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BAD NEWS FOR U.S. SCIENCE EFFORT

Most of you are aware that the Bush administration is attempting to downsize the federal government partly by "outsourcing" functions of Health and Human Services. For those of you not familiar with all the implications of such a move, please read the following email, which was sent on June 10, 2003, by Richard Lerner of Tufts University to the membership of the Society for the Study of Human Development. It is reprinted here with permission:

"...I write to you about some quite bad budget and management news about NIH The news is not good for either the extramural or the intramural research program or, for that matter, for science in the nation in general. Some or all of you may know this information and/or may have learned about an analogous situation with NSF....

"On June 6, I attended the semi-annual BSC meeting. The meeting began with a presentation about the state of NICHD/NIH from Duane Alexander, the Director of NICHD. The members of the Board (who, other than me, are developmental biologists, molecular geneticists, and/or physicians) were shocked to learn what the current administration is doing to dismantle --

in the name of management efficiency -- the scientific infrastructure of the nation. President Bush (through the OMB) is introducing a management system wherein ALL government functions of NIH (and of HHS more generally) are being contracted out to the private sector. In addition, this outsourcing mandate is being coupled with a consolidation mandate.

"To illustrate, ALL non tenure or non-tenure-track scientist positions at NIH are being outsourced to private bidders, including staff from the level of secretaries, grant managers, personnel and human resources staff, and even technicians (who are often Ph.D. or M.D. level employees)! In addition, functions retained by NIH are going to be integrated with comparable functions across ALL of HHS (in the name of a concept labeled "one institute, one agency, one department"). For example, there will be one personnel component in HHS (although it will be located at four sites across the nation) -- and therefore one office to decide on hiring, promotion, and retention (and this will involve scientists as well). In addition, to the extent that there is a grant management function (or any other "non-government" -- continued on pg. 2

- *Bush administration to downsize federal agencies*
- *Will outsource functions*
- *Will effectively reduce budgets*
- *Will fire staffers*
- *Process has already begun*
- *Will occur gradually over next few years*

IBNS KEY WEST MEETING—JUNE 16-20, 2004

Symposia Proposal Deadline.....Saturday, September 13, 2003

Travel Award Applications Due.....Monday, February 16, 2004

Abstracts Due.....Monday, March 1

Notification, Travel Awards.....Thursday, March 18

Late Abstract Deadline.....Thursday, April 15

Discounted Registration Ends.....Monday, May 3

Last Day for Refunds.....Tuesday, June 1

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Student Outreach Projects at the 12th Annual IBNS Conference in Puerto Rico

By Victoria Risbrough, Kyle Frantz and Susan Powell
Education and Training Committee

The Education and Training Committee Chair, Kyle Frantz, and Student Representative, Victoria Risbrough, set forth ambitious training goals for the 2003 IBNS Conference in Puerto Rico. They received a Survival Skills and Ethics Program Start Up grant from the University of Pittsburgh to fund two separate student workshops covering scientific and research ethics.

In the first workshop, the IBNS invited 20 local students and their teacher from University of Puerto Rico High School for a day of workshops and lectures. To start off, local UPR faculty and IBNS member, Dr. Annabell Segarra, gave a thought-provoking and entertaining lecture in Spanish on the mechanisms of drugs of abuse. Students were then assigned to small groups with IBNS-member discussion leaders, Kyle Frantz, Victoria Risbrough, Susan Powell and Suzanne Brody. The groups discussed the medical vs social aspects of drug abuse, and the use of animals in scientific research. The small groups then convened for a larger group discussion of the issues raised. After lunch the students were led in similar

structured workshops dealing with ethics of science and society, such as cloning and clinical research. Discussion leaders were deeply impressed with the maturity and acuity of the high school students and their evaluation of the issues. The enthusiastic debate of animal-research ethics was especially interesting, with students showing well developed opinions on both sides. Students appeared to appreciate the structure of the workshop, saying the discussion leaders "questioned some of our comments therefore forcing us to see the various sides of our statements". The great strength of the workshop also appeared to be peer-to-peer debate, with one student saying "It was helpful to know others' opinions because you can always improve our thoughts about something." Student feedback was excellent overall, with 95% of the students saying they felt the workshop would help them make better decisions about drugs and medicine, and 100% saying they felt the issues raised were important to them.

The second workshop on research and career conduct
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tion mandates, and from the test of the multi-year funding model. However, there is little reason (in my view, probably no reason) to be optimistic about Thompson being interested or able to change things. The BSC learned that these mandates came from the highest levels of the administration.

"...One of the activities about which Dr. Alexander reported is one I labeled as "outsourcing," consistent with the Science article that reported about this activity (Volume 299, 21 May 2003; you may also want to see the Science article on NIH consolidation – Volume 300, 9 May 2003 — which I also discussed in my email). I have learned from NIH colleagues that the term used to describe this activity is actually "competitive sourcing." This means that certain jobs currently performed by federal employees will be examined to determine if these jobs can be carried out more efficiently by the private sector. Many people in NIH believe that the government can perform these jobs most efficiently, that the NIH would win in a com-

petitive process; and that these jobs will continue to be done by federal employees. I have also learned that competitive sourcing is an ongoing process that will take place over several years at all government agencies. Current information on this process can be found at the NIH Web site <http://a-76.nig.gov> and, again, in the above-noted Science article.

"... My experiences this week convince me that the concept of a scientific community is alive and well in America...."

Note from Editor — *Barbara Wanchisen reported in the Federation News that the 7/25/03 Washington Post stated that some members of Congress have taken the administration to task for mandating arbitrary outsourcing quotas. Maybe there is some relief in sight — MBK*

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CONGRATULATIONS!!

Paul R. Sanberg has recently been promoted to Distinguished University Professor and appointed as Associate Vice President and Associate Dean at the University of South Florida College of Medicine.

HIGHLIGHTS — SAN JUAN IBNS COUNCIL MEETING

April 24, 2003
Wyndham El San Juan Hotel
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Council:
Accept: 96
Reject: 0

OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Geyer welcomed Councilors and thanked Marianne Van Wagner for the excellent work she does for the Society.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Geiselman reported that our total membership count was 567. In addition, we had 16 regular, 11 student, and 1 affiliate membership applications approved at the San Juan Council Meeting, bringing our total membership count to 595.

Preliminary statistics were reported for the San Juan, Puerto Rico, meeting. Registration included 88 Regular Members, 22 Student Members, 46 Regular Nonmembers, and 34 Student Nonmembers, bringing the total registration to 190. Twenty-one members donated to the student travel awards for the San Juan meeting.

Secretary Geiselman also reported that the Society had a number of sponsors for the San Juan meeting: The NIMH grant for \$22,250; 3.5 full corporate sponsors, 1 limited corporate sponsor, and 12 exhibitors.

The following information on the 2003 San Juan program was presented: 64 oral presentations, 87 posters, for a total of 151 abstracts. In addition, we had 2 keynote speakers, 6 special symposia, and 0 satellites. The number of abstracts for the 1995 through 2002 IBNS meetings was also presented.

Secretary Geiselman announced the following ballot results.

Results of the online Election Ballot:

President Elect: C. Sue Carter

Treasurer: Nancy Ostrowski

Councilor, Australasia: Iain McGregor

Councilor, Europe: Giovanni Laviola

Councilor, Latin America: Magda Giordano

Councilor, Student: Anna Lee

Councilor, USA: Robert Gerlai

Email Ballot to Membership for Bylaw Revision to Change the Election Process for Student Representative to

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Means reported that IBNS remains financially sound. However, he recommended that Council consider 1) putting some of our funds into safe bonds or a bond mutual fund, and 2) think about other ways to increase income. Across the past three years, our end-of-year equity has tended to decrease. An increase in membership, attendance at meetings, participation by exhibitors, corporate donations, meeting fees, or annual dues would all help reverse this trend. The Society does not need to accumulate a great amount of wealth but should have an annual increase in equity to cover inflation and to build a fund that would provide enough interest to fund student travel and speaker honoraria in the event that grant funds would not be available.

Treasurer Means is retiring from this position, and Council expressed their gratitude to him for his dedicated service to this important office.

OLD BUSINESS

2004 Meeting Venue

The 2004 meeting will be held in Key West, Florida, on June 16-20, at the Wyndham Casa Marina.

2005 Meeting Venue Proposals

Council recommended that a committee be formed to consider proposals for the 2005 venue. Dr. Sue Carter will appoint this committee.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2006 meeting will be in North America. President Geyer requested venue suggestions at the San Juan Business Meeting. Also, a call for proposals for the 2006 meeting will be issued to our membership.

Proposal to Lengthen the Term of Committee Chairs:

There is sometimes a discontinuity in the transition between an outgoing committee chair and an incoming committee chair. Council felt that it would be helpful to lengthen the terms of committee chairs to 2-3 years in an effort to provide for more continuity and productivity of the committees.

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The 2003 IBNS Student Travel Award Winners at the San Juan Meeting

Award Winners

(alphabetically)

Dr. Elissa J. Chesler
Dr. Haim Einat
Ms. Suzanne A. Henry
Ms. Anna Lee
Mr. Yann S. Mineur
Ms. Tammy Moscrip
Mr. Christopher Nelson
Ms. Itzel Orduna
Dr. Wendy Portillo
Dr. Susan Powell
Ms. Tori Schaefer
Ms. Lianne Stanford
Mr. Martin Woodlee

VISIT THE CONCH REPUBLIC WITH IBNS...JUNE 16-20, 2004

The Conch Republic, Margaritaville, Island of Bones or **Key West**...no matter which of its many names you use, the location of the next IBNS meeting is ideal. This tiny island, two by four miles, is the southernmost point in the continental United States. The perennially sunny island has an average annual temperature of 77 degrees that rarely varies more than 10 degrees in either direction.

Our host hotel will be the luxurious Wyndham Casa Marina Resort with substantially reduced rates for our group of \$109 for a single or double room. The hotel was built in 1921 and is the oldest and largest resort in all of the Keys. It is conveniently located only three miles from the airport and near the island's popular sights. Amenities like the island's largest private beach, two pools, whirlpool, and mini-bars, ceiling fans and high-speed Internet access in each room will add comfort and convenience to your stay. For reservations phone the Wyndham directly at 800-626-0777 or 305-296-3535.

After the stimulating scientific sessions you can use convenient public transportation, taxis, pedi-cabs, tour trains, trolleys, bicycles or even your own two feet to see the sights. Take time to see Old Town Key West which is one of America's true architectural and botanical treasures or enjoy outdoor activities like sailing, windsurfing and deep-sea fishing diving in America's only living barrier reef. Famous for its spectacular sunsets shimmering over the Gulf of Mexico, the event is celebrated daily on Mallory Dock by visitors and residents along with jugglers, mimes, musicians and street artists. After dark, the streets, filled with sidewalk cafes, open-air bars, legendary pubs and world-class restaurants come alive.

For additional information on the next IBNS meeting and location, visit these websites:

<http://www.ibnshomepage.org>

<http://key-west.com/>

<http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/EYWCM/main.wnt>

FUNDRAISING

Additional income for IBNS is always a high priority. Such funding improves the quality of the annual conference. If you are in corporate environment, a letter and a direct request to your Neuroscience leadership for sponsorship of a symposium or other event would be helpful. We can help provide a template, if needed. The personal touch is what we have found to be effective in the past.

Individuals in academic environments may be interested in seeing whether vendors that you are working with may want to set up a booth to show their wares at the Key West meeting.

KEY WEST PROGRAM

The Chair of the Program Committee for the IBNS 2004 meeting in Key West is Gary Coover. Please address questions about events, symposia, calendars, and schedules to:

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Keynote Speakers at IBNS 2003



Jeffrey Gray, Institute of Psychiatry, London, UK
Ann Kelley, University of Wisconsin-Madison Medical School, Madison, WI, USA

Award Presentation at IBNS 2003



Joseph P. Huston, University of Dusseldorf, Dusseldorf, Germany was presented Marjorie A. Myers Lifetime Achievement Award in Behavioral Neuroscience by **Mark Geyer**, IBNS President during San Juan meeting

STUDENT OUTREACH (FROM PG. 3)

ethics targeted young investigators. Thirty people attended with a mixture of undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral students. After a lunch, the attendees broke up into small groups headed by discussion leaders Robert Adamec, Nancy Ostrowski, Joanne Berger-Sweeney, and Martin Paulus. Cases of questionable data manipulation, laboratory practice, data ownership and mentor selection were debated first in small groups and then in the larger group. Participants pinpointed the pertinent issues and came up with alternate resolutions for the proposed dilemmas. IBNS Canadian Council member Bob Adamec, Chair of the President's Committee on Animal Bioethics and Care in Canada, then gave an informative lecture on animal-research policies at the institutional and government level. The workshops were considered good training for both the participants and the discussion leaders, with 90% reporting they would discuss the issues raised in the workshop with peers and colleagues at their home institutions. "Scientific Ethics", "Writing Research Articles", and "Job Applications and Interview Skills" were the most popular topics for future workshops.

The committee would like to thank all of those who participated and gave generously of their time and effort to make this year's program a great success.

JOB OPENINGS

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA: Psychology. The School of Psychology of the University of Ottawa anticipates filling two tenure-track positions effective July 1, 2004, preferably at the Assistant Professor level. Priority will go to applicants in the areas of 1) clinical psychology (eligible for registration with the College of Psychologists of Ontario), with a preference for a specialist in child or in assessment, 2) social psychology 3) neuroscience or 4) quantitative methods. Excellent candidates in related areas are also encouraged to apply. Applicants should meet the following minimum requirements: Doctorate in Psychology and strong research potential. Fluency in French and English is essential. The salary is competitive and adjusted as a function of experience. Startup funds are also available. Applications should be received before November 15, 2003. Please submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, three letters of reference, and reprints of two recent publications in refereed journals or other visible evidence of scholarly publication to: Dr. Claude Messier, Assistant Director, School of Psychology, Lamoureux Hall, University of Ottawa, P.O. Box 450, Station A, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1N 6N5. In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed in priority to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. Equity is a University policy and we strongly encourage applications from women.

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO: The Department of Psychology invites applications for THREE positions (pending final budgetary approval). Two of the positions are at the assistant professor level (tenure-track); the other is at the assistant or associate professor level (tenured or tenure-track). We are seeking applicants whose areas of research are in DEVELOPMENTAL psychology, BEHAVIORAL, CLINICAL, COGNITIVE, or SOCIAL NEUROSCIENCE, and SOCIAL psychology. Specific areas of research for each position are open. All applicants are expected to have an active, visible research program, to publish empirical research in top-tier journals, and to contribute to both graduate and undergraduate supervision and instruction. A history of obtaining external grant support is strongly desired in senior candidates; junior candidates are expected to have a strong potential for funding and to quickly develop a funded research program. Applicants should have a Ph.D. in psychology or a closely related field (preferably by August, 2004). All applicants should have research strengths that expand upon and complement the Department's existing research programs in behavioral neuroscience, clinical, cognitive, and/or social. Candidates for the developmental position whose areas include cognitive or social development, developmental psychopathology, child clinical, or developmental neuroscience (broadly defined) are encouraged to apply. Area of research for the SOCIAL position is open, but candidates who complement existing research strengths in social cognition, the self, interpersonal relations, and stereotyping are desirable. Send a letter of application, vita, statement of research and teaching interests, and three letters of recommendation to either the Developmental Search Committee, Box A; Neuroscience Search Committee, Box B; or Social Search Committee, Box C; Department of Psychology, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, 14260-4110. To ensure consideration, applications must be received by October 15, 2003, but applications will be reviewed until the positions are filled. Information about the department is available at <http://wings.buffalo.edu/psychology>. The University at Buffalo is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Recruiter. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE WEBSITES - COMPILED BY MARK B. KRISTAL

<http://www.scirus.com/searchboxes/> is the Scirus science search engine. They supply a free link to incorporate a linked icon for the search engine into your personal or course homepage.

<http://www.bmn.com/> is Elsevier's "portal to the life sciences." Register for free and have access to news reports, newsworthy scientific articles, reviews, and job listings.

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/Funding/Grantapps.html> is the NIDA website for tips on developing and writing successful grant proposals. There are also links to the main NIH grant tips page and the NINDS tips page.

<http://cogprints.ecs.soton.ac.uk/> is a site where full-text articles can be archived and retrieved. After submitting an article, you can link its listing on your on-line bibliography so that a reader can click on the link and have access to the full text article. Not only is the article archival and cross-indexed, but it does not take up space on your own server. Despite the name, articles other than cognitive science articles are welcome (e.g., neuroscience).

<http://www.funfaculty.org/> is the website of the Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience (FUN). They even publish an online journal, the Journal of Undergraduate Neuroscience Education (June), which can be found at <http://www.funjournal.org/>

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Travel Awards: Twenty-two applications were received, and 13 awards were made. Statistics regarding gender, native country, and training level are presented below. The Electronic submission format ran smoothly. Six members ranked all applicants on a 10-point scale in separate categories (Graduate, Post-Doc, Undergraduate). The approach was efficient and effective.

Overall, the approach taken this year of ranking applicants separately by training level, then awarding 10-20% undergraduate, 10-20% post-doc, and all others graduate, worked very well. It is recommended for future years. Several applicants had applied previously and were awarded again. It is recommended that a cap of two travel awards per career should be set in order to continue introducing new members to the society.

Conclusions: We have been active this year. New additional members on the Education and Training Committee might enhance the travel award ranking process and increase productivity. We hope that a trend has been set with regard to the professional conduct workshops, and that the current committee and newly recruited members will carry on next year to design a novel set of workshops.

Fellows/Honorific Awards Committee

DR. JACQUELINE CRAWLEY, CHAIR

Dr. Crawley presented the Committee's nominations for Fellow Status: Drs. Anders Agmo, Susan Andersen, and Byron Jones. Dr. Crawley presented the nominees' credentials, and motion was unanimously passed to award Fellow Status to the three nominees. Congratulations to our new Fellows!

Professor Joseph Huston, University of Dusseldorf, Germany, was selected for the Marjorie Myers Award. Professor Huston presented a scientific lecture and accepted the award at the 2003 IBNS meeting in San Juan. Council had previously unanimously approved this nomination.

Membership Committee

DR. SUSAN E. SWITHERS, CHAIR

Dr. Swithers reported that 41 membership applications had been received. Thirteen of them were incomplete and still pending. The Committee recommended the following membership applications by membership category:

Regular membership applications:

Dr. Sheila Fleming	Dr. Lilliam Lizardi
Dr. Francis W. Flynn	Dr. Stanley Lorens

Dr. Tomas R. Guilarte	Dr. Lou Anne Lucas
Dr. Miriam Hickey	Dr. Claudio Pacitti
Dr. Rolf Joho	Dr. Nivia L. Perez-Acevedo
Dr. William Klipec	Dr. Fred Punzo
Dr. George Koob	Dr. Brain Sanders
Dr. Yafang Liu	Dr. Heather Schellinck

Student membership applications:

Ms. Helene N. David	Dr. Wendy Portillo
Mr. David John Echevarria	Ms. Tori Schaefer
Mr. R. Charles Lawrence	Mr. Matthew Skelton
Mr. Chris Markham	Mr. Christopher Toscano
Ms. Tammy Moscrip	Mr. Martin Woodlee
Ms. Itzel Orduna	

Affiliate membership application:

Mr. Jeffrey J. Crooke

The 16 regular, 11 student, and 1 affiliate membership applications were unanimously approved by Council. Congratulations to all our new members!

Nominations Committee

DR. SANDRA J. KELLY, CHAIR

Dr. Kelly reported that nominations were solicited for Councilors from Australasia, Europe, Latin America, and the USA, Student Representative, President-Elect, and Treasurer from the Nominations Committee and IBNS membership. There were a total of 232 members (out of a possible 569) members who voted. Four members could not vote on-line and so faxed their voting ballot to Central Office and the votes were entered manually. The on-line voting went smoothly and likely accounts for the good rate of voting. Dr. Kelly expressed her gratitude to the Nominations Committee for their work in this process.

Program Committee

DR. TIMOTHY MORAN, CHAIR

San Juan, Puerto Rico, Program

Dr. Moran reported that the program process had gone relatively smoothly. Council congratulated Dr. Moran and the Committee for an excellent program in San Juan.

Public Relations Committee

DR. JOANNE BERGER-SWEENEY, CHAIR

Dr. Berger-Sweeney reported that the Committee, in conjunction with the Puerto Rico Neuroscience community, had recommended to IBNS Council that Dr. Mark Miller receive a special award at the San Juan IBNS annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula J. Geiselman, Secretary



Joanne Berger-Sweeney (Chair, Public Relations Committee) and Mark Miller

Dr. Mark Miller was recognized by IBNS as an outstanding local scientist in behavioral neuroscience research at the San Juan IBNS meeting.

Dr. Miller has been doing behavioral analysis of Aplysia in natural habitats and in his laboratory at the Institute of Neurobiology in San Juan since 1983. He has had NSF and NIH funding. In addition, he created a summer course in Tropical Neuroethology which attracts talented undergraduates and faculty interested in ethology. This course is a success, and it places Puerto Rico as an important arena in behavioral training and research. Currently, Dr. Miller trains graduate students in his laboratory. To top it all, Dr. Miller serves as the Interim Director of the Institute of Neurobiology at UPR.