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### *Looking ahead to the 2007 meeting!*

Our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting will be held **Oct 31 - Nov 3, 2007** at the Catamaran Resort Hotel (<http://www.catamaranresort.com/>) in San Diego, CA.

We have an impressive group of invited talks, addresses and symposia. Included in the line-up are:

1. The Past Presidents symposium featuring talks by Judith Stern and Michael Hennessy
2. A symposium titled *Emergence of Smart Behavior: The Role of Perception-Action Systems in Development of Complex Cognitive Capacities*
3. A symposium titled *Maternal Effects on Offspring Behavioral and Neuroendocrine Development*

### *New this year ... SfN Satellite day!*

This year, for the first time, one day of our meeting will be designated as a Society for Neuroscience Satellite. The SfN Satellite day will be Friday, November 2. That day of our meeting will consist of a variety of talks, symposia and presentations, centered around the theme *Epigenetics and Developmental Processes in Neuroscience*.

Scheduled for this day are:

1. Bruce McEwen, the John Wiley Distinguished Speaker, whose talk is titled *Stress Over the Lifespan: Central Role of the Brain*
2. Two symposia titled *Epigenetics and Development* and *Neurodevelopmental Consequences of Early Life Stress*
3. The Presidential address given by Regina Sullivan, titled *The Neurobiology of Infant Attachment*

### *A Message from the President ...*

This has been a year of change for ISDP. Society Offices, which is run by Marianne Van Wagner, is managing ISDP and collecting the abstracts for this year's meeting. Society Offices has also assisted us in incorporating ISDP, obtaining a new tax identification number, opening a new bank account, and is assisting us with filing our first tax return. Susan Brunelli, our treasurer, has been working closely with Marianne on these changes. This has been an enormous and difficult job for both Susan and Marianne and we are very grateful for their dedication to our society. We are also thankful to Pam Hunt, our secretary, for revitalizing the ISDP newsletter and keeping us informed. Pam is working with Society Offices on the development of new listservs and member directory for ISDP members.

There are also some changes to this year's meeting that were initiated by the Task Force formed by George Michel as he finished his term as ISDP president. Tina Williams is chair of this committee and its members include Bob Almli, Mark Blumberg, Pam Hunt, David Lewkowicz, Mark Stanton and Regina Sullivan. Changes include the formation of a symposium committee to encourage greater membership input for our annual meeting, additional awards, themes for poster sessions and fewer student travel award presentations. Harlene Hayne, our Conference Coordinator, has done an outstanding job of incorporating the Task Force's suggestions for change while maintaining the spirit of our ISDP meeting. A more comprehensive discussion of proposed changes for ISDP, as well as our journal *Developmental Psychobiology*, will be discussed at the business meeting at the conclusion of the 2007 annual meeting. Of course, the committee represents the ISDP membership and would greatly appreciate input from our members.

We hope our changes will help ISDP grow and serve our members in this time of transition in research focus and funding. ISDP has a unique and significant contribution to make to the behavioral and neural study of development. It is the hope of the ISDP leadership to facilitate and foster a significant role for ISDP during this time. Input from our membership concerning needs and goals is vital in directing the ISDP leadership. We look forward to your participation at our business meeting, which is scheduled as the last event in our annual meeting.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of ISDP. We look forward to seeing everyone in San Diego.

Warmest regards,  
Regina M. Sullivan, ISDP President

### *Results of our recent election:*

Congratulations to the winners of our 2007 election. **Gordon Barr** is our President-elect, **Jack Turman** is Treasurer-elect, **Juan Molina** is the newest member of the Board, and **Bill Shoemaker** will continue as an ISDP Historian. Thank you to everyone involved in the election, especially all of you who agreed to be on the ballot. Results of the student representative election are still pending (election closes June 29).

### ***Meeting Reminders:***

Don't forget that the deadline for submission of abstracts is **July 1, 2007**. The complete Call for Abstracts is posted on our website (<http://www.isdp.org>).

Pre-register on our member-only site located at (<http://www.isdpcentraloffice.org/MeetingRegistration.asp>). You will need your member logon ID and password.

Reserve your room at the Catamaran Resort Hotel using the convenient online registration site specifically for the ISDP meeting (<https://shop.evanshotels.com/isd1030.html>).

### ***Annual Awards:***

ISDP presents several awards at the annual meeting. These include the

1. Kucharski Young Investigator Award
2. Dissertation Award
3. The Sandra G. Wiener Student Investigator Award
4. *Developmental Psychobiology* Best Student Paper Award
5. NIH Travel Awards

Check out the Awards page on our website (<http://www.oswego.edu/isdp/html/awards.html>) for more information on these and other awards, and details on nomination and application procedures.

### ***Announcing Three NEW Awards:***

**Senior Investigator Award** for significant contributions to developmental psychobiology. The primary criterion for this award is a record of significant and sustained contributions to the field. Open to current and past members of ISDP.

**Distinguished Service Award** for significant service contributions to the society. Last year's recipients were Bill Fifer, April Ronca, Harry Shair, and Mike Myers.

**ISDP Poster Award** for the best student poster presented at the meeting. You must apply by June 30<sup>th</sup> to be included in the competition. The award will be based on quality and originality of the research and the presentation during the poster session.

See the Awards page (<http://www.oswego.edu/isdp/html/awards.html>) for more information.

### ***Reminder about our member only site and dues payment schedule:***

Our members-only site has information about dues payments, conference registration, a searchable membership directory and much more. To find out if you still owe 2007 dues, please visit the site (<http://www.isdpcentraloffice.org/memberlogon.asp>). If you do not have your logon ID and password, please contact Marianne at [isdp@isdpcentraloffice.org](mailto:isdp@isdpcentraloffice.org).

## ***New ISDP Webmaster needed!***

The primary duty of the ISDP Webmaster is to maintain the website. Small updates are often required throughout the year (average once per month). These updates include posting job ads or new resources. Two busy phases occur each year. The first is during April when preparations for the annual Fall meeting begin. To put this in perspective, even during the busy phase updates might be once or twice per week. After the Fall meeting, a brief busy phase also occurs when pages are updated and award winners, etc. are posted.

Benefits include providing service to ISDP, getting acquainted with the ISDP officers and learning how a professional society runs.

Recommended skills and characteristics include: basic working knowledge of HTML or a software package that builds webpages (e.g. Dreamweaver), commitment to respond promptly to requests, and availability to work on the website during the two busy phases. It is also recommended that the webmaster's institution hosts the site.

If interested, please contact Regina Sullivan [rsullivan@ou.edu](mailto:rsullivan@ou.edu).

For more information about the role, please feel free to contact the current webmaster, Leigh F. Bacher, [bacher@oswego.edu](mailto:bacher@oswego.edu).

## ***Speaking of the website ...***

Plan to visit the website often (<http://www.isdp.org>).

Keep current on ISDP notices, job postings for all educational levels, fellowships and grant opportunities, resources for students, and much more....

## ***The ISDP Central Office:***

Society Offices helps us to run ISDP. We are grateful to Marianne Van Wagner for all of her hard work, and look forward to continuing our relationship with her. If you need to get in touch with Marianne, her contact information is:

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