

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR NEUROCHEMISTRY

Conference Committee report, May 2008

Since the constitution of the new Conference Committee (CC) after the last ISN Council Meeting in London in October 2008, the CC decided on two rounds of applications for ISN conference support.

After the October 31, 2007 deadline nine applications were examined, of which seven were considered worth to receive at least partial funding. The names of the applicants and the amount of support granted for each application are summarised in the attached tables.

After the April 30, 2008 deadline ten applications were examined, of which six were considered worth to receive at least partial funding. The names of the applicants and the amount of support granted for each application are summarised in the attached tables. For this deadline, one application could not be considered, since the respective conference was to be held less than three month after the deadline.

The applications received before the October 31, 2007 and April 30, 2008 deadlines were supported with total amounts of USD 52,600 and USD 39,400, respectively.

Several meeting reports on conferences and ISN symposia that were supported by the previous or the current CC were approved by the Chair of ISN-CC and have been published on the ISN homepage.

A draft for improved regulations for ISN conference support has been prepared and is submitted with this report for discussions at the Council Meeting in Shanghai.

I would very much like to thank the members of the ISN-CC for their very efficient work, for their highly constructive and valuable comments and suggestions on the applications for ISN-CC support, and for their rapid responses that allowed us to master an ambitious time schedule to come quickly to final decisions.

Ralf Dringen

Chair of ISN Conference Committee

Applications for ISN conference support - October 31/2007 – Small Conferences

Applications for small conferences on specialized neurochemical topics (maximal USD 15,000)

#	Applicant	Affiliation	Conference	Date /Location	Amount requested	Amount granted
1	Peter J. Brophy Tel.: +44-131-650-6107 Fax: +44-131-650-6336 Peter.Brophy@ed.ac.uk	Centre for Neuroscience Research University of Edinburgh Edinburgh, UK	9th Gordon Conference on Myelin "Development and Diseases of Myelin"	May 4-9, 2008 Il Ciocco, Italy	USD 10,000	USD 8,000
2	Ole Petter Ottersen Tel.: +47-22 85 1528/-1270 Fax: +47-22 85 1488 oleppp@yahoo.com	Centre for Molecular Biology and Neuroscience, Dep. of Anatomy University of Oslo Oslo, Norway	Physiological and Pathophysiological Roles of Aquaporins in Brain	June 9-10, 2008 Oslo, Norway	USD 15,000	USD 11,000
3	Jan Albrecht Tel.: +48-22 6685323 Fax: +48-22 6685532 jalb@cmdik.pan.pl	Department of Neurotoxicology Medical Research Centre Polish Academy of Sciences Warsaw, Poland	Glutamate in the Tripartite Synapse: Functional and Metabolic Relations in Norm and Pathology	August 23-27, 2008 Wierzba, Poland	USD 15,000	USD 10,000
4	Carmen Sandi Tel.: +41-21-693-9534 Fax: +41-21-693-9636 Carmen.sandi@epfl.ch	Ecole Polytechnique Federal de Lausanne (EPFL) Lausanne, Switzerland	Cell-cell Adhesion Mechanisms: from Development of Synaptic Networks to Cognitive Dysfunction	July 9-11, 2008 Villars-sur-Ollon Switzerland	USD 10,000 to 15000	USD 7,000

Applications for ISN conference support - October 31/2007 – ISN-Symposia

Applications for ISN Symposia within meetings of other scientific societies or groups (maximal USD 7,000)

#	Applicant	Affiliation	Conference /ISN-Symposium	Date /Location	Amount requested	Amount granted
7	Alejandro F. Schinder Tel.: +5411-5238-7500 Fax: + 5411-5238-7501 aschinder@leloir.org.ar	Fundacion Instituto Lenoir Buenos Aires, Argentina	X Argentine Workshop in Neuroscience ISN-Symposium on the Pathogenic Mechanisms of Neurodegenerative Diseases	April 9-13, 2008 Huerta Grande Cordoba, Argentina	USD 4,575	USD 4,600
8	Philip A. Barker Tel.: +1-514-398-3064 Fax: +1-514-398-5214 phil.barker@mcgill.ca	Montreal Neurological Institute McGill University Montreal, Canada	Katzir Conference on Life and Death in the Nervous System ISN-Symposium on the MAGE Gene Family as Neurotrophic Transducers	September 4-8, 2008 Kfar Blum Upper Galilee Israel	USD 10,000	USD 7,000
9	Siming Shen Tel.: +1-732-235-4520 Fax: +1-732-235-4029 simingshen@gmail.com	Neuroscience Department R.W.J. Medical School Piscataway, NJ, USA	39th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Neurochemistry ISN-Symposium on the Role of Histone Modification in Neurological Diseases	March 1-5, 2008 San Antonio, TX, USA	USD 7,000	USD 5,000

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1	Francis W. Flynn Tel.: +1-307-766-6446 Fax: +1-307-766-3502 flynn@uwyo.edu	Department of Zoology and Physiology University of Wyoming Laramie, USA	Annual Winter Neuropeptide Conference (WNPC)	Jan 31 - Feb 3, 2009 Breckenridge Colorado, USA	USD 14,500	USD 5,800
2	Andras Buki Tel.: +36-72-535-932 Fax: +36-72-535-931 andras.buki@aok.pte.hu	Department of Neurosurgery Pecs University Pecs, Hungary	4th Pannonian Symposium on CNS Injury	Sept. 26-27, 2008 Pécs, Hungary	USD 12,000	USD 10,300
3	Jan Galik Tel.: +421-55-677-5062 Fax: +421-55-678-5074 galik@saske.sk	Institute of Neurobiology Slovak Academy of Sciences Kosice, Slovak Republic	6th International Symposium on Experimental and Clinical Neurobiology	Sept. 8-11, 2008 Kosice, Slovak Rep.	USD 10,000	USD 8,400

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4	Roberto Paes de Carvalho Tel.: +55-21-2629-2263 Fax: +55-21-2629-2268 robpaes@vm.uff.br	Department of Neurobiologia Universidade Federal Fluminense Brazil	I. Ibero Latin-American and Caribbean Meeting on Neuroscience (NeuroLatam)	Sept. 1-4, 2008	USD 7,000	USD 4,700
			ISN-Symposium on Neurotransmitters Glia and Development	Rio de Janeiro Brazil		
5	Ismael Galve Roperh Tel: +34-91-3944668 Fax: +34-91-3944672 igr@quim.ucm.es	Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Complutense University Madrid, Spain	I. Ibero Latin-American and Caribbean Meeting on Neuroscience (NeuroLatam)	Sept. 1-4, 2008	USD 7,000	USD 5,500
			ISN-Symposium on Cannabinoid Actions in the Central Nervous System	Rio de Janeiro Brazil		
6	Gurcharan Kaur Tel.: +91-183-2258431 Fax: +91-183-2258820 kgurcharan.neuro@yahoo.com	Department of Biotechnology Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar, India	Annual Meeting of the Indian Society for Neurochemistry	Nov. 28-29, 2008	USD 7,000	USD 4,700
			ISN-Symposium: Molecular Aspects of Brain Aging and Neurological Disorders	Amritsar, India		