

INTAKE

The Newsletter of the Society for the Study of Ingestive Behavior

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President's Message: Musings

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Our Society has a broad goal "to advance scientific research on food and fluid intake and its associated biological, psychological and social processes" (from the SSIB Mission Statement). Currently this goal is met in one event, our annual meeting. In what is still largely a volunteer organization, even this is no mean feat (and is greatly facilitated by our Executive Coordinator, Marianne Van Wagner). Over the years, many of you have contributed to our annual conclaves (or, though hard to contemplate, to the meetings of other organizations), so you understand the communal effort and angst required to mount a three or four day gathering of about 250 people. Despite the effort, we do it, and we do it increasingly well. Our recent assembly in Philadelphia was a good example of excellent ground work -- good facilities, close together -- and rational organization -- the volume of science aired in a short period. The local organizers and the program committee have my congratulations and thanks for a smooth, professional, and engaging meeting. On the other side, those of us who just show up also have become more adept at dealing with minor glitches, which are inevitable and can serve as an initial dollop of social glue for a group that meets only once a year. Nothing instills camaraderie so much as grumping about what 'they' could have done better.

In any event, to date our meeting is our message. As the organization matures, however, we might begin to muse collectively about what else we could or should do. In fact, we already have. After a considerable deliberative process organized by Dorothy Gietzen and Barbara Moore, and honed by the Long Range Planning Committee, the SSIB Board of Directors adopted the Mission Statement quoted above and a Vision Statement, both of which were presented to the membership at our business

meeting in Dublin in July 2000. The Vision Statement is as follows.

The Society for the Study of Ingestive Behavior aims --

1. to serve as:
 - a. the leading scientific organization for the study of ingestive behavior;
 - b. a principal source of scientific information for the academic community about ingestive behavior;
 - c. a respected authority for disseminating reliable information to the general public about the basic mechanisms and therapeutic interventions involved in disorders of eating and obesity;
2. to attract scientists of high quality from the range of relevant disciplines, modes of employment, and career stages;
3. to support the professional development of students and young scientists with research interests in ingestive behavior;
4. to encourage and promote the involvement of its members in Society activities;
5. to build and maintain financial support for its current activities and future development.

Our annual meeting and other activities, such as Intake and the list serve contribute to each of these goals, but hardly fulfill them. We manage Goal 1a by definition and 1b by indirection, in that our membership provides at least a healthy minority of the research reports on ingestive behavior. The last subdivision of this Goal, 1c, remains unmet, not

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because we are not respected, but because we seldom communicate with the general public. More to the point, when our members do communicate with the public, they seldom inform us about it. This is not necessarily the fault of our more public spirited members; as far as I know, we have no formal mechanism for documenting such activity. Should we?

The second goal we fulfill passively, but seldom actively. We accept scientists with an interest in ingestive behavior, but rarely trawl for them. The recent International Congress on the Physiology of Food and Fluid Intake in Australia was an exception. Wolfgang Langhans provided a list of all the registrants and, as soon as I write the letter, we will contact all those who are not yet members of SSIB. Not too long ago we also had a period in which we forgave dues for the first year for new members from countries outside of North America. Do we wish to have more members?

Of all the goals, we meet the third one best. The Society always has placed high priority on bringing graduate students and post doctoral scientists to our annual meeting. Our corporate fund raising is directed almost exclusively to this end and last year, thanks to the initiative of Tim Moran and Gary Schwartz, we received an NIH grant for the same purpose. As a result of this priority, combined with their own initiative, the students and postdoctoral fellows have their own group within SSIB, which appears to have a considerably higher level of participation than the organization at large. They lobbied successfully (against no opposition) for a

representative to sit in on the SSIB board to present their concerns and provide needed perspective.

So far, we do not engage our members all that broadly (Goal 4). A considerable amount of work gets done, but most of it by a vocal minority. Aside from those needed to run the annual meeting and get people elected, most of the committees are indolent. People do volunteer, three did so during the Philadelphia meeting, but I am loath to quench their enthusiasm in a bath of inactivity. This reflects not so much on the current committee members, as on the inward looking atmosphere in a small society.

This lack of engagement shows up in our finances (Goal 5). We are healthy in that regard but, if you will permit a cliché, living at minimal wage from one paycheck to the next. We maintain a reserve that approximates the expenses of one annual meeting, a common and prudent hedge against miscalculation. Obviously, one way for us to reach out is with a tin cup. Even a modest endowment could permit more activities to promote our science and its contributions to human welfare.

In sum, the Society is stable and maturing. Our annual meeting process has a routine rhythm that turns out a polished product. We try to be generous to our more junior colleagues and to keep one another informed. We mind the store, but we do not sell much. So far, what we do is done for ourselves. In the end, this may be all that we want, but that decision should result from discussion, not disengagement.

So muse already!

Ralph Norgren

Member News

Stephen French reports that his new title and address are as follows:

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Stelios Nicolaidis will be a visiting professor at the University of Maryland-Baltimore for the year His email address is snico001@umaryland.edu.

Member News (cont)

Barbara J. Rolls, holder of the Helen A. Guthrie Chair in Nutrition and Director of the Laboratory for the Study of Human Ingestive Behavior in Penn State's College of Health and Human Development, received the 2001 International Award for Modern Nutrition from the Association of Swiss Milk Producers in Brig, Switzerland, on September 12.

Award recipients are research scientists who are citizens of or who are working in one of the 33 member countries of the International Dairy Industry Federation. The association established the award in 1967 to recognize worldwide nutritional research that has significant public health implications. The theme for the 2001 award was "Sensory Influences on Human Food Selection and Consumption." Dr. Rolls is being recognized for her research on how humans select and consume an appropriate balance of nutrients while choosing from a variety of foods, and for her recent research on the role that the energy density of food plays in food consumption.

SENSORY SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

To support Ph.D. students who intend to teach and conduct research in the area of sensory science at the university level, one \$14,000 Sensory Science Scholarship will be awarded for the 2002-2003 academic year. This scholarship is awarded in honor of the memory of Professor Rose Marie Pangborn, who initiated the scholarship fund to encourage the education of Sensory Scientists who intend to go into academic careers. The 2000-2001 scholarship was awarded to Zuzana Drobna, Institute of Chemical Technology, Prague, Czech Republic. This past year, Zuzana conducted research on relative sweetness of aspartame, and as an exchange student at the University of Alberta, Canada, on sweetness perception in iced tea.

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 29, 2002. For information contact Dr. Rick Mattes, Purdue Univ., Dept of Foods and Nutrition, 212 Stone Hall, W. Lafayette, IN 47907-1264, Tel: 765-494-0662. email: mattesr@cfs.purdue.edu, or <http://www.cfs.purdue.edu/sssf/>.

SSIB New Investigators Forum

Kath Curtis, NIF Communication

At the recent SSIB meeting in Philadelphia, the New Investigators Forum sponsored a grants workshop, which was an excellent source of information about a variety of funding opportunities at levels applicable to New Investigators. The speakers were knowledgeable, encouraging, and took the time--during and after the workshop--to answer questions. Kudos to Jon Roth and Stacy Markison, both of the University of Pennsylvania, for putting together such an informative and important workshop.

This was the second annual meeting at which the New Investigators Forum played an active role by scheduling workshops of particular interest to New Investigators. This has been an important contribution: after all, who is better aware of the issues affecting New Investigators than New Investigators? In order that this contribution continues, please start thinking now about subjects for the next SSIB meeting. Contact Susan Aja, Jon Roth, Stacy Markison, or Kath Curtis with suggestions or to volunteer to organize such a workshop. New Investigators also took advantage of the Philadelphia meeting to get together for food, drink, and conversation in an informal setting. Thanks to Stuart McCaughey, of Monell, for finding the restaurant and making reservations so that the rest of us could simply enjoy.

And finally, Kenny Simansky and Susan Aja have submitted a proposal to the SSIB Board that (a) the next and all future New Investigator Forum Board Representatives will be formally elected by the student/post doc membership, and that (b) the Representative will be able to vote on issues that come up at the Board meetings. The Board will vote on this proposal at the Neuroscience meeting, after which additional details will be forthcoming. Although New Investigators have been ably represented by Susan Aja at Board meetings for the last two years, the position has been unofficial. If approved, this proposal will give New Investigators a voice at Board meetings. Anyone interested in serving as the New Investigator Forum Board Representative can contact Susan at (susanaja@hotmail.com) for additional information.

SSIB Board Meeting

Philadelphia, June 2001

Tom Scott presiding. In attendance: Karen Ackroff, Susan Aja, Linda Bartoshuk, Nori Geary, Dorothy Gietzen, Sue Grigson, Kim Johnson, Harry Kissileff, Ellen Ladenheim, Wolfgang Langhans, Allen Levine, Ralph Norgren, Randall Sakai, Gary Schwartz, Kenny Simansky, Alan Spector, Suzanne Sunday, Marianne Van Wagner, Joe Vasselli.

1. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting in New Orleans and the email votes (as amended).

2. President's report:

a. Electronic directory.

b. Electronic balloting.

c. Van Wagner's time: increased from 25% to 50%.

d. Program committee: was expanded from 5 to 8 members.

e. Public Relations Committee: An increase in public relations at future meetings was considered. Langhans suggested that we might want to do this at Santa Cruz. Simansky asked that we consider how this might relate to animal rights advocates and he asked how AChems deals with this. Spector brought up that some journals are unwilling to publish things that have appeared in press releases. The question of liability insurance came up. We currently do not have liability insurance. Bartoshuk discussed what happened with EPA and how important it is to have the insurance. Simansky volunteered to check into getting insurance. Scott asked if we have someone who would pursue contacts with the press, and mentioned Nancy Dess and Bart Hoebel. Sunday suggested Barbara Rolls too. Norgren and Scott will discuss this.

f. Grant Mentoring Committee: Scott didn't see how to do this since it seemed more reasonable to have people at the person's institution do this. Perhaps Norgren will deal with this. Ladenheim thought that it was a mentoring program not specifically related to grants. Scott stated that he thought that it was for grants. Aja said that the general mentoring could be really helpful to people at institutions where there isn't anyone else in our field. Norgren suggested that this could be approached on a more individual level. Geary suggested that we may want to look into foreign funding, too. Ladenheim asked what the New Investigators would want from us about this. Johnson stated that it is no longer possible to look for member's interests through the directory; it would be helpful if that is re-added.

g. Archives.

h. Corporate donations: have not been very successful.

i. Membership: Membership has not increased much but 297 registered for this meeting.

3. 2002 meeting in Santa Cruz. Gietzen presented details about the venue and she will discuss this further at the banquet and will show some slides. We will be getting between \$5000 and \$10000 from UCSC.

4. Membership report (see report): presented by Sunday.

5. Treasurer's report (see report): presented by Geary.

We will make some money at this meeting even though we have added some new items (the banquet will be nicer, we have added two awards, we are paying for symposium speakers who have been invited and aren't SSIB members). The report is on the interim report since the report is on a calendar year schedule when the accountant prepares taxes. The report was passed unanimously. Geary was asked if we have reserves to pay for an entire meeting and he stated that we will have about \$50,000 reserves. Grill suggested that we consider raising the registration fees \$25. Spector suggested that the registration fees should cover the meeting costs and if we need more money, we should increase the dues. Scott suggested that we wait until next year to deal with this.

6. Nominations Committee: presented by Johnson. The President-Elect is Joe Vasselli and the new Board members are Linda Bartoshuk, Sue Grigson, and Gary Schwartz. 138 members voted; it was suggested that members be sent a reminder. There were only 2 negative responses from members about the email voting. There were 14 nominations for President and 25 for Board members. MOTION by Simansky: Put the names of all paid registrants from the 2001 annual meeting on the Website. Seconded by Spector and Levine. Passed unanimously.

7. Program Committee (see report): presented by Langhans. There was discussion about penalizing people for revising abstracts and Langhans and Van Wagner will work on this. Schwartz asked about limiting the number of papers with the same first authors. Langhans said they had decided to limit the oral presentations to one per person.

8. Awards Committee: presented by Norgren (Joel Kaplan and Linda Rinaman worked on the committee too). The Executive Committee decided the Career Award recipient. The number of nominations for the Early Career award was disappointing (three). There was discussion among the Committee about issues for selection for this award and that it was difficult to make these decisions. Grill discussed the precedence for the future; what are we saying to the membership when we are choosing one member in a very arbitrary

way from a small membership. He believes that we are making a mistake doing this in the way that we did. Aja said that she didn't believe that this could be done on an annual basis. She hasn't heard any feedback from others at this point. Schwartz said that there is nothing that necessitates that the award is given each year. Grigson said that she thought if it isn't given during a year that would be a slap in the face to those who applied. Sakai asked what the award means to the Society. He also asked if we want to expand the number of people on the committee. As to the New Investigator awards, Grill asked should we have a Scientific Merit award with a Committee who will use a fixed set of considerations? Should we give repeat awards if they aren't given based on need? Norgren brought up that we get nominations from only a few laboratories and often several from single laboratories. Geary suggested that we notify members next year that we haven't received many nominations and that all were funded so that perhaps more will apply in the future.

Kissileff suggested that the Awards Committee should discuss these issues and bring them back to the Board.

9. Long-range Planning Committee: presented by Spector. Gronigen in 2003 and plans were presented by the local organizers (even though they were not present). Future meetings: 2004 University of Cincinnati, 2005 meeting University of Pittsburgh and suggest that the ICPFFI meet jointly with us (because the meeting will be in D.C.). There was discussion about having the meeting at an academic or hotel setting and whether there should be one or two permanent locations in the U.S. The Committee will craft a questionnaire to be distributed to the membership about it.

MOTION: The 2004 meeting be held at Cincinnati. Passed unanimously.

MOTION: The 2005 meeting be held in Pittsburgh and that we extend an invitation to the ICPFFI this summer to hold a joint meeting with us. Passed unanimously. Johnson will convey this to ICPFFI.

10. Local Organizing Committee: presented by Grill. Things seem to be working well other than some problems with Power Point presentations. The presentations have been excellent.

11. Working on the duties of SSIB Officers: Gietzen asked that people look over the draft and reply.

12. Archive Committee: by Ladenheim. Things will be deposited to the archives.

13. Newsletter: Spring newsletter was later than we wanted.

14. New Investigators Forum: presented by Aja. There were three speakers from funding agencies and more than 30 people attended. There also was a social event (as there was at Neuroscience). It is important to get more students involved since many people who have worked on this have been post docs for a few years now. She will get a replacement next year for the group. She suggested that we consider letting the student member vote on the Board.

15. Executive Coordinator Report: presented by Van Wagner. She will discuss her suggestions for the annual meeting with Langhans and Gietzen. There was discussion about the problems with registration and talks being at different locations and that she didn't have any help (although she was promised this). Sakai suggested that we need a map in the program.

16. New Business

a. MOTION: SSIB institute a Committee on Diversity. The motion was tabled to be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Sunday, Secretary*

Motions that were passed:

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TRAINING IN THE NEUROSCIENCE OF INGESTIVE BEHAVIOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH. Open positions are available at the University of Pittsburgh for graduate students and postdoctoral trainees with research interests in the neuroscience of ingestive behavior. Specifically, Linda Rinaman, Ed Stricker, and Alan Sved in the Department of Neuroscience interact collaboratively in numerous research projects on food and fluid ingestion, and related biological issues. Collectively they provide multidisciplinary training in organismal physiology, neuroendocrinology, neuroanatomy, and behavior. See the web site of the Center for Neuroscience at the University of Pittsburgh (CNUP) (*cnup.neurobio.pitt.edu*) for details about the general training environment and about the individual research programs of the training faculty.

BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENTIST/PSYCHOBIOLOGIST. The Department of Psychology at Florida Atlantic University invites applications for a tenure track position at the Assistant or Associate Professor level in Behavioral Neuroscience/Psychobiology beginning August 2002. This position is one of several to be filled during the next few years as part of a new interdisciplinary program in Neuroscience involving the Departments of Psychology, Biomedical Science and Biology as well as the Center for Complex Systems and Brain Sciences. A Ph.D. in Behavioral Neuroscience, Psychobiology or a related field is required and postdoctoral experience is strongly preferred. Although the area of expertise is open, preference will be given to candidates with interests in Developmental Psychobiology/Neuroscience. The successful candidate will have a record of productive research and possess laboratory skills that span multiple levels of analysis from the molecular to the behavioral. He or she will be expected to teach courses in the B.S. and Ph.D. programs in Psychobiology and to establish an independent, externally-funded research program. Send CV, statement of research and teaching interests, reprints and three letters of recommendation to Chair, Behavioral Neuroscience Search Committee, Dept. of Psychology, Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431. Deadline for applications is December 14, 2001. FAU is an Equal Opportunity/Equal Access/ Affirmative Action Institution.

A POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATE POSITION is available at Brooklyn College - City University of New York for an NIH-funded project on the Psychobiology of Learned Flavor Preferences. The project is examining how nutrients act in the mouth, gut,

and postabsorptively to condition flavor preferences, the brain mechanisms that mediate flavor-nutrient learning, and pharmacological influences on nutrient-conditioned preferences. Applicants with neuroanatomical and/or animal learning expertise are preferred. Send curriculum vitae and names of three references to ASclafani@gc.cuny.edu or Dr. Anthony Sclafani, Department of Psychology, Brooklyn College of CUNY, New York, 11210 USA. (Telephone: 718-951-5606; FAX: 718-951-4824)

BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENTIST OF SENSATION, PERCEPTION OR COGNITION The Psychology Department of Queens College of the City University of New York (CUNY) announces a tenure-track Assistant Professorship starting in the Fall of 2002. Candidates must have a doctoral degree in Psychology or a related field, a minimum of one year of post-doctoral research experience, a commitment to teaching courses in the BA and MA programs in Psychology at Queens College and in the Doctoral Subprograms in Neuropsychology and/or Learning Processes of CUNY, and evidence of productive research and scholarship in the neuroanatomical, neurophysiological and/or neurochemical substrates of sensation, perception and/or cognition. The website at *www.qc.edu/Psychology* provides information about the department and its programs. Candidates should submit a letter of application, a curriculum vita, sample publications, and arrange to have three letters of recommendation sent to: Behavioral Neuroscientist of Sensation Perception or Cognition Search Committee, Department of Psychology, Queens College, CUNY, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, NY 11367-1597.

GRADUATE AND POST-GRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES. We currently have one NIH-funded post-doctoral research fellowship and two graduate research/teaching assistantships available to participate in studies evaluating hypothalamic mechanisms of glucose homeostasis, the influence of obesity on glucoregulatory systems, and effect of nutrients on cognitive function. Experience with surgical procedures and brain cannulation techniques is preferred, but not required. Individuals will be matched with a project compatible with their primary interests. Graduate students may attain their degree in Neuroscience (PhD only), Nutritional Sciences, or Animal Sciences. In general, we seek individuals interested in the influence of nutrients on brain function and the neural control of energy balance, feeding behavior, or glucose homeostasis. For more information

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PERMANENT POSITION AT INRA, DIJON, FRANCE Qualifications: PhD or post doc. Unit: UMR 1129 "Flavour research unit" (see the web site at www.inra.fr) Team: "Molecular Interactions and Flavour Perception". Expected dates of the competitive examination: spring 2002 in Paris. Mission: The person is recruited to develop research on olfactory perception, and more specifically on sensory perception of mixtures of odorants. This research may lead to further research on interactions between olfactory, gustatory and trigeminal perceptions. The work includes building interfaces with neurophysiologists and psychologists. Background expected: different backgrounds will be considered, including psychophysics, psychophysiology, psychology of perception and sensory evaluation. For more information, contact: at Patrick Etiévant. Tél (33) 3 80 69 32 70, Fax (33) 3 80 69 32 27; e-mail: etievant@arome.dijon.inra.fr.

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW-SHIPS Bourne Laboratory, Weill Medical College of Cornell University. This NIMH-funded program offers multidisciplinary research training in ingestive behavior and body weight regulation in animal models, in normal-weight human volunteers, and in patients with eating disorders. The central themes for research are (1) the physiological actions of gastrointestinal, meal-related signals controlling food intake, (2) the pathways linking these gastrointestinal signals with hindbrain and hypothalamus, and (3) the central neural and genetic mechanisms integrating meal-related signals with the physiological and pathophysiological controls of body weight. Postdoctoral Fellows participate in long-term, NIH-funded basic and/or clinical projects. Their work is facilitated by a new NIMH Translational Grant directed specifically at the three themes noted above. The faculty, located at the Cornell University and Columbia University medical campuses, consists of 12 established investigators with a history of close collaboration across laboratories and between laboratory and clinic. The investigators integrate molecular, neurochemical, physiological, pharmacological, behavioral, and clinical skills to translate basic findings into clinical investigations, and clinical observations into new laboratory studies. Specific research perspectives and interests include state of the art molecular genetic techniques, gastrointestinal peptides and neuropeptides, sex steroids, visceral sensory systems, electrophysiology, the gut/brain axis, seasonal rhythms,

development, and learning. A special focus of intensive study from all perspectives is the regulation of meal size in animal models, normal-weight human volunteers, and patients with binge eating, bulimia nervosa, and obesity. Training facilities for animal research include the Edward W. Bourne Behavioral Research Laboratory and the Laboratory of Molecular Neurobiology (both at the Cornell/Westchester campus) and the Division of Molecular Genetics at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons campus. Training facilities for human research include dedicated inpatient units and outpatient clinics for obese and eating-disordered patients at both Westchester and Columbia, and the Laboratory of Human Appetitive Behavior of the New York Obesity Research Center, St Luke's Hospital. The two-year basic or clinical research training experience is supervised by one or more faculty mentors and supplemented by a curriculum of lectures and research seminars. Research seminars consist of a biweekly presentation of new data by the faculty, fellows, and staff, and a biweekly series of visiting speakers. Applicants must be citizens, non-citizen nationals, or permanent residents of the USA. Women and members of minority groups are strongly encouraged to apply. Eligible candidates include individuals completing residencies in medical specialties, graduate programs in basic science, internships in clinical psychology, or other postdoctoral fellowships in basic or clinical areas. Any scholar at the postdoctoral level with strong credentials, an interest in the field, and an academic career plan will be considered. Send inquiries to Dr Nori Geary, Bourne Laboratory, New York-Presbyterian Hospital, White Plains, New York 10605 USA Tel: 914-997-5935; Fax: 914-682-3793; e-mail: ndgeary@med.cornell.edu.

A POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATE POSITION is available in the Program in Neuroscience at The Florida State University on an NIH-funded project on the molecular mechanisms of conditioned taste aversion. Multiple levels of analysis are being explored, with an emphasis on sites and substrates of CTA memory consolidation, especially immediate early gene expression. Applicants should have neuroanatomical, ingestive behavior or animal learning expertise -- experience with molecular biology is preferred but not required. Send curriculum vitae and names of three references to Tom Houpt, haupt@neuro.fsu.edu, Dept. Biological Science, BRF 252 MC 4340, The Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-4340, Tel: 850-644-4906, Fax: 850-644-0989.

Calendar of Events

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Ingestive Behavior will be held August 7-11, 2002, at the University of California, Santa Cruz. For more information see the SSIB website at: <http://www.ssib.org>.

The 24th annual meeting of the Association for Chemoreception Sciences (AChemS) will be held at the Hyatt Sarasota Hotel in Sarasota, FL, April 24 – 28, 2002. The program will include presentations of basic and applied research into all aspects of sensory chemoreception. More than 375 volunteer poster and slide presentations will be enhanced by symposia on important and timely topics relevant to chemical senses research. Special events include the Givaudan-Roure Lecture by Dr. Jon Kaas of Vanderbilt University, the Educational Outreach Program, an NIH Funding Opportunities Workshop, the Industrial Reception, and the Clinical Luncheon as well as other related scientific and social activities. For more information visit the conference web site at <http://www.achems.org/Conference2002/confindex.htm>.

The 10th Food Choice Conference will be held July 1-3, 2002, in Wageningen, The Netherlands, hosted in the Wageningen Food Valley by Dr C. de Graaf and colleagues, Human Nutrition, Agricultural University of Wageningen. For more information, see: <http://www.wau.nl/vlag/fcc-10>, or email fcc-10@info.nutepi.wau.nl.

The annual Society for Neuroscience meeting will be held November 2-7, 2002 in Orlando, FL. For further information, visit www.sfn.org.

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