



# ACNP Bulletin

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## 2017 President's Plenary

Anissa Abi-Dargham, M.D., ACNP President

This year's presidential plenary session is focused on the applicability of the Precision Medicine initiative to Psychiatry. Precision Medicine is revolutionizing the science of cancer, allowing the identification of genetic mutations associated with specific biological signatures leading to individualized treatments.

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## It's Been Fun!

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

It's hard to believe that I am writing my last column for the ACNP Bulletin. I decided about three years ago that it is time for me to retire, and I have spent these last few years working carefully with Sarah Timm to ensure that this transition will go smoothly. [More...](#)



## 2017 Neuropsychopharmacology Review Plenary Session

Chairs: Margaret Haney, Ph.D. and Matthew Hill, Ph.D.

The ACNP special plenary session for *Neuropsychopharmacology Reviews* will be held on Sunday, December 3rd from 8:30 am until 11:30 am.

This year's plenary focuses on cannabis and cannabinoids, a timely topic with appeal for researchers across a range of disciplines represented at the ACNP. [More...](#)



## 2018 Nominating Committee

We are pleased to announce the following individuals have been selected to the 2018 Nominating Committee:

- Carol Tamminga, M.D., *Chair*
- Huda Akil, Ph.D.
- Ronald Duman, Ph.D.
- David Lewis, M.D.
- Scott Rauch, M.D.
- Carlos Zarate, M.D.

The 2017 committee chair, John Krystal, M.D., will serve as ex officio to the committee.

## Editor in Chief of Neuropsychopharmacology

Council is pleased to announce that William A. Carlezon, Jr. has agreed to continue in his role as the Editor in Chief of *Neuropsychopharmacology*, the official journal of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology, until December 31, 2022.

Please join us in congratulating him on his continued success, dedication and service to our Journal.



## September BRAINPOD

Opioid Self-Administration is Attenuated by Early-Life Experience and Gene Therapy for Anti-Inflammatory IL-10 in the Nucleus Accumbens of Male Rats



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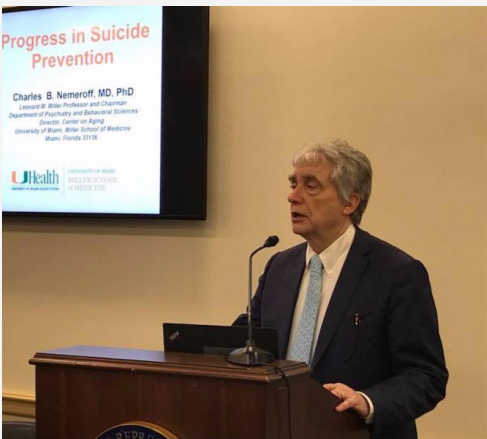
Studies have shown that stress and trauma early in life can lead to an increased risk for drug addiction later in life. In rat models developed to mimic and study this effect, some rats received normal maternal care, while others received enriched maternal care - extra grooming and attention from their mothers. Those with enriched maternal care have been shown to be less likely to return to a room in which the rats received a dose of morphine. But does that accurately represent drug use? They've also been shown to have neurological changes in the brain - but these changes have been correlational. A new study published in the journal *Neuropsychopharmacology* was set up to tease out a number of aspects of this research.

Article: [Opioid Self-Administration is Attenuated by Early-Life Experience and Gene Therapy for Anti-Inflammatory IL-10 in the Nucleus Accumbens of Male Rats](#)

*Stay tuned for the next podcast to be released on November 10th.*

## ACNP Supports World Mental Health Day

In recognition of World Mental Health Day on October 10th, the College hosted a breakfast briefing for the Congressional Neuroscience Caucus members and legislative staffers to illustrate how neuroscience research informs efforts in treating mental health problems such as suicide, a preventable public health problem and a leading cause of death in the United States.



Also on October 10th, the College hosted a luncheon briefing for the Senate HELP Committee, Special Committee on Aging members and legislative staffers to illustrate how neuroscience research informs efforts in treating common mental health problems amongst our aging population.

[More...](#)

## Supporting Advocacy and the Importance of Targeting Key Lawmakers

Natalie Rasgon, M.D., Ph.D., Liaison Committee Chair



Leading Brain and Behavior scientists are most effective in communicating the importance of scientific research when they join as one voice with a strong cohesive message. That is what the College saw at the 11th Annual Society for Neuroscience Capitol Hill Day. The Hill Day visits allowed scientists to share stories about their research and the resulting economic impact on our country. The group visits effectively connected research to the

support of the grants they have received from NIH. It is important that we have a 50-state support system and get our members involved in local, state and federal advocacy. Our members are consistently acclaimed as the thought leaders in psychiatry and pharmacology, and we are now applying all this expertise to mental health policy. We need our members to invest time in sharing what they are doing for their scientific communities to create a movement that reinforces the central role of science in improving public health and conducting sound policymaking.

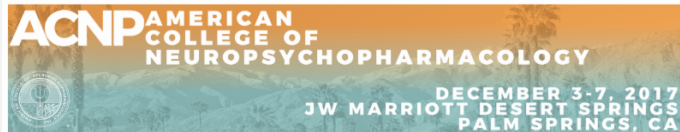
Your efforts in communicating with local lawmakers the implications and significance of neuroscience research will be a significant contribution to our advocacy efforts. If you live in states represented by members of the [Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions](#), please consider scheduling a local visit. The committee has produced a promotional piece as a communication tool for visits with local representatives. [Click here](#) to view promotional piece.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact [acnp@acnp.org](mailto:acnp@acnp.org).

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## *ACNP 56th Annual Meeting*

*December 3-7, 2017*



We are excited to see you in December at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort in Palm Springs, California.

For the latest updates and information, [click here](#).

Shuttles will run at the following times from the Renaissance Indian Wells Resort to the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort, approximately every 20 minutes:

Saturday, December 2nd: 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Sunday, December 3rd: 6:00 am - 10:00 pm

Monday, December 4th through Wednesday, December 6th: 6:00 am - 9:00 pm

Thursday, December 7th: 6:00 am - 3:00 pm

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## *The JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa*

[Click here](#) for the dining options for Palm Springs.

[Click here](#) for exciting things to do in Palm Springs.



## *Itinerary Planner*

Looking for a certain session/meeting?  
Need to know when a speaker is presenting?  
Want to make your own customized schedule?

Please visit the [Itinerary Planner](#) for the most up to date schedule.

Please view the [instructions](#) on how to create your personalized schedule.

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## *Networking Lunch, sponsored by the Women's Task Force*

Scientific Publishing, What Do I Need To Know?  
Presented by Marina Picciotto, Ph.D.

The Networking Lunch will be held on Tuesday, December 5th from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. For many of us, after doing experiments and writing up the results, submitting the manuscript seems like throwing it into a black box. The goal of this presentation is to pull back the curtain on the editorial process, provide more information on what editors look for in a manuscript and answer audience questions on the process. Discussion will include how to choose a journal for submission, the best way to respond to reviewer demands, when to appeal, concerns about unconscious bias related to country of origin



or gender, and how to become more involved in the editorial process. Significant time will be open for questions and answers.

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## *Career Development Session*

Establishing and Maintaining Scientific Collaborations

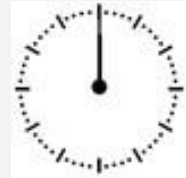
The Career Development Session will be held on Tuesday, December 5th from 1:30 pm until 3:00 pm. Scientific collaborations have become increasingly essential to promote novel discoveries both within and across fields. [More...](#)

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## *Speed Networking Session*

The Membership Advisory Task Force will host its second annual Speed Networking session on Tuesday, December 5th from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Take advantage of this effective and fun event to learn about exciting new directions and techniques in science, talk about your research, and spark ideas of overlapping interests and potential collaborations with your industry peers! This structured event will enhance your networking opportunities with other scientists at random. You'll enjoy 90 minutes of mini-meetings along with a reception. Be sure to take part!

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## *Animal Research Committee: Advocating for Animal-Based Neuropsychopharmacology Research*

Sari Izenwasser, Ph.D., Chair and David Jentsch, Ph.D., Co-Chair

The Animal Research Committee will be hosting a symposium on Thursday, December 7th from 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm during the annual meeting to introduce attendees to the many ways in which they can be advocates for important research that can lead to treatments and preventions for neuropsychopharmacological disorders. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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## *Poster Presentation*

**NEW THIS YEAR, the maximum area per poster is 4 feet high by 4 feet wide.**

Remember to take your poster down after the session. All posters will be disposed of the following morning.

Please view the [poster presentation and mounting requirements](#) for additional information.

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## *Important College Policy Reminders*

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

- 1. Photos and Recording During the Annual Meeting** - Photographing or recording material presented in a panel, mini-panel, study group or poster session is not allowed unless explicitly given permission by the presenter. Photographing a speaker before, during or after a session is not allowed without the explicit permission from the speaker. Unauthorized photography or recording is unfair to the presenters and will have the effect of discouraging our members from presenting their most recent unpublished work.
- 2. Organizing Small Meetings** - Please do not organize any activities that conflict with scientific sessions of the Annual Meeting. If you are invited to attend any such meetings, please inform the meeting organizer that this is in violation of ACNP policy.
- 3. Use of ACNP Name/Logo** - The ACNP name, logo, or the name of the annual meeting may not be used in association with any CME activity without the approval of the College. To obtain permission to use the College name for such purposes, please contact the Executive Office ([acnp@acnp.org](mailto:acnp@acnp.org)) who will have your request reviewed by the appropriate committee and/or Council.
- 4. Acceptable Use of Social Media** - ACNP encourages the use of social media such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Google+ and blogging sites to engage our community in the Annual Meeting. We encourage you to post or tweet highlights about the meeting,

discuss your favorite speakers, panels and posters and offer recommendations on which panels and posters to attend.

When sharing information, we request you refrain from:

- Photographing or recording the material presented in panel, mini-panel, study group or poster sessions. This is unfair to the presenter and will have the effect of discouraging our members from presenting their most recent unpublished work.
- Using social media to share detailed content of lectures, posters, etc., especially when the organizer or speaker has explicitly requested that some or all of the information presented is not to be captured or shared.
- Photographing speakers before or after a session without their permission.

**5. Name Badge Policy** - Everyone who attends the Annual Meeting must be registered and will need to check-in at the registration desk to receive meeting materials. People who are not registered or are registered as an Accompanying Person will not be allowed into scientific sessions. Attendees must wear name badges to be admitted into all sessions. The name badge policy will be strictly enforced.

**6. Code of Conduct** - The American College of Neuropsychopharmacology is dedicated to providing a safe and productive experience for all participants and attendees at all official ACNP events regardless of sex, race, color, national origin, religion, age, physical or mental disability, perceived disability, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, or any other basis protected by federal or pertinent state laws. ACNP does not tolerate discrimination or any form of prohibited harassment and is committed to enforcing this Code of Conduct (the "Code") at its Annual Meeting or at any other ACNP event. Please [click here](#) for full Code of Conduct.

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## *Dates to Remember*

- **November 9, 2017:** Annual Meeting Hotel Reservation Deadline
- **December 3-7, 2017:** ACNP 56th Annual Meeting, Palm Springs, California
- **Early May 2018:** Submissions of Overall Proposals by Chairs (Panels, Mini-Panels, and Study Groups) Deadline.
- **December 9-13, 2018:** ACNP 57th Annual Meeting, Hollywood, Florida

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## *Staff Spotlight*

Meet the Meetings Manager, Kelly Phy

Originally hired as the Project Coordinator for ACNP, she quickly fell in love with ACNP as an organization and each and every member and attendee she had the pleasure of meeting. [More...](#)



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## *ACNP Staff Contact List*

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

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## *Upcoming Meetings*

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

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