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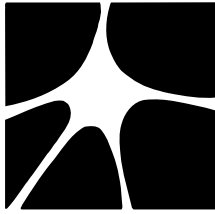
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Editorial Comment

Due to cancellation of the ISN Biennial Meeting in Hong Kong, the last ISN Council and Business Meetings were held in Paris on August 4-6, 2003. At the first Council Meeting it was decided that the Neurochemistry News should be primarily published on the ISN website. However, it was also felt that parts of the News, e.g. advertisements of meetings and funding programs, should still be printed and mailed to the membership. This is the first short printed version of the newsletter. The complete version including minutes of the Paris Council and Business Meetings and reports on ISN funded conferences is available online (<http://www.neurochem.org>).

I want to draw your attention to three important deadlines that are advertised in this issue:

- Registration and abstract submission for the First ISN Special Neurochemistry Conference on “Changes in Neuronal Gene Expression and CNS Drug Responses” to be held in Palais des Papes, Avignon, France, May 13-16, 2004 (page 13).
- Call for proposals of Symposia, Young Investigator Colloquia and Workshops for the 20th ISN Biennial Meeting to be held jointly with ESN in Innsbruck, Austria, August 21-26, 2005 (page 14).
- Call for proposals for the Second ISN Special Neurochemistry Conference to be held in the Americas in 2006 (page 16).

In the Council Meeting in Paris it was also decided that the Membership Directory of ISN and the Sister Societies will only be produced in electronic form. I want to make a plea to all membership to help in keeping this directory up to date by communicating any change of address to Roger Butterworth, ISN Treasurer, in the form appearing in page 21 and in the website.

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The First ISN Special Neurochemistry Conference

Changes in neuronal gene expression and CNS drug responses

May 13-16, 2004

Centre International de Congrès, Palais des Papes

Avignon, France

The ISN has decided to begin a series of Special Neurochemistry Conferences the first of which will focus on “Changes in neuronal gene expression and CNS drug responses” with new technologies being highlighted, together with clinical implications. Each of the three days will be devoted to a specific theme (“Transcriptomics and Proteomics”, “Ex vivo and in vivo studies” and “Bio informatics and Biomathematics”) with several lectures in the morning and afternoon as well as poster sessions. The Conference will take place in the International Congress Centre of Avignon which has the rare privilege of being housed in two wings of the magnificent Palais des Papes, situated in the heart of the city. Accommodations will be situated within walking distance, and numerous restaurants are at hand.

Conference website: www.isnconference.org

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Deadline for submission of abstracts: January 10, 2004.

Deadline for registration at preferential rates: February 20, 2004

The 20th Biennial Meeting of the ISN

Will be organized as a joint meeting with the ESN
August 21 – 26, 2005. Innsbruck, Austria

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Call for Young Investigator Colloquia Speakers

To increase the number of formal oral presentations from young investigators, there will be 12 to 16 Young Investigator Colloquia, which we invite young scientists to apply as speakers. Speakers will receive a registration fee waiver and significant financial support in respect to their travel expenses and costs of accommodation.

Suggested topics can be found at the Congress website. Outstanding speakers in other areas will be considered.

The Program Committee will select four speakers for each colloquium. Thirty minutes will be available for each contribution. Preference will be given to independent young investigators. The candidates should be either below 40 years of age or less than 10 years after Ph.D. With the application, candidates should provide:

1. Session title (either from the list or “unassigned”)
2. The title of their contribution
3. A one-page abstract
4. A one-page CV
5. List of publications during the last three years

Call for Symposia Topics

Members and non-members are invited to make proposals for symposia detailing :

1. The topic
2. The responsible Chairperson
3. Four possible speakers with very short CV and a selection of a maximum of 5 publications for each speaker
4. The reason why the topic of the symposium is important

The organizers and speakers can expect a registration fee waiver and significant financial support in respect to their travel expenses and costs of accommodation.

Call for Workshops topics

In addition to the Symposia, Workshops will be held in the Joint ISN/ESN meeting. Workshops should not be mini-symposia, and exchange of ideas among the attendants is encouraged. They should focus on new experimental approaches or conflicting issues. Some support will be provided to the organizers and speakers. The applicants should send:

1. The topic
2. The responsible Chairperson
3. The reason why the topic of the workshop is important

And in addition,

4. The applicants should describe how they are going to run the workshop to meet the above requirements.

Call for Satellite Symposia topics

Those who are interested in organizing Satellite Symposia should submit a detailed description of the Symposium with full scientific content and list of speakers enabling the Program Committee to evaluate the proposal.

The Second ISN Special Neurochemistry Conference

Call for proposals

The ISN invites submission of proposals for the organization of the Second ISN Special Neurochemistry Conference to be held in 2006. For this purpose the ISN will provide 150,000 USD to the organizers. Proposals will be examined by the ISN Council and a decision made based on the quality of the scientific program as well as the suitability of the proposed venue.

The conference will

- be located in the **Americas**
- be focused on an important and timely neurochemical topic
- have a 3 day duration with no parallel sessions
- not exceed 300 participants
- not coincide in time with other major neuroscience meetings

Proposals should include:

- Name and address of organizer(s)
- A statement on the importance of the topic
- An outline of the program and list of speakers
- Details about the location, facilities and dates
- A preliminary budget

The ISN Council reserves the right to suggest changes to the scientific program.

Submission deadline: May 1, 2004

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The 21st Biennial Meeting of the ISN

August 19-24, 2007

Cancún, México

The 21st Biennial Meeting of the ISN will be held in conjunction with the ASN in Cancún, a major beach tourist centre in the state of Quintana Roo, Yucatan Peninsula, México. Cancún is a beautiful and most geographically suitable place to congregate scientists from all over the world, as the international communications to reach this city are varied and convenient. Its international airport is located at about 20 min from the hotel zone and the Convention Centre. Numerous international airlines fly directly to this airport from many cities in the United States, Canada, Europe and South America.

Cancún is famous not only for its natural beauties and beaches, but also for its proximity to important archaeological Mayan cities, such as Tulum, Cobá and Chichen-Itza, as well as to beautiful colonial cities like Mérida.

Besides Mérida, which is less than 300 km from Cancún, other convenient cities for satellite meetings, such as México City, Miami and Houston, are only about two-hours flight.

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Venue

“Centro de Convenciones Cancún”

Bldv. Kukulcán Km. 9

Cancun, Quintana Roo

77500 Mexico

The Cancun Convention Centre has all the necessary space and facilities for the meeting

Accommodation

Cancún has more than 130 hotels with about 22,000 rooms, ranging from de luxe and 5 stars to 3 stars. The anticipated cost in 2007 varies from around 95 to 120 USD per double room in 5 star hotels, all at walking distance (less than ten minutes) from the Convention Centre. In addition, several first class hotels of moderate price (60-65 USD, double room) are available nearby.

Sixth International Meeting for Brain Energy Metabolism

Transporters, Mitochondria and Neurodegeneration

21-24 May 2004

Hotel Capsis, Heraklion, Crete, Greece

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Meeting website <http://www.brainenergy2004.org/>

**Deadline for advance Meeting registration and booking of hotel is
March 1, 2004**

The ISN Committee for Aid and Education in Neurochemistry

The Committee for Aid for Neurochemistry (CAEN) of the ISN has been formed with the aim of supporting neurochemical research in economically deprived countries. CAEN provides small travel and research grants as well as grants to support educational workshops. Moreover, applications for obtaining free subscriptions to the Journal of Neurochemistry will be considered.

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International Society for Neurochemistry Support for Conferences

The ISN Conference Committee (ISN-CC) provides financial support for the organization of small conferences specialized in neurochemical topics (up to US D 15,000). The financial support is meant to be used for Young Neurochemists Conference Fellowships and for the Organizers. Additionally, the ISN-CC sponsors neurochemistry symposia within meetings of other scientific societies or groups in the neuroscience field (up to US D 7,000).

Applications are examined by the ISN-CC twice a year (April 30 and October 31) and are granted on a competitive basis favouring programs with international speakers and audience.

Please note that applications must be submitted at least 4 months prior to the meeting to be sponsored and that the meeting, if sponsored, should be held no later than 1 year after the application has been handled.

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Introducing membership fee

The Society has been existing since its foundation without their members paying membership fee. Unfortunately we are no longer able to function this way and have to ask our members to pay a 25 Euro membership fee. ESN members will receive instructions for the payment of Membership fee for 2004 to the following bank account:

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Application Procedure

Each person applying for Membership should complete the following application form and provide a short CV and a list of recent publications. Alternatively, the application should be supported by the signature of an ordinary ESN Member.

EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR NEUROCHEMISTRY

Application Form for Membership

“ I wish to be considered for Membership of ESN”

- Ordinary Member (Annual due: 25 Euro)*
- Sustaining Member (Please, contact the Treasurer for the fee)
- I apply for reduced membership fee (Please provide a reason to the Council)

Name (Last, First, Middle)

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Supporting Member (block capitals):

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I share the aims of the European Society for Neurochemistry
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Date:

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Proposed Amendments to the ASN Bylaws

At their meeting in New Orleans the ASN Council voted to propose amendments to the Bylaws that would establish the positions of Treasurer-Elect and Secretary-Elect. ASN members in good standing will soon receive a ballot to approve these amendments. Please vote.



The meeting will begin on Saturday, August 14, 2004 with a welcome reception in the famous Starlight Room and end with a closing banquet at Tavern on the Green on Wednesday, August 18, 2004. There will be a pre-meeting workshop titled “RNA Interference: Application to Neural Systems” on Saturday, August 14, 2004. Bruce McEwen, Marianne Bronner-Fraser, Susumu Tonegawa, Martin Schwab will give plenary lectures. The meeting will be held at the Waldorf Astoria Hilton Hotel. Located in the heart of mid-town Manhattan, the Waldorf Astoria is a world-renowned legend that has set the standard for hospitality excellence since 1893.

Important Dates:

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| January 2, 2004 | All forms available on ASN’s website at http://www.ASNeurochem.org/ASN2004.htm |
| January 15 – April 1, 2004 | Online abstract submission will be open. |
| January 2 – June 11, 2004 | Advanced meeting registration will be available; rates increase after June 11 |
| April 15, 2004 | Deadline for submitting application for:
Jordi Folch-Pi Memorial Award
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Young Investigator Educational Enhancement Awards
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<i>Award descriptions and instructions will be on the meeting website.</i> |
| July 23, 2004 | Deadline for group hotel rates. |

Registration Information:

Registration must be received by June 11 to qualify for the advance rate. The Membership rate is available to those whose membership is current for 2004. New member applicants may also register at the member rate if they qualify for membership and pay dues. An application will be required. Membership dues are: Ordinary – \$75; Post Doc – \$50; Student – \$30; Emeritus – \$20.

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ASN Member	\$375	\$475
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It is with great sadness that ISN was forced to cancel its 19th biennial meeting in August 2003 due to the surprise global attack of SARS earlier this year. We are indeed indebted to many healthcare professionals and researchers for their tireless efforts in combating SARS during those momentous months and that we are now able to remain safe.

Despite this historic cancellation of the ISN/APSN meeting, ISN continues to show its commitment and incessant support to the development of neurochemistry in the Asia-Pacific region, culminating in ISN's financial support for APSN to continue to hold its 6th biennial meeting in Hong Kong in February 2004. APSN owe its deepest gratitude to ISN and indeed the phoenix is able to rise from the ashes.

On behalf of the local organizing committee, I therefore wish you all a very warm welcome to Hong Kong on 4-7 February 2004.

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