



# ACNP Bulletin

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## *ACNP President's Letter*

Marina E. Wolf, Ph.D.

I am very proud of the ACNP and honored to serve as President in 2019. The College is unique in its mission of bringing the combined power of basic, clinical and industry scientists to bear on the study and treatment of mental illness. It has also been unique in providing many of us with a place to "grow up" as scientists. I am grateful to the outstanding people I met through the ACNP who became mentors, collaborators and friends, and I am inspired by my ever-increasing appreciation of how hard our members work to support the research, educational and public outreach missions of the College.

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## *Director's Notes*

Sarah Timm, CAE, CMP-HC, Executive Director

### **College Costs and Our Reserve - What is the Best Use of Funds?**

As I was preparing to write my Director's Notes for this month, I was also reviewing the Annual Meeting expense report. This is my least favorite task of the year. I think most members and attendees don't realize that a cup of coffee at our meeting costs the College \$7.34. We are paying \$117.50 per gallon! This year alone, the College spent \$73,083.12 for coffee.

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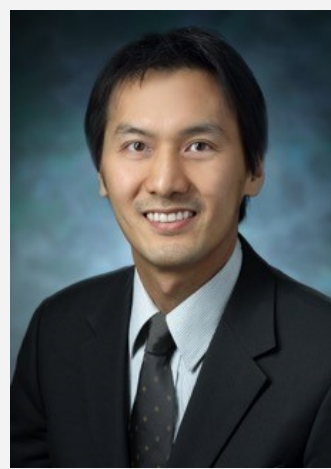


## *2018 Career Development Session*

Shin-ichi Kano, M.D., Ph.D., Membership Advisory Task Force Co-Chair

The Membership Advisory Task Force was pleased to organize its 8th Career Development Session at the annual ACNP meeting in Hollywood, Florida. The session's topic was 'The Spectrum of Careers in Neuropsychopharmacology: From Government to Industry'.

To learn more about the session, [click here](#).



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## *2019 New Associate Members, New Members & Members Promoted to Fellow*

Please help us welcome the 35 new Associate Members and 39 new Members selected for 2019 membership at the 57th Annual Meeting. We also congratulate the 31 Members who were promoted to Fellow status in the College.

[New Associate Members](#)

[New Members](#)

[Members to Fellow Promotion](#)

### **IMPORTANT CHANGE TO THE 2019 ASSOCIATE MEMBER AND MEMBER NOMINATIONS:**

New Associate Member and Member nominees must have attended a minimum of one ACNP Annual Meeting prior to applying for membership.

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## *Associate & New Member Connection*

The 2019 Membership Advisory Task Force members are listed here. They look forward to your feedback and suggestions.

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## *2019 Associate Membership Dues*

Associate Members' dues will be reduced from \$200 to \$150 starting this fiscal year!

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## *ACNP Travel Award Program*

The 2018 ACNP Annual Meeting brought another outstanding class of 62 Travel Awardees to the meeting.

To learn more about the 2018 Travel Awardees, please [click here](#).



### **IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE 2019 TRAVEL AWARD PROGRAM:**

Beginning this year, the Travel Award application supporting letters must be from ACNP members only. **Supporting letters from non-members will no longer be accepted.** All categories of membership to include Associate Members, Members, Member Emeritus, Fellows and Fellow Emeritus will be allowed to nominate **one person** for a travel award with the **exception to allow one additional nomination for a minority applicant.** Members will upload their supporting letter in to the submission system which will be kept confidential from the travel award applicant.

We ask for your assistance in disseminating this program change to your colleagues, institution and related organizations in an effort to prepare travel award applicants.

**The Travel Award application site will open on March 15, 2019.**

Please visit the ACNP website for additional information on the [2019 Travel Award Program](#) and a list of [current membership](#).

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## *Annual Meeting 2018*

Photos from the Annual Meeting are available on the members' only section of the [ACNP Website](#) under the Annual Meeting tab.

ACNP would like to thank the 2018 Annual Meeting Mentors. [Click here](#) to see a list of Meeting Mentors.



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## *2018 Honorific Award Winners*

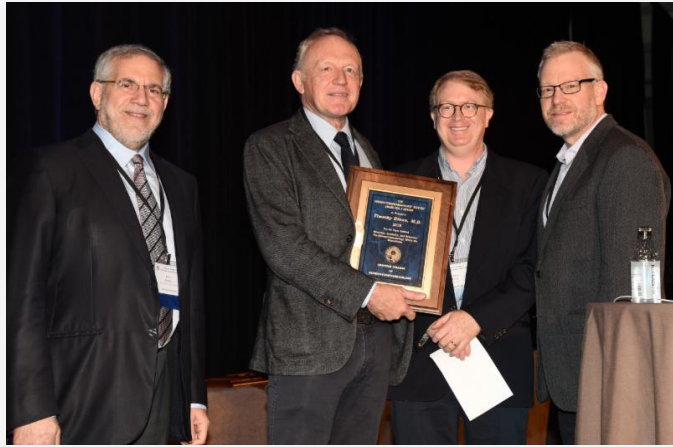
The 2018 Honorific Awards were presented by Awards Committee chair, Anissa Abi-Dargham, M.D. at the President's Plenary on Monday, December 10th during the Annual Meeting in Hollywood, Florida. [Click here](#) to see the 2018 Award Winners.

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

## *NPP*

### *Neuropsychopharmacology* Update

The sixth annual *Neuropsychopharmacology* Editors' Award for a Transformative Original Report (NEATOR) and second annual *Neuropsychopharmacology* Editors' Award for a Review (NEAR) were presented during the annual meeting Presidential Plenary session.



This year's awards were given to, [click here](#).

## *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 Springer Nature site at [www.nature.com/npp](http://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 the Journal, [journal@acnp.org](mailto:journal@acnp.org), with questions.

## *New 2019 Officers and Council Members*

Marina E. Wolf, Ph.D., President

The reins of leadership were passed to 2019 President, Marina E. Wolf, Ph.D., Professor of Behavioral Neuroscience, Oregon Health & Science University, by outgoing President, Steven Hyman, M.D.



Maria Oquendo, M.D., Ph.D., President-Elect

Ruth Meltzer Professor and Chairman of Psychiatry,  
Perelman School of Medicine University of  
Pennsylvania





Helen Mayberg, M.D., Council Member

Director, Center of Advanced Circuit Therapeutics,  
Professor, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Psychiatry and  
Neuroscience, Mount Sinai Professor of  
Neurotherapeutics, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount  
Sinai



Trevor Robbins, C.B.E., FRS, Ph.D., Council  
Member

Professor, University of Cambridge



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## *2019 ACNP Council*

[Click here](#) to see the complete list of our Council Members.

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## *Biomedical Research Awareness Day (BRAD)*

April 18, 2019

BRAD is an international program that increases awareness of the role of animals in biomedical research. The 4th annual BRAD will be celebrated worldwide on April 18th, 2019, and they want YOU to be a part of it! Over 100 institutions hosted BRAD events in 2018 with a common goal of raising awareness of the importance of animal research to medical progress. Additionally, this is an opportunity to highlight the innovative and important research being conducted at your own institution that is aimed at uncovering the neuobiological mechanisms that underlie mental health disorders. For additional information and to register online, please visit:

<https://www.bradglobal.org/>

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## *ACNP/AMP BRAD Fellowship*

The deadline to submit an application is March 1, 2019.

ACNP and the Americans for Medical Progress (AMP), a national non-profit that stands in support of biomedical research, are partnering together to accept applications for the ACNP/AMP BRAD Fellowship for 2019. Named for Biomedical Research Awareness

Day (BRAD), a celebration of science held annually in April, this fellowship aims to raise awareness for essential animal research in neuropsychopharmacology and other related careers in the field. For additional information, please visit their [website](#).



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## *Americans for Medical Progress Releases New Video on Nonhuman Primate Research*

The biomedical research advocacy group Americans for Medical Progress, which advocates for the responsible use of animals in research, has released a new video in its Love, Care, Progress series. The 5-minute movie can be [found on AMP's website](#). It is also [posted on YouTube](#) and [can be downloaded](#) from [Vimeo.com](#).

The video takes viewers inside a research facility to highlight the critically important role of nonhuman primates in health research through discussions with researchers, animal caregivers and those charged with overseeing the welfare of research animals. AMP's [previous short movie](#), highlighted the role of dogs in health advancements benefiting humans and canines alike.

The new video is accompanied by a fact sheet about [research in nonhuman primates](#). AMP hopes the video will serve as a conversation starter about the critical role of animal studies in advancing both human and animal health. Please feel free to share the video through your own social media feeds and other venues.

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## *Scholarships to Enhance and Empower Diversity*

The SEED Fund

The Scholarships to Enhance and Empower Diversity (SEED) fund is a perpetual fund developed to support the training and mentoring of the brightest trainees from diverse backgrounds who will impact future generations through neuroscience. It is part of the American Psychological Foundation (APF) Fund for Racial and Ethnic Diversity and is administered by the APA Minority Fellowship Program (MFP).

To donate, please visit their [website](#).

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## *Dates to Remember*

- **April 25, 2019:** Deadline to submit Travel Award applications
- **May 14, 2019:** Deadline for submission of overall proposals by chairs (Panels, Mini-Panels, & Study Groups)
- **May 28, 2019:** Deadline for submissions of individual presenter abstracts (Panels & Mini-Panels)
- **May 28, 2019:** Deadline for submission of disclosures by Study Group participants
- **May 31, 2019:** Deadline for chairs to review and finalize proposed sessions (Panels, Mini-Panels, & Study Groups)
- **June 28, 2019:** Deadline to submit Honoric Awards
- **August 8, 2019:** Deadline to submit Poster Abstracts
- **September 4, 2019:** Deadline to submit new Membership Nominations and Promotions

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## *Upcoming Meetings*

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

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## *Staff Spotlight*

The Top Ten Things you likely did not know about Sarah Timm, Executive Director



10. She once owned a floral design business.
9. She met her husband (her floral wholesaler at the time) negotiating with him for better prices.
8. She has taught Pilates and other group fitness classes for 19 years.
7. She has two children 10 years apart.

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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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