

# NEUROSCIENCE NEWSLETTER

## PROGRAM NEWS

### GRADUATING STUDENTS:

We would like to congratulate the following PIN graduates:

| Student's Name  | Degree | Supervisor   | Department   |
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| Sarah Johnson   | MSc    | Trevor Young | IMS          |
| <u>Thesis title:</u> "Lithium protects the rodent amygdala from neuronal and molecular effects of chronic stress"                         |        |              |              |
| Christopher So  | PhD    | Susan George | Pharmacology |
| <u>Thesis title:</u> "Dopamine D1 and D2 Receptor Heterooligomerization: Generation of a Novel Signaling Complex with Distinct Functions" |        |              |              |

### NOTICE TO GRADUATING STUDENTS

Please notify the PIN office upon your graduation to ensure that you will receive the notation "completed Collaborative Program in Neuroscience" on your degree transcript as well as a separate certificate suitable for framing from the PIN office to indicate that you have completed the program's requirements. Please let the office know the address you wish your certificate sent to and please also send us your thesis title. If you have transferred from a Master's degree to a Ph.D., please notify the PIN office.

## OTHER NEUROSCIENCE NEWS

### CAN Meeting a Success!!

The first annual meeting of the Canadian Association for Neuroscience which took place in Toronto in May was a great success. Registration for the meeting was capped at 800 due space constraints; there were 15 symposia and over 400 posters. As part of the meeting CAN also hosted an IBRO neuroscience school on epilepsy for trainees from developing countries and organized by Peter Carlen and Ante Padjen.

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### Program Committee Members

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Plans are well underway for the second annual meeting of CAN which will take place next May in Montreal.

### International Conference on Neural Signaling: Opportunities for Novel Diagnostic Approaches and Therapies

Feb. 16-20, 2008  
 Asilomar, CA

This is a unique meeting because of the breadth of topics and speaker expertise, its emphasis on practical applications, and the expectations of intensive interactions among participants from the biomedical industries and academia. There will be three poster-discussion sessions. The collection of manuscripts, including those from selected poster session papers, will be published in The Proceedings of the New York Academy of Sciences.

The after-dinner speakers will be: Dr. Mark Mattson of the National Institute of Aging, NIH, who is the most-quoted neuroscience author for his pioneering studies of glutamate and other neurotrophic factors, and Professor Tony Harmor of the University of Edinburgh, who has become the Dean of neuromediators in chronobiology.

The website contains applications and abstract forms to be sent to the UCSF office, as well as contact information for registering at the Asilomar Conference Grounds. Registration is open now. There will be outings available to scenic destinations in the Monterey-Carmel Pacific coastal area.

<http://medicine.ucsf.edu/conferences/asilomar2008/index.html>

## **POSITION AVAILABLE**

### **CANADA**

#### **FACULTY POSITION**

##### **McGill University Centre for Research on Pain Faculty Position in Pain Research**

McGill University is inviting applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant, Associate or Full Professor to work within the Centre for Research on Pain. A description of the Centre can be found at [www.painresearch.mcgill.ca](http://www.painresearch.mcgill.ca). The successful candidate will be offered a joint appointment in the Faculty of Dentistry and in the Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery of the Faculty of Medicine. A Canada Research Chair is available if the successful candidate is recognized as an established international scholar and world leader in the field.

[http://www.chairs.gc.ca/web/program/index\\_e.asp](http://www.chairs.gc.ca/web/program/index_e.asp).

Applicants should hold an M.D., DMD, PhD, or an equivalent degree. The candidate is expected to establish an independent clinical research program with emphasis on pain mechanisms and symptom management, and to teach at graduate and undergraduate levels. Applications must be made prior to October 1, 2007, and include a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, a short statement of research interests and the names and e-mail addresses of three referees, to the attention of: Dr. James Lund, Dean, Faculty of Dentistry, McGill University, 3640 University Street, Room M/21, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3A 2B2. [james.lund@mcgill.ca](mailto:james.lund@mcgill.ca) Tel: 514-398-7219, Fax: 514-398-8900.

McGill University is committed to equity in employment. A particular consideration will be given to candidates from visible minority group members, women, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities and members of sexual minority groups. In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, priority will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada.