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ACNP President's Letter 2015 *Time to Contemplate and Innovate*

Raquel E. Gur, M.D., Ph.D.

I am honored and deeply humbled to serve as president of ACNP for the upcoming year. This organization helped me grow through learning, intellectual stimulation, collaborations and friendships. In an ever changing world and increasingly demanding work settings - academia, government, industry - the realization that we are all in it together is encouraging, binds us to our common mission and, at times, inspiring.



The ACNP is a remarkable organization. Our strengths derive from the enthusiastic engagement of members who want to serve and contribute to enabling a dynamic infrastructure that makes transitions seamless and keeps its finger on the pulse of times. However, our field is undergoing a revolution, joining the genomic age that harbors the promise of mechanistic interventions within the context of precision medicine. If clinical neuroscience is to join the rest of medicine, the way to do research and collaborate will evolve. Transition to Big Science necessary for genomic studies poses new opportunities but also challenges. Advances require strong collaboration between academia and industry at a time that industry is pulling out of the brain business. The ACNP should understand these transformations and proactively provide the stage for shaping the future.

We are embarking on strategic planning that will review where we are and set goals for the upcoming years. I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Task Force that have already convened at our Arizona meeting. They broadly represent the ACNP elected officials, committee chairs, our journal, government, industry, and associate members. The Task Force is charged with reviewing our current goals that include maintaining standards of excellence of our membership, an informative and stimulating annual meeting, increased impact of ACNP publications and providing a valued resource for organizations such as patient advocacy, government, academia and industry. We will reach out for your input and your participation will be greatly appreciated. At the end of the process we should be in a strong position to move forward financially sound and with a fresh view of our goals and new ways to advance them.

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ACNP President's Letter 2015

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Notwithstanding any changes, we will continue to be guided by several principles that the college has already been pursuing. The ACNP is committed to a diverse membership and representation of women and minorities. We are making progress with women and less so with minorities. The challenges we face are similar to those evident in academic settings. Together, with diligence, we will push to enhance equality in representation of women and minorities in the college and its organizational structure.

With limited research funding, junior scientists face the greatest challenge for career development. We hope that the ACNP will serve as a vehicle for mentorship and guidance. The ACNP will continue to strive to attract the best clinical and basic neuroscientists to join its ranks and present at meetings. While the virtual world can satisfy most of our intellectual and even collaborative scientific needs, it is the shaking of the hands and the meeting of the eyes and the ebb and flow of the conversation that can cement a project or a career path. Planned and random encounters at the annual meeting have helped shape my own career, and I hope that the membership will keep sending us the brightest of the young. We will make every effort to support them financially and through mentorship and help them grow.

The ACNP is first and foremost a scientific organization. However, our science is translational and we therefore bear responsibility to additional constituencies. The knowledge we generate must be shared with the public for the benefit of patients and society. At a time that remarkable advances in technology enable scientific progress in elucidating the neurobiology of complex brain disorders, we still need to combat stigma and educate policy makers and the public.

I look forward to an exciting year of reflection and planning, confident that with the combined wisdom of the ACNP committees and membership we will be able to retain the core of what makes us unique while adjusting aspects in our organization to make us better poised to face the future. Hopefully, the process will also produce some novel ideas that will allow our college to be a trailblazer. I realize that a president may come in with one agenda and find out that events have forced another agenda. Should that happen, I will rely on the guidance and input of the ACNP past and present leaders, the membership and a fantastic administrative staff.



Past Presidents' Luncheon 2014

Standing: Ronnie Wilkins, David Lewis, Carol Tamminga, Herb Meltzer, George Simpson, Irwin Kopin, Huda Akil, Roger Meyer, David Braff, Chuck O'Brien, Joseph Coyle, Will Carpenter, William (Biff) Bunney

Seated: David Kupfer, Benjamin (Steve) Bunney, Judy Rapoport, Peter Kalivas, Raquel Gur, Alan Schatzberg, David Rubinow



Director's Notes

It's All (or mostly all) About Arithmetic

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

One of the toughest problems we face is one that would be the envy of most professional associations, how to manage the growth of our meeting size. In recent years, with economic constraints on every side, many organizations have struggled to maintain attendance at their meetings. ACNP is fortunate that our meeting continues to do well even during these times of tight budgets. Yet, one of your concerns is that we keep the size of the meeting small enough that we can maintain that intimate feeling that has been a key part of our tradition.



Since 2000 the College membership has grown an average of 4% per year. Of course, each new member we add also has the ability to invite a guest to the meeting. So it is not surprising that the attendance at the Annual Meeting has increased from 1,243 in 2000 to 1,720 this past December. This is simply a function of arithmetic as we add new members each year. But, Council has been attuned to the feeling among members that it is important to manage the growth of the meeting in order to keep the size at a level that allows us to meet in a hotel, rather than a convention center, and allows as many attendees as possible to have a sleeping room in the meeting hotel. With that objective in mind, Council has made some changes in policy that have slowed the pace of growth in recent years. We have fewer corporate representatives at our meeting now than we had just a few years ago. And we have fewer invited guests since implementing a policy that only members who are attending the meeting may use their invitation. As a result of these policy changes, and perhaps influenced to some degree by budgets as well, our meetings in 2011 through 2014 have all been somewhat smaller than our record high attendance in 2010.

The effectiveness of how Council has controlled the rate of growth is even more impressive in light of the fact that over the past decade we have *increased* the number of younger people (e.g. travel awardees and trainees) attending the meeting by some 92 percent. This increase has been largely a result of the invitation bank, a deliberate effort on the part of Council to bring more young people to the meeting and eventually into the College. In addition, the number of members attending the meeting has increased from 499 in 2004 to 669 in 2014. Obviously, other categories of attendees have decreased to offset these increases in members and young people.

While recent policy changes have been successful in slowing the growth of the meeting, the effect of those policy changes has now largely been realized. As we go forward it is likely that continued increases in the size of the College will result in corresponding increases in the size of the meeting. The growth will be slower than it would have been without these policy changes, but growth is inevitable unless we have even more, and more drastic, changes in policy. You should know that Council continues to work on this issue. As ACNP President Raquel Gur notes in her President's Letter, a strategic planning task force has been appointed this year to look at a number of topics and to update our major goals and objectives for the coming years. One of the important topics of discussion for that task force will be the size of the meeting and how to manage it. It is a tough challenge, and a delicate balancing act, to accept the best applicants for membership each year, to bring in more of the folks we want and need – e.g. young people, women, and minorities – while maintaining the meeting at its current size. But, I am encouraged that recent changes have helped in controlling growth with minimal negative impact. I expect that our task force will identify other strategies that will have similar outcomes. And, I am thankful that this is the problem we face rather than one of declining attendance and membership!

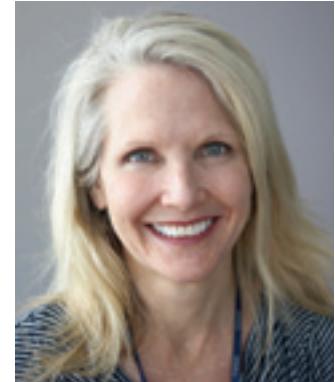


ASSOCIATE & NEW MEMBER CONNECTION

2014 ACNP Career Development Session

Meg Haney, Ph.D.

The Membership Advisory Task Force sponsored its fourth career development panel at the 2014 meeting, entitled “What is academic career success today”? The purpose of the panel, including Peter Kalivas, Carrie Ferrario, Linda Porrino, Karen Szumlinski, Sachin Patel, and Marina Wolf, was to tap the expertise of an esteemed group of scientists at varying stages of their career. Task Force members, Raymond Cho and Vaishali Bakshi, moderated the well-attended session and audience participation was brisk. Some of the questions covered included: (1) *Team vs independent science for career success:* Panel members emphasized the importance of carving out a road to independence; if working in a team, your contribution has to be identifiable and differentiated. Use the introduction to your biosketch to define your unique role. (2) *Value of journal manuscript review:* Answers here varied, but the more junior panel members suggested that this is part of being a member of an academic community and that you should do everything you are asked until you can't, while a senior panelist suggested that 1 manuscript per month is a good metric. All agreed on the importance of a timely response when asked and of recommending an alternative reviewer if you decline a review. (3) *When negotiating offers, how do you know you're asking for too much?* Ask colleagues for stories and the budgets they have submitted. A panelist who is a department Chair emphasized that your Chair is not your adversary but is invested in helping you succeed and can help with this process. (4) *Funding history when moving from post-doc to faculty:* Not every job requires a K99 but almost all require some evidence of success obtaining independent funding. The session ended on a high note: When asked to comment on the anxiety in the field, Drs. Kalivas, Porrino and Wolf added that although a science career is a hard job, it is a passion with many rewards; do not forget to recognize that you love the ideas you're working on. “Doing wonderful science is a great thing.”



2015 New Associate Members

Congratulations and welcome to the 38 new Associate Members selected at the 53rd Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona! They are:

Mark Ansorge
Matthew Banks
Joseph Cheer
Paul Croarkin
Jacek Debiec
Camilo de la Fuente-Sandoval
Adriana Di Martino
Irina Esterlis
Francesca Filbey

Shelly Flagel
Nicholas Gilpin
Raul Gonzalez
Danielle Graham
Colleen Hanlon
Laura Holsen
Iiris Hovatta
Rene Hurleman
Lori Knackstedt
Rebecca Knickmeyer

Ryan LaLumiere
Junghee Lee
Alex Leow
Daniel Lodge
Courtney Miller
Christopher Monk
Gretchen Neigh
M. Mercedes Perez-Rodriguez
Tracey Petryshen

Lara Ray
Carolyn Rodriguez
Valentina Sabino
Amar Sahay
Manpreet Singh
Alicia Smith
Marjorie Solomon
Iris Sommer
David Volk
Brendan Walker

2014 Associate Member Reception





ASSOCIATE & NEW MEMBER CONNECTION

The 2015 Membership Advisory Task Force members are listed below. They look forward to your feedback and suggestions.

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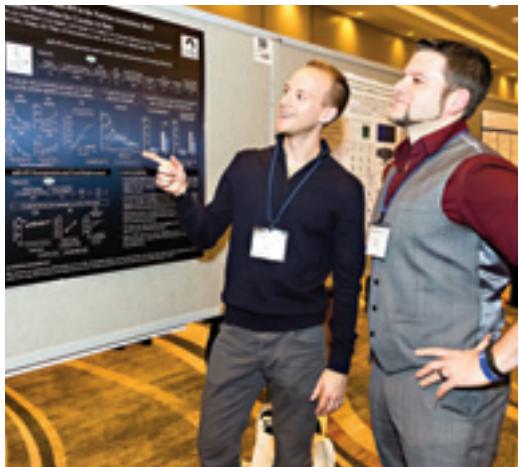
2014 and 2015 ACNP Travel Award Program

The 2014 ACNP Annual Meeting brought another outstanding class of 58 travel awardees to the meeting. The busy week of scientific presentations and sessions began Saturday evening with a Travel Awardee reception and poster session. Travel Awardees were again 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 meeting experience. The awardees also attended a luncheon later in the week where they heard from 2014 Julius Axelrod Award recipient, Dr. Mark Geyer, who reflected on his experience as a mentor. 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 2015 Travel Award guidelines will soon be posted on the ACNP website. Please visit www.acnp.org/annualmeeting/travelawards.aspx for more information on this opportunity for a young investigator at your institution. For questions, please contact Kelly Phy in the Executive Office: acnp@acnp.org.



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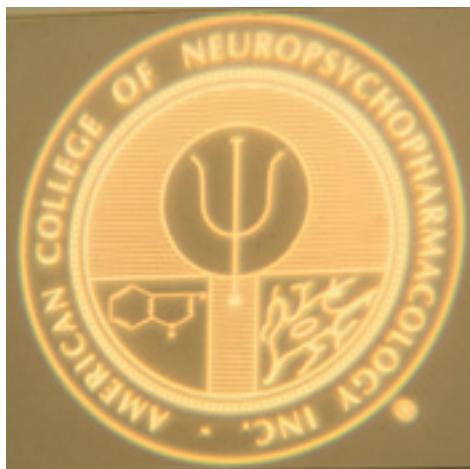


More Annual Meeting photos are available on the members' only section of the ACNP website under the Annual Meeting tab.





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ACNP Honorfic Awards

The 2014 Honorific Awards were presented by Awards Committee chairman, Dr. David Lewis, at the President's Plenary on Monday, December 8th during the Annual Meeting in Arizona.

Daniel H. Efron Research Award - winner Sheena Josselyn, 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 that 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 Mary L. Phillips, 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 that 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 Sarah Hollingsworth Lisanby, M.D.

The Eva King Killam Research Award was established in 2011 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 Mark A. Geyer, 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 E. Bunney, 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 Andrew Solomon, Author and Lecturer

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. Andrew Solomon was chosen for his outstanding journalistic contributions to psychiatry-related issues, his ability to communicate the devastating consequences of addiction and other psychiatric illness through his work and, in turn, his advocacy for the benefits of neuropsychopharmacology.



2015 ACNP New Members and Members Promoted to Fellow

Please help us welcome the 38 new Members selected for 2015 membership at the 53rd Annual Meeting. We also congratulate the 19 ACNP Members who were promoted to Fellow status in the College.

2015 New Members

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| David Baker | Bernard Le Foll |
| Tallie Z. Baram | Todd Lencz |
| Helene Benveniste | Fang Liu |
| Elisabeth Binder | Dara Manoach |
| Shigeyuki Chaki | Robert McNamara |
| Christopher Cowan | Michael Milham |
| Richard De La Garza | Romina Mizrahi |
| Guido Frank | Paul Newhouse |
| Guy Griebel | Abraham Palmer |
| Ming-Hu Han | Ramin Parsey |
| Kent Hutchison | Paul Phillips |
| Michael Iadarola | Edward Riley |
| Michael Irwin | Mar Sanchez |
| James Jentsch | Yavin Shaham |
| Sara Jones | Hongjun Song |
| Tanja Jovanovic | Per Svenningsson |
| Andrea King | Jari Tiihonen |
| Karestan Koenen | Kay Tye |
| Marek Kubicki | Audrey Tyrka |

Members Promoted to Fellow

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| Robert Bilder | Thomas Lehner |
| Antonello Bonci | Daniel Mathalon |
| P. Jeffrey Conn | Helen Mayberg |
| Deborah Deas | Martin Paulus |
| Jean Frazier | Uma Rao |
| Julie Fudge | Jair Soares |
| David Glahn | Barry Waterhouse |
| Lisa Gold | Frank Yocca |
| Rita Goldstein | Carlos Zarate |
| Paul Kenny | |

New 2015 Officers and Council Members



The reins of leadership were passed to 2015 ACNP President, **Raquel E. Gur, M.D., Ph.D.**, Director, Neuropsychiatry, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA by outgoing President, Peter W. Kalivas, Ph.D.

Alan Frazer, Ph.D.,

Professor and Chair of Pharmacology, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX, assumed the role of President-Elect.



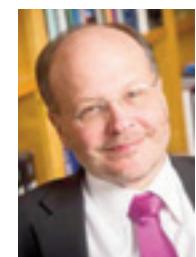
New Council members:



Maria A. Oquendo, M.D., Professor and Vice-Chair, Columbia University, New York, NY

James H. Meador-

Woodruff, M.D., Heman E. Drummond Professor and Chair, Department of Psychiatry, University of Alabama At Birmingham, Birmingham, AL





Neuropsychopharmacology: Journal Update

The second annual Neuropsychopharmacology Editors' Award for a Transformative Original Report (NEATOR), which honors the best original paper published in our journal during the previous calendar year, was presented during the annual meeting Presidential Plenary session. This year's award was given to Dr. Carolyn Rodriguez from Columbia University Medical Center's Psychiatry Department for her manuscript entitled "Randomized controlled crossover trial of ketamine in obsessive-compulsive disorder: proof-of-concept." It was presented by Dr. Tony George, the senior editor who nominated this paper for the award.



Congratulations Dr. Rodriguez!

The Top 10 Reviewers for 2014 were also announced at the annual meeting. This recognition was based on the number of reviews completed within a 1-year period (December 1, 2013 through November 30, 2014), and given to the following reviewers:

- #1 - Noboru Hiroi (31)
- #2 - Diego Pizzagalli (13)*
- #3 - Paul Kenny (13)*
- #4 - Yavin Shaham (12)*
- #5 - Sachin Patel (12)*

- #6 - Mark Slifstein (12)*
- #7 - Beate Finger (12)*
- #8 - Ron Duman (12)*
- #9 - David Goldman (11)*
- #10 - Neal Swerdlow (11)*

The number within the parentheses indicates the number of reviews completed, and the stars indicate that our tie-breaker system was used when determining the exact order. Our first tie-breaker is average number of days required to complete the review, and the second is the percentage of invitations to review accepted.

These individuals received gift cards as a sign of gratitude for their service to the journal. This program is open to any individual engaged in the process of reviewing manuscripts for *Neuropsychopharmacology* (excluding senior editors who make reviewer assignments), and is not dependent upon membership status.

The tireless efforts of our reviewers have played an important role in the continued strengthening of our journal. We congratulate the winners and thank all who have reviewed for the journal, as well as those who have submitted manuscripts. We hope that you will continue to consider *Neuropsychopharmacology* as a venue for your finest work.

Sincerely,
Bill Carlezon, Ph.D.
On Behalf of the Editors of *Neuropsychopharmacology*



***Neuropsychopharmacology* Reviewers**

New Members and Associate Members who would like to be added to the reviewer pool for *Neuropsychopharmacology* should create a profile on the NPG (Nature Publishing Group) site at www.nature.com/npp. On your personal profile check yes to the query, "Do we have the permission to contact you by email regarding editorial matters (such as peer-reviewing) or to help improve our services to authors and referees?" and your name will be added to the reviewer pool. Please contact Natalie Marler, NPP Managing Editor, nmarler@acnp.org with questions.

Upcoming Meetings

The Psychiatric Research Society 53rd Annual Meeting

February 4-7, 2015

Hotel Park City

Park City, Utah, USA

<https://www.signup4.net/public/ap.aspx?EID=PSYC27E&OID=50>

11th International Clinical Neurology and Neurophysiology Update Conference 2015

February 17-18, 2015

Tel Aviv, Israel

<http://www.isas.co.il/neurophysiology2015>

The 12th International Conference on Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Diseases

March 18-22, 2015

Nice, France

www2.kenes.com/adpd/Pages/Home.aspx

The ASCP Psychopharmacology Update: State-of-the-Art

March 21-22, 2015

University of California, San Diego.

<http://www.ascpp.org/ascp-meetings/ascp-spring-meeting/>

ASCP 14th Annual Clinical Trials Workshop

April 30 – May 1, 2015

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Metropolitan

New York, New York

<http://www.ascpp.org/ascp-meetings/ctw-spring-meeting/>

17th Annual Conference of the International Society for Bipolar Disorders

June 3-6, 2015

Toronto, Canada

www.isbd2015.com

ASCP 2015 Annual Meeting

Staging Illness and Treatment: From Prevention to Recovery

June 22-25, 2015

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Miami, FL

www.ascpp.org/ascp-meetings/ascp-annual-meeting/

2015 International Summit on Suicide Research

Preventing Suicide: Progress through Research

October 11-14, 2015

Waldorf Astoria Hotel

New York, NY

www.suicide-research.org

The XXIIIrd World Congress on Psychiatric Genetics

October 16-20, 2015

Toronto, Canada

www.ispg.net/annual-world-congress/2015-world-congress/

ACNP 54th Annual Meeting

December 6-10, 2015

The Diplomat

Hollywood, FL

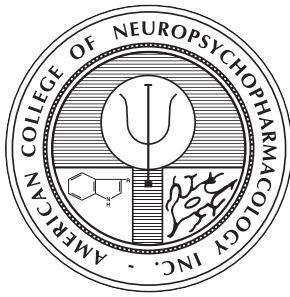
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CINP 2016 World Congress

July 3-7, 2016

Seoul, Republic of Korea

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