (for example, during study section). *Tips for writing a good review:* Panelists spoke of common mistakes/pitfalls to avoid. A common thread in the discussion was being tactful and constructive in comments and avoiding a mean tone during peer review. *How to determine the boundaries relevant to conflict of interest?* A common response to this query was what this is a very gray area, and that decisions will vary depending on the review venue (e.g., manuscript review vs. grant review; NIH vs. non-profit foundation). One suggestion was to always feel free to bring questions about conflict to the

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2012 Annual Meeting Highlights from the Membership Advisory Task Force Committee

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journal editor or the person coordinating the grant review. *What a reviewer should do if he/she knows something about the study that isn't transparent in the proposal/article submitted for publication*, especially when the omitted information negatively impacts the reviewer's assessment of the manuscript? Again, it was recommended that reviewers discuss this with the editor or scientific review administrator. *How does one become a member of a journal editorial board or study section?* It was strongly recommended that junior investigators do this whenever the opportunities arise. For editorial boards, it was noted that investigators asked to join a board typically had written multiple reviews for that particular journal, were seen as fair reviewers, and submitted their reviews on time. For study section, it was suggested that directly contacting the scientific review administrators for study sections that

match one's area of expertise is an excellent way to make known an interest and willingness to review grant proposals.

Overall, the panel discussion was very well attended and highly valued (based on post-meeting survey results). One criticism submitted was that many meeting attendees assumed that this special panel session was only open to an audience of ACNP Associate Members. Actually, it was intended for anyone who felt they might benefit from the discussion and from mentorship pearls from a panel of "experts" on the topic of peer review. Next year, the Membership Task Force will have a different title for the career development sessions at the meeting, and will take steps when advertising the session which hopefully make clearer that all are welcome to attend.

The ACNP "NEATOR" Award

William A. Carlezon Jr., Ph.D., Editor-in-Chief

The ACNP has established an annual award that recognizes the best original paper published in *Neuropsychopharmacology* during the previous calendar year. Called the "NEATOR" Award (*Neuropsychopharmacology* Editors' Award for a Transformative Original Report), it will be given for the first time at the 2013 annual meeting in Hollywood, FL.

All original (non-review) papers that were published in print during 2012 will be eligible, regardless of the ACNP membership status of the authors. The award will be given to the first author and (if different than the first author) the senior/corresponding author. In cases where the first author and senior/corresponding author share the award, both will be considered equal awardees. Each awardee will receive a plaque and cash prize; non-member awardees will also receive an invitation to the annual meeting. In cases where neither co-author is a member, the ACNP will provide support for lodging and travel for one (1) of the co-authors.

The award was established with the following goals in mind:

- To recognize the best papers published in our journal and honor the researchers who performed the work.
- To provide an incentive for ACNP members to submit their best work to our journal.
- To develop relationships between the ACNP and top researchers who are not currently members of the college.
- To foster enduring relationships between our journal and junior/early-career investigators.
- To offer an additional distinction that may facilitate promotion within ACNP or at home institutions.
- To perpetuate the sense of enthusiasm for outstanding contributions and collegiality for which ACNP is widely known.

The Senior Editors of *Neuropsychopharmacology* will identify papers for consideration and select the winner by vote. Applications or nominations are not accepted.

We hope that you will consider *Neuropsychopharmacology* as a forum for your work, and remind you that original papers published in print during 2013 will be eligible for the 2014 NEATOR Award.



ACNP Honorific Awards

The 2012 Honorific Awards were presented by Awards Committee chairman, Dr. Eric Nestler, at the President's Plenary on Monday, December 3rd during the Annual Meeting in Florida.



Daniel H. Efron Research Award - winner Larry J. Young, Ph.D.

The Efron Award is presented to an individual on the basis of outstanding **basic** 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 - winners Rita Z. Goldstein, Ph.D. and Anil K. Malhotra, M.D.

The Joel Elkes Research Award is presented to a young scientist in recognition of an outstanding **clinical** 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.



Eva King Killam Research Award – winner Schahram Akbarian, M.D., Ph.D.

In 2011, the College established the Eva King Killam Research Award to honor Dr. Killam and to recognize young investigators on the basis of outstanding **translational** research contributions to neuropsychopharmacology that focus on translating advances from basic science to human investigations.

Julius Axelrod Mentorship Award - winner George F. Koob, 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 David L. Braff, 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 – Winner Maia Szalavitz, Freelance Journalist

The ACNP Media Award was established to recognize major contributions 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 public education leaders who provide complete, accurate, and unbiased information to our society about brain diseases. The honoree may be a member of the print or electronic media, an advocacy organization or a public education initiative that promotes increased awareness of brain research and the impact it has on people's lives. Maia Szalavitz was chosen for her work as a journalist and author whose insightful contributions to print media on addiction and other mental health-related issues, along with her ability to communicate the devastating consequences of addiction and other psychiatric illnesses, have been a source of tremendous advocacy to the field of neuropsychopharmacology.





ACNP New Members/Promotions

Please help us welcome the 34 new Members and 25 new Associate Members selected for 2013 membership at the 51st Annual Meeting. We also congratulate the 35 ACNP Members who were promoted to Fellow status in the College. *Associate Members who attained full membership.

New Members (34)

Anne Andrews	Sari Izenwasser	Christopher Pierce
Vaishali Bakshi*	Lawrence Kegeles	Christopher Pittenger*
Katherine Burdick*	Scott Kollins*	Barbara Sahakian
Kiki Chang*	Amanda Law	James Sutcliffe*
Cynthia Crawford*	Francis Lee	Holly Swartz
Darin Dougherty*	Mitsuyuki Matsumoto	Philip Wang
Vicki Ellingrod	Robert McCullumsmith*	John Wemmie
C. Neill Epperson	Melvin McInnis	Leanne Williams
Howard Gendelman	Lin Mei	Marcelo Wood
Birte Glenthøj	Euripedes Miguel	Eric Youngstrom*
Joshua Gordon	Jeffrey Nye	
Beng-Choon Ho	Marina Picciotto	

New Associate Members (25)

Nicole Avena	Ilan Kerman	Amanda Myers
Olivier Berton	Scott Langenecker	Anilkumar Pillai
Michael Bruchas	Lorenzo Leggio	Armin Raznahan
Jeffrey Burgdorf	Chunyu Liu	Avi (Abraham)
Vincenzo De Luca	Francis Lotrich	Reichenberg
Pamela DeRosse	Keri Martinowich	Joshua Roffman
Ariel Graff	Shawn McClintock	Jonathan Savitz
Tiffany Greenwood	Jose Moron-	Christian Schmahl
Ming-Hu Han	Concepcion	Jared Young

Members to Fellows (35)

Bryon Adinoff	Clinton Kilts	Gerard Sanacora
Cynthia Bethea	Constantine Lyketsos	Akira Sawa
Kristin Cadenhead	Kathleen Merikangas	Peter Schmidt
Marilyn Carroll	Andreas Meyer-	Yvette Sheline
Olivier Civelli	Lindenberg	Susan Swedo
Margarita Dubocovich	Karoly Mirnics	Robert Sweet
Seyyed Hossein	David Morilak	Frank Tarazi
Fatemi	Michael Palfreyman	Paul Vezina
Mark George	Mark Rapaport	Janet Williams
Nitin Gogtay	Scott Rauch	Dona Lee Wong
Vahram Haroutunian	Barry Reisberg	Robert Young
Markus Heilig	Kerry Ressler	
David Jimerson	Bryan Roth	

New 2013 Officers and Council Members



The reins of leadership were passed to 2013 ACNP President, **David A. Lewis, M.D.**, Chairman, Department of Psychiatry and Medical Director & Director of Research, Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic, Pittsburgh, PA, by outgoing President John H. Krystal, M.D.

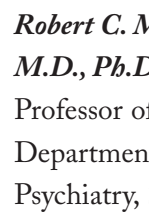
Peter W. Kalivas, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Department of Neurosciences, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC assumed the role of President-Elect.



Newly elected Council members:



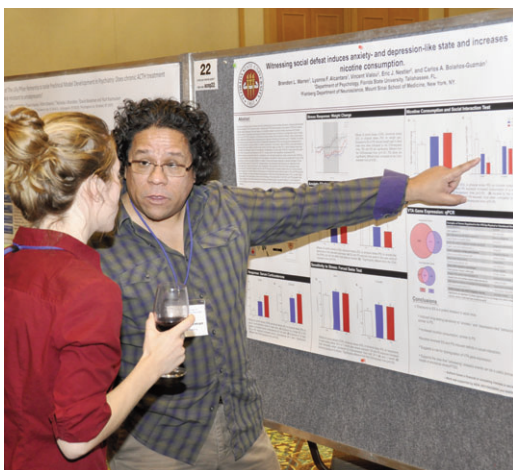
Suzanne N. Haber, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Pharmacology & Physiology, University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry, Rochester, NY



Robert C. Malenka, M.D., Ph.D., Pritzker Professor of Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, CA



Annual Meeting 2012



More Annual Meeting photos are available on the members' only section of the ACNP website under the "Annual Meeting" tab.





Past Presidents' Luncheon 2012

Seated: Floyd Bloom, Judith Rapoport, Dennis Charney, John Krystal, David Lewis, Peter Kalivas, Joseph Coyle, Herbert Meltzer.

Standing: Donald Klein, Charles O'Brien, William (Biff) Bunney, Steven Paul, Irwin Kopin, Daniel Weinberger, William Carpenter, Eric Nestler, David Kupfer, David Braff, Carol Tamminga, Ronnie Wilkins.

Bylaws and Policy Changes

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- A member who invites a guest will only be allowed to present one poster since his/her guest invitation is considered to carry one poster sponsorship with it.
- Conflict of interest disclosure policy FOR POSTERS ONLY is that the presenting author must disclose only conflicts that are relevant to the poster, and the presenting author should enter disclosures for all co-authors.

Travel Awardee Policy Changes: In order to ensure that our travel awardee program benefits primarily young investigators, Council has decided that eligibility for the program will be restricted to those who are no more than 8 years post training in 2013, no more than 6 years post training in 2014, and no more than 5 years post training in 2015. The definition of post training for MDs will be counted from the final year of their residency and for PhDs it will be counted from the last year of their postdoctoral training.

Changes Regarding Associate Membership: There were 2 significant changes this year that affect Associate Members:

- To ease the competition for Associate Membership so that younger scientists can successfully compete, Council reduced the allowed time from completion of training to application for Associate Membership to 10 years.
- The Bylaws were amended to increase the total number of new Members or Associate Members to be accepted into the College by 10. Even though this change was deliberately written to allow Council to have flexibility in determining how many of those new memberships can be regular members or associate members, the intent of the change is to open the possibility for more young people to participate in the College in the Associate Member category.

Changes in the Invitation Banks: Effective this year, the invitation bank will be fixed at 100 invitations that members may request for someone who is within 10 years of their last training or someone with a first time R award or K award. An additional bank of 15 invitations will be available for under-represented minorities. To obtain an invitation from either invitation bank, the requesting member must attest that he/she will attend the meeting.

Neuropsychopharmacology Reviewers

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Upcoming Meetings

**Training in Neurotherapeutics
Discovery and Development for
Academic Scientists**

February 27-March 2, 2013

Hyatt Regency Bethesda

Bethesda, Maryland, USA

www.neurotherapeuticscourse.org
**Anxiety Disorders and Depression
Conference (ADAA)**

April 4-7, 2013

Hyatt Regency La Jolla

La Jolla, California

www.adaa.org
**CINP Thematic Meeting on
Pharmacogenomics**

April 21-23, 2013

Inbal Hotel

Jerusalem, Israel

www.cinp2013.com
**Genes, Brain and Behavior
sponsored by IBANGS**

May 20-24, 2013

KU Leuven and Faculty Club

Leuven, Belgium

www.ibangs.org
53rd Annual NCDEU Meeting

May 28-31, 2013

The Westin Diplomat

Hollywood, Florida, USA

www.ncdeumeeting.org
**Pharmacogenetics in Psychiatry
Meeting**

May 31-June 1, 2013

The Westin Diplomat

Hollywood, Florida, USA

www.PharmacogeneticsInPsychiatry.com
**10th International Conference on
Bipolar Disorder**

June 13-16, 2013

Loews Miami Beach

Miami Beach, Florida, USA

www.10thbipolar.org
**International World Congress of
Psychiatric Genetics**

October 17-21, 2013

Seaport Hotel & World Trade Center

Boston, Massachusetts, USA

www.ispg.net
Perinatal Mental Health Conference

November 6-8, 2013

Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers

Chicago, Illinois, USA

www.parthenonmanagementgroup.com
ACNP Annual Meeting

December 8-12, 2013

The Westin Diplomat

Hollywood, Florida, USA

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Dates to Remember

March 28, 2013

Deadline for Proposals (Panels, Mini-Panels, Study Groups)

April 30, 2013

Deadline for Travel Award Applications

May 2013

Registration Materials Distributed

June 12, 2013

Deadline for Honoric Awards Nominations

August 14, 2013

Deadline for Posters/Hot Topics/Data Blitz

September 18, 2013

Deadline for Membership Nominations/Promotions

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