



ACNP Bulletin

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ACNP President's Letter

Steven Hyman, M.D.

I feel honored to serve as ACNP President. From the early days of my career I have seen the College and its membership as central actors in advancing the science needed to understand and treat mental illness.

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Who Knew a Meeting of Scientists Could Cost So Much!

Sarah Timm, CAE, CMP-HC, ACNP Executive Director

Producing an annual meeting of over 1800 scientists is not a cheap endeavor. When I began with ACNP in 2005, our meeting had 1552 registrants and total expenses were \$1.2 million. Today, the total cost of our meeting is over \$1.5 million. [Click here](#) for more.



Interview with William Carlezon, Ph.D., Editor-In-Chief, Neuropsychopharmacology

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

Membership Advisory Task Force Member, Christie Fowler, interviewed William Carlezon, Editor-In-Chief, *Neuropsychopharmacology*. [Click here](#) to read this full interview.



ACNP Member Attends Capitol Hill Day with SfN

Dean F. Wong, ACNP Fellow, joined forces with SfN members during the 12th Annual Capitol Hill Day on Thursday, March 8th to help deliver the message about the importance of brain science across the research continuum. To read more about Capitol Hill Day, [click here](#).



**Photo provided by the Society for Neuroscience.*

ACNP-AMP BRAD Fellow

Stephanie Maddox, Ph.D., named the ACNP-AMP BRAD Fellow

Animal Research Committee Chair, David Jentsch, Ph.D., interviewed Stephanie Maddox, ACNP-AMP BRAD Fellow, on her plans for this fellowship. [Click here](#) to read this full interview.

Please view the [press release](#) for the announcement.



ACNP's Latin American Initiative

Alan Frazer, Ph.D., Latin American Advisory Group Chair

I am pleased to bring you up-to-date on a Latin American Initiative instituted by the ACNP in 2016. A goal of the ACNP is to have the very best research relevant for psychiatric disorders and their treatment presented by investigators from all over the world at our annual meeting. [More...](#)



ACNP 57th Annual Meeting

December 9-13, 2018

Registration for the 57th Annual Meeting will begin in June. We are looking forward to welcoming members and their guests to The Diplomat Beach Resort in Hollywood, Florida. [Click here](#) for additional information.



Early Career Faculty vs. Trainee

Council approved a new registration category, Early Career Faculty, for invited guests for the 57th Annual Meeting. Please see definitions below for the difference between Early Career Faculty and Trainee invited guest categories:

What is an Early Career Faculty? An early career faculty is a person who is post initial training, but within seven years of becoming an Assistant Professor level or its equivalent. Early Career Faculty have all the rights and privileges of invited guests.

What is a Trainee? A trainee is a person in a training position and not in a full time, permanent position. A trainee can be a M.D., Ph.D., Post-doctoral Fellow, Resident, or Research Fellow. Trainees have all the rights and privileges of invited guests.

Upcoming Deadlines

Steven Hyman, M.D., ACNP President

The ACNP meeting is a great meeting because of member involvement in proposing its content. Similarly, we take great pleasure in the success of our awardees because they reflect the input of our membership. [More...](#)



2019 Officer and Council Election Results

Congratulations to the newly elected leadership.

This election was carried out in accordance with Article VII, Section 3 and Article IX, Section 2 of the ACNP By-Laws, and its results are binding. Terms for the newly-elected officers will begin at the conclusion of the ACNP Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 2018.

Maria A. Oquendo, M.D., Ph.D.

President-Elect



Helen S. Mayberg, M.D.

Council (*Three-Year Term*)



Trevor W. Robbins, C.B.E., FRS, Ph.D.

Council (Three-Year Term)



Editor's Corner

William Carlezon, Ph.D., Editor-In-Chief, *Neuropsychopharmacology*
(on behalf of the NPP Senior Editor team)



NPP has 51 Editorial Board Members (EBMs). These individuals are recognized for their loyalty and tireless service to the journal. Qualifications for appointment as an EBM include large numbers of reviews performed, consistent fairness and thoughtfulness in their critiques, responsiveness to urgent requests from the editors (i.e., rapid reviews with short deadlines), and use of the journal as a forum for their own work.

Over the past year, the following individuals have been appointed as EBMs:

C. Neill Epperson
Jennifer Felger
Christie Fowler
Rita Fuchs
John Mantsch
Keri Martinowich

Please join me in congratulating these individuals and thanking them for their service to NPP and ACNP!

Now Collecting Hot Topics for Inclusion in 2019 Neuropsychopharmacology Reviews

Kathryn A. Cunningham, Ph.D., 2019 *Hot Topics* Editor



The ACNP will publish its annual compendium *Neuropsychopharmacology Reviews* as the 1st issue of *Neuropsychopharmacology* in 2019, under the editorial guidance of Bill Carlezon and John Neumaier. With Tracy Bale as volume editor, the focus of the 2019 volume is *Sex Differences* (please see [Table of Contents](#)).

Each NPPR volume is accompanied by 10-12 individual, 500-word Hot Topics articles. The NPPR editorial team are currently collecting ideas for inclusion in the *Hot Topics* section of the 2019 volume. These suggestions should represent exciting, "hot" scientific,

technological or conceptual advances in neuropsychopharmacology. These ideas do not need to correspond to the content of the current NPPR volume.

Please send your ideas for Hot Topics articles to Lori Kunath, lkunath@ACNP.org, before **May 31, 2018**.

ACNP Honorific Awards - Call for Nominations

It's time to honor the scientific and mentorship accomplishments of a select few from a very long list of our distinguished members and colleagues. The Honorific Awards Committee, chaired by Anissa Abi-Dargham, is [requesting nominations](#) for the following ACNP honorific awards:

- Julius Axelrod Mentorship Award
- Dolores Shockley Minority Mentoring Award
- Daniel H. Efron Research Award
- Joel Elkes Research Award
- Paul Hoch Distinguished Service Award
- Eva King Killam Research Award
- ACNP Media Award
- ACNP Public Service Award - NEW AWARD

Detailed nomination information is available on the [ACNP website](#) under the Annual Meeting tab. The nomination deadline is Thursday, June 28, 2018. Award recipients will be announced and honored at the Annual Meeting during the President's Plenary on December 10, 2018.

The committee urges you to nominate a deserving colleague and encourages the nomination of women and minorities.

ACNP Public Service Award

New Honorific Award starting in 2018

The ACNP Public Service Award has been established in recognition of substantial contributions to affect public policies or other activities related to improving the health of the public with an emphasis on patients with brain diseases. This award is to be given to an outstanding leader dedicated to serve and educate the public about mental illness, committed to advancing research to benefit patients and their loved ones and having an impact on the continued investment in neuroscience research. The award is intended to be an expression of appreciation from the College toward outstanding public leaders who provide complete, accurate, and unbiased information to our society about brain diseases. The honoree may be a member of the government, an advocacy organization or a public education initiative that promotes increased awareness of brain research and the impact it has on people's lives.

Any individual may submit a nomination for the ACNP Public Service Award by submitting to the [Awards Committee](#).

Have you listened to the latest Brainpods?

"CNO Evil? Considerations for the Use of DREADDS in Behavioral Neuroscience"



There's a technology that's proven to be increasingly useful in the past decade - it's called DREADD, or "designer receptors exclusively activated by designer drugs." The current approach is to create a designer receptor that is unlocked by the drug, clozapine-n-oxide, or CNO. Researchers have used it to study the function of populations of neurons or of particular pathways in the brains in rodents, by using the DREADD technique to turn on and off these neurons or pathways. However, last year, a paper published in the journal *Science* called the use of DREADDs into question. Some people interpreted the paper as an overall indictment of the DREADD technology, though this wasn't the original intent of the authors. Listen to *Neuropsychopharmacology's* latest podcast to learn more!

[Read the article](#) | [Listen to the podcast](#)

"Debating the Persistence of Neurogenesis in Humans"

The question of whether neurogenesis persists in humans and for how long - that is, whether and where humans grow new neurons in their brains, and how long into our lives - is one that has engaged neuroscientists for decades. Some papers showed that humans did retain neurogenesis into adulthood, but the issue has been debated. That debate was reignited just recently with the publication of two new studies. The first one, published in *Nature*, is titled "Human hippocampal neurogenesis drops sharply in children to undetectable levels in adults." Not long after, a second paper was published in *Cell Stem Cell*, titled, "Human hippocampal neurogenesis persists throughout aging." To discuss the seemingly contradictory results of these two papers on *Neuropsychopharmacology's* BrainPod are Lisa Monteggia, Professor of Neuroscience at UT Southwestern Medical Center, and Christoph Anacker, Assistant Professor in Clinical Neurobiology at Columbia University.

[Listen to the podcast](#)

"Non-psychoactive cannabis ingredient could help addicts stay clean"

Preclinical study using rats shows that Cannabidiol can reduce the risk of relapse. [Read the Press Release](#).

The current altmetric score for the press release article is 503.



Membership Nominations and Promotions

Nomination materials for new Member, Associate Member, and Fellow promotion candidates will be available under the Membership tab on the [ACNP website](#) in June. The submission site will open with an announcement via email to membership in late July. The deadline for nominations and applications will be September 5, 2018. Should you have questions or need assistance, please contact Erin Shaw at eshaw@acnp.org.

European Union General Data Protection Regulation

(GDPR)

As you may be aware, the European Union has passed new legislation, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This legislation requires us to have formal consent from EU members to allow us to send them any email correspondence relating to the society, annual meeting, their submissions and their membership. For more information on GDPR, please [click here](#).

The College is well underway with our preparation for the GDPR. We have been sending communication to ACNP members, past Travel Awardees, current Travel Awardee applicants, and proposed presenters for submissions who are from the EU asking them for permission to communicate with them via email. The email includes a link that they will need to click, which will provide the needed consent.

The American College of Psychiatrists Awards

The American College of Psychiatrists acknowledges outstanding contributions to psychiatry made by mental health professionals by presenting several Awards. To learn more about these honors, or to nominate a colleague, please visit The College web site: <http://www.acpsych.org/awards>.

The Distinguished Service in Psychiatry Award

Deadline for 2019 / June 30, 2018

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes significant achievements and leadership in the field of psychiatry. The Award consists of a gold medallion and a certificate. The recipient receives travel, hotel, and free registration at the Annual Meeting.

The Award for Creativity in Psychiatric Education

Deadline for 2019 / June 30, 2018

The Award for Creativity in Psychiatric Education recognizes a teaching program that demonstrates innovation in psychiatric education. The Award consists of a grant and a certificate. One representative from the program receives travel, hotel, and free registration at the Annual Meeting.

Honorary Fellows

Deadline for 2020 / June 30, 2018

The American College of Psychiatrists awards Honorary Fellowships in The College to distinguished professionals who have made significant scientific and clinical contributions to the field of psychiatry but are ineligible for Membership in The College. Although Honorary Fellows do not pay dues and are not eligible to hold office or Committee Membership, they are invited to attend all College meetings.

Dates to Remember

- **June 28, 2018:** Deadline to submit ACNP Honorific Awards
 - **August 10, 2018:** Deadline to submit Poster Abstracts (*Poster submissions will open in early June with registration for the annual meeting*)
 - **September 5, 2018:** Deadline to submit new Membership Nominations and Promotions (*Membership nominations and promotions will open in late July*)
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Upcoming Meetings

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

Staff Spotlight

Meet the Financial Manager, Julie Magill

Julie Magill has served ACNP and PMG for nearly twelve years as Financial Manager. She handles the bookkeeping and prepares the financial statements for the organization and also for several of PMG's managed societies.

Julie looks forward each year to seeing many of you at the ACNP Annual Meeting registration desk where she spends most of her time during the meetings. [More...](#)



ACNP Staff Contact List

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

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