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More about the 2007 meeting in San Diego, CA!

Mark your calendar for our 40th anniversary meeting: **Oct 31 - Nov 3, 2007**

The meeting will be held at the Catamaran Resort Hotel in San Diego (<http://www.catamaranresort.com/>) with an online reservation system for ISDP <https://shop.evanshotels.com/isd1030.html>. More information about the meeting will be posted on the website in February. The call for Abstracts and registration will be available in Summer 2007. Student travel awards will be available again, but please consider requesting some matching fund support from your institution!

***Now's the time to make your request for 2007 symposia
Due Jan 30 to Harlene Hayne via email (hayne@psy.otago.ac.nz)***

Proposal applications should include the following components: 1) Symposium title; 2) Topic description and emphasis; 3) Speakers' names and research areas; 4) One-two sentences about the significance of their work along with two-three significant references, and 5) Topic and rationale, specifically addressing how ISDP members will benefit from the symposium. The symposium will be evaluated based on this description, as well as how it meets the following criteria: a) innovative, b) cross-disciplinary, c) stretches traditional boundaries d) integrative, and e) reputation of speakers.

2007 marks ISDP's 40th anniversary, and we'll be celebrating at our annual meeting in San Diego, CA!

Ideas generated by the Historian committee include hosting a banquet (although funds would need to be raised), a poster outlining ISDP history, a document including interviews of our society's early membership and a symposium tracking the history of developmental research questions that have been important to our society. We are interested in your suggestions. Please contact Bill Shoemaker, Celebration Chair (shoemake@psychiatry.uchc.edu).

ISDP historical information is archived at the Smithsonian Institution. The Historian committee is currently updating the archives. Please take a moment to search your files for ISDP documents appropriate for the archives. Please contact Nellie Laughlin, Archives Chair (nellie.laughlin@covance.com).

Historian committee members: Nellie Laughlin, Rebecca Foushee, Akaysha Tang and Bill Shoemaker.

Highlights from the 2006 meeting held in Atlanta, GA

Special thanks go out to Gordon Barr (Program Director) and David Lewkowicz (Conference Coordinator) for this year's very successful meeting. We had over 100 presentations (poster and oral) and 165 attendees.

This year's meeting included 22 research talks, the Presidential address given by George Michel "A developmental psychobiological approach to the development of infant handedness," the John Wiley invited address given by Fernando Nottebohm "The relation between neuronal replacement and learning," two evening poster sessions and four symposia. The *Past President's Symposium* featured talks by Skip Spear and Celia Moore. There were two NICHD-sponsored symposia. The first titled *Alcohol and Development* was chaired by Juan Molina and included talks by Julie Mennella, Linda Spear and Michael Lewis. The second titled *Update on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome* was chaired by Michael Myers and included talks by Ed Mitchell, Hannah Kinney and Bill Fifer. The Sackler symposium was titled *Autism: Hints from the Clinic and the Lab*, was chaired by Gordon Barr, and included talks by Ami Klin, Bradley Peterson and Pat Levitt.

2006 AWARDS

Service Awards: Harry Shair, Bill Fifer, April Ronca and Michael Myers were given a special thank-you by incoming President, Regina Sullivan. These awards were created to acknowledge the behind-the-scenes work of these four long-standing members of ISDP. Bill Fifer and Harry Shair for writing the NIH training grant that sponsors student travel to the meetings; April Ronca for her writing of the NICHD symposium grant; Michael Myers for going beyond the call of duty in his continuing efforts in many areas, including taking on additional years as program director.

Dissertation Award: This year's recipient of the ISDP Dissertation Award was Gale Kleven, Ph.D., University of Iowa. Dr. Kleven's talk was titled "Patterns of early behavioral development after exposure to a prototypical neurotoxin methylazoxymethanol (MAM)." Gale is now a postdoctoral fellow at Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

Wiener Awards: Three outstanding students were awarded the Sandra J. Weiner award. Ni Lan (University of British Columbia; "Effects of testosterone on hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal function in male rats prenatally exposed to ethanol"), Amy Jo Marcano-Reik (University of Iowa; "Quantitative and kinematic analysis of changes in interlimb coordination during motor learning in the intact and spinalized neonatal rat") and Adele Seelke (University of Iowa; "State-dependent neocortical activity is present before the onset of delta waves in infant rats").

NIH Travel Awards: The following students received NIH travel awards to help defray the costs of attending the Atlanta meeting: Katherine Akers, Rowena Antemano, Hiroyuki Arakawa, Rosemary Bagot, Jessica Bauer, Michele Brumley, Lisa Buonomano, Katherine Burke, Irina Castellanos, Kathryn Chadman, Tamara Doremus-Fitzwater, Linda Evans, Mark Ferris, Sylvia Fitting, Michael Frank, Chris Harshaw, Jee Kim, Amy Korzekwa, Deborah Maken, Katherine Morasch, Stephanie Moriceau, Michael Nizhnikov, Yasmin Nunez, Carine Parent, Barbara Pham-Escobar, Ha Phan, Amanda Pomarenski, Bethany Reeb, Supriya Syal, Wei-Cheng Tai, Jennifer Tininenko, Isaac Tourgeman, Karen Tustin, Deborah Watson, Aaron Wiber, Sarah Woller, Elizabeth Zack.

Wiley Best Student Journal Article Award: Jennifer Gregg (Queen's University) won this year's award for her paper "Placentophagia in naïve adults, new fathers, and new mothers in the biparental dwarf hamster, *Phodopus campbelli*," published in *Developmental Psychobiology*.

Congratulations to you all!

Thanks to our ISDP Officers and Committee Members

Message from Regina Sullivan, ISDP President

It is a great pleasure to serve as the ISDP president, and I am looking forward to working with the other officers to continue to help ISDP grow and flourish. As is reviewed in this newsletter, there are many exciting changes for ISDP. We look forward to membership input for all our ISDP activities, and we encourage you to contact our officers with your comments and suggestions.

ISDP's well-being is dependent upon the generous service of our ISDP officers. We would like to thank our current, outgoing, and newly elected officers for their service to ISDP.

We give special thanks to George Michel, our outgoing President, for his work improving ISDP. He has organized and facilitated the hiring of a professional Society Office to help run ISDP, headed an exciting 2006 meeting, chaired the awards committee, overseen the elections of ISDP officers and, of course, is continuing to serve as editor to our society's journal *Developmental Psychobiology*. We are pleased and fortunate to have George continue to serve ISDP as a member of the Executive Committee.

Mark Stanton, who served as Past-President on the Executive Committee, is leaving the Executive Committee. We are thankful for Mark's past extra service chairing the committee to hire Society Office.

A newly elected member of the executive committee is Mark Blumberg as our President-Elect. We are thankful for Mark's service to ISDP and look forward to his input improving ISDP.

We extend a warm thank you to Pamela Hunt, our current Secretary, and Susan Brunelli, our current Treasurer, for their commitment to ISDP. These two officers maintain ISDP's records and have been fundamentally critical in maintaining ISDP behind the scenes.

Rick Richardson is leaving the position as board member, and we appreciate his role in organizing the files and committee for all ISDP awards. We look forward to Rick rejoining the ISDP officers as the newly elected secretary.

We have had incredible meetings these past three years, and we thank Gordon Barr, Program Director, for his service organizing the programs. This is a difficult task, and we are thankful for his dedication, hard work, and service to ISDP. We are very pleased that Harlene Hayne will be our new Program Director for our 2007 meeting and we look forward to an exciting meeting in San Diego, as well as the 2008 and 2009 meetings.

Continuing thanks to David Lewkowicz, who is our current Conference Coordinator, for a great meeting. This is a difficult job and we are grateful for David's hard work and service to ISDP, which make our meeting a success. Leigh Bacher is our newly elected Conference Coordinator and will assist David for the 2007 meeting to prepare for her three-year term beginning with the 2008 meeting.

We also extend a warm welcome to other new officers. Gabriela González-Mariscal is our new board member and will serve with our two continuing board members, Katharina Braun and Rachel Barr. The new Federation of Behavioral, Psychological & Cognitive Sciences representative is Doree Fragaszy who replaces Charley Goodlett, who we thank for attending the Federation meetings and his service to ISDP. Congratulations to Susan Gans for re-election as AAALAC representative. Our two new student representatives are Kacey Morasch and Karen Tustin. We thank Shonaugh O'Leary-Moore and Katja Becker for serving as the previous student representatives. And finally, we thank the continuing members of our society's Historian Committee; Akaysha Tang, Nellie Laughlin, Rebecca Foushee and William Shoemaker.

We would also like to thank the members of the new ad hoc committee organized by George Michel. This ISDP task force will reassess ISDP's mission and journal. Members of this committee include Tina Williams (Chair), Bob Almlı, Mark Blumberg, Pam Hunt, David Lewkowicz and Regina Sullivan.

This coming year will continue to be a time of transition for ISDP as we reshape our mission and goals to more fully meet the needs of our membership and enhance research in the development of brain and behavior. We are eager to hear your needs and visions for ISDP and the future of research on brain and behavioral development (rsullivan@ou.edu).

ISDP's website has a new face! Check out <http://www.isdp.org/>

Leigh Bacher, our webmaster, maintains web pages on the ISDP website concerning job advertisements, call for papers and items from other organizations, and graduate student resources. Send comments about the site to Leigh at bacher@oswego.edu. Leigh would also like your suggestions for topics to highlight in our homepage *News* section.

We would like to especially acknowledge Blake Dugandzic and Chris Briggs, the two SUNY-Oswego students and their advisor Cara Brewer-Thompson, who created our new look and logo. ***Thanks Cara, Blake and Chris!***

From the student representatives

Kacey Morasch (Virginia Tech) and Karen Tustin (University of Otago) report that the student social event held during the meeting was a great success, with over 40 students in attendance. "It was a great opportunity to meet others in the field and share research ideas." The students extend their thanks to the society for both its financial support and the members' eagerness to foster the students' academic growth.



Developmental Psychobiology's manuscript submission rate remains high, with a wider diversity of topics this year, according to Editor, George Michel.

Wiley has instituted a new on-line submission and review system. Please bear with us while some of the kinks are worked out.

Sign up to receive e-mail *Table of Contents* for each new issue. It's easy to do. Go to the Wiley *Interscience* website and follow the instructions (<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/societies/DEV/>).

ISDP members no longer receive paper copies of the journal but receive web access beginning from 1996 to the current issue. If you have problems accessing the journal and need directions on how to register for your online subscription, please contact ISDP Secretary, Pam Hunt (pshunt@wm.edu).

Attention joint members of ISDP and APA

ISDP members who are also members of APA are eligible for a discount on their APA membership (look at item #3 on your APA membership renewal form). The APA discount is available to members of societies, like ISDP, who are affiliates of the Federation of Behavioral, Psychological and Cognitive Sciences. Questions can be addressed to our Federation representative, Dorothy Fragaszy (doree@uga.edu).

Professional Management and NEW ISDP contact information

Professional Management has been hired to help run ISDP. We are grateful to Marianne Van Wagner for all of her hard work during the past year, and look forward to continuing our relationship with her. She has a lot of great ideas to help us run the society in a more efficient and practical manner. If you need to get in touch with Marianne, her contact information is:

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From the Editor

As you can see, we are reinstating the ISDP newsletter and plan on a biannual publication. Please send news and announcements that would be of interest to ISDP members to Pam Hunt, ISDP Secretary (pshunt@wm.edu).