



ACNP Bulletin

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Overview of the 58th Annual ACNP Program - Finding the Perfect Balance

Susan Amara, Ph.D., Program Committee Chair

Finding the perfect balance has always been the challenge of the ACNP Annual Meeting Program Committee. Balance between rigorously validated studies and exploratory research, between well-established fields and emerging areas, between different groups and differing viewpoints-are all important goals. For an organization founded on bridging basic and clinical sciences, fostering transdisciplinary approaches and embracing scientists in academia, the clinic and industry, creating a program that balances so many goals and interests feels like an impossible task. However, year in and year out the Annual Meeting continues to engage our membership and attract new attendees.



I think that you will find the 2019 program compelling.

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Empowering Under-Represented Minorities

Natalie M. Zahr, Ph.D., Membership Advisory Task Force Member

According to the 2018 report, "**Expanding Diversity in ACNP Membership in the Past Five Years**", ACNP has done well for women, while progress for Under-Represented Minorities (URM) has been more modest. ACNP is not alone in either its efforts or its shortcomings: in 2014, under pressure from activists, a number of big tech companies began releasing **Employee Diversity Reports**.



[Click here](#) to read the article.

You Have 8 Seconds... Go!

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

I recently read that you have 8 seconds in any written communication to get your point across without potentially losing the attention of your reader. 8 seconds means a sentence or less! After reading this, I thought about the number of emails I read in a day and thought if everyone could get their point across in an email in 8 seconds how many hours I would get back in my day. This could truly be life changing.

One example of verbosity I often see is in the posters at the annual meeting...

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2019 Travel Awardees Named

Joseph Buxbaum, Ph.D., Education and Training Committee Chair

Robert Swift, M.D., Ph.D., Education and Training Committee Co-Chair

The Education & Training Committee is pleased to announce the selection of 58 outstanding scientists for the 2019 ACNP Travel Award program. We received over 300 applications for the 58 awards, making this yet another year for difficult decisions by the committee.

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For a complete listing of the awardees, please click: [Travel Awardee Class of 2019](#)

ACNP 58th Annual Meeting

December 8-11, 2019

Registration for the 58th Annual Meeting opened on June 6th. We are looking forward to welcoming members and their guests to Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek and Waldorf Astoria in Orlando, Florida.



[Click here](#) for additional information about the meeting.

ACNP Mentorship

Marina E. Wolf, Ph.D., ACNP President

One of the benefits for young investigators attending the Annual Meeting historically has been the availability of mentors to connect with them, to serve as friendly guides throughout the meeting, and to introduce them to senior scientists in their field of research.

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Striving for Success as Faculty in Academia

For the 2019 Annual Meeting, the Membership Advisory Task Force's Career Development Session will focus on strategies, principles, and practical tips for scientists seeking to navigate a career as faculty in academia. The proposed panelists include junior and more senior scientists in academia, all of whom together will be able to offer a wealth of expertise.



This year's Career Development Session will be on Tuesday, December 10th from 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM. [More...](#)

Childcare During the Annual Meeting

During the ACNP 58th Annual Meeting, **KiddieCorp** will again provide a children's program. KiddieCorp is in its 33rd year of providing high-quality children's programs and youth services for meetings and special events. They take watching your children very seriously. KiddieCorp has enjoyed long-time partnerships with the American Academy of Pediatrics, which has helped establish KiddieCorp as a premier provider of event children's program services. This is the 8th year the ACNP has partnered with KiddieCorp to provide a childcare option for attendees.

Their goal is to provide your children with a program they want to attend while providing you with that critical "peace of mind" feeling so you can attend your meeting activities. The children's program is for children ages 6 months through 12 years old. The dates for the program are December 8-11, 2019 at the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek in Orlando, Florida. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.jotform.com/KiddieCorp/acnpkids>. The advance registration deadline is November 11, 2019.

Important College Policy Reminders

As you are making plans to attend the 58th 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 sessions 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. 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.

3. 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. If you would like to host a small meeting during the ACNP Annual Meeting, you must request approval by completing an [Event Request Form](#) and submitting to the Executive Office for approval. Please contact ACNP, acnp@acnp.org, with questions.

4. Use of ACNP Name/Logo - The ACNP name, logo, or the name of the annual meeting should not be used in association with any CME activity without the approval of the College. To seek permission to use the the name of the College, please contact the Executive Office (acnp@acnp.org), who will have your request reviewed by the appropriate committee and/or Council.

4. 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.

5. 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 the full [Code of Conduct](#).

Education and Training Committee Ad Hoc Members

The Education and Training Committee has invited 2018 past Travel Awardees, Guusje Collin, M.D., Ph.D., William Giardino, Ph.D. and Meaghan Creed, Ph.D. to serve as the 2019 Education and Training Committee Ad Hoc members. The ad hoc members will work on a special project as well as share valuable feedback and perspective from their vantage point as a recent travel award recipient with the Education and Training Committee. [Click here](#) to meet Drs. Guusje Collin, William Giardino, and Meaghan Creed.

Minority Task Force Ad Hoc Members

The Minority Task Force has invited ad hoc members for the upcoming year to assist the task force with special initiatives and minority outreach to encourage participation in the College. [Click here](#) to meet Vivian Chioma, B.S., Fabricio do Monte, D.V.M., Ph.D., Tonisha Kearney-Ramos, Ph.D., Jose Rubio, M.D., and Sandra Sanchez-Roige, Ph.D., the 2019 Minority Task Force Ad Hoc Members.

ACNP Website - URM Events

Minority Task Force Initiative along with Todd Lencz, Ph.D., ACNP Website Editor

The ACNP is committed to further enhancing diversity and inclusivity within our College and at our Annual Meeting. For this year's annual meeting, a Diversity Events tab has been added to the Annual Meeting General Information page. Please [click here](#) to view the Diversity Events that will be held during the ACNP Annual Meeting.

Membership Nominations and Promotions

Nomination materials for new Member, Associate Member, and Fellow promotion candidates are available under the Membership tab on the [ACNP Website](#). The deadline for nominations and applications is September 4, 2019 at 5:00 PM Central. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Erin Shaw at eshaw@acnp.org.

Guidelines and Instructions:

- [Associate Member](#)
 - [Member](#)
 - [Member to Fellow Promotion](#)
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Employment Opportunities

To see a list of new employment opportunities in the field of neuropsychopharmacology, [click here](#).

CINP Membership for ACNP Members

In order to facilitate global membership and invite professionals from the neuropsychopharmacological community onto the international stage, the Executive Committee of the International College of Neuropsychopharmacology (CINP) has decided to adjust their vetting procedure for membership.

Professionals that are already members of ACNP may now apply for CINP membership without an additional vetting process and their membership levels will be matched accordingly.

Please visit their website, <https://cinp.org/>.

Dates to Remember

- **September 4, 2019:** Deadline to submit new Membership Nominations and Promotions
 - **October 24, 2019:** Annual Meeting early registration deadline, fees increase by \$50
 - **November 15, 2019:** Annual Meeting Hotel reservation deadline
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Upcoming Meetings

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

Staff Spotlight

Top Ten Things you likely did not know about Erin Colladay, Member Services Manager

10. She worked as an extra in Michigan State Lottery TV commercials to make extra money after College.
9. She is in the same sorority as Erin Shaw; Chi Omega.
8. She bakes treats for Gilda's Club once a month.
7. She has two son's; one in College and one in high school.



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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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