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A Message from the President

By Wolfgang Langhans

As a long-time member of SSIB and participant of all but one SSIB Meeting, it is a great honor and a pleasure for me to be the first European to serve as President of SSIB. As many of you probably remember, Stylios Nicolaidis was our President-Elect in 2000, but was prevented from taking office after his tragic ski accident.

My first and most pleasant duty is to thank Steve Woods, Randal Sakai and their crew for organizing this year's Annual Meeting! I think we all agree that we had once again a scientifically and socially wonderful experience that will be hard to match in the future. Our local hosts put tremendous efforts into organizing the near-perfect gathering. The major point of the Annual Meeting is, of course, science. As former chair

of the Program Committee who was involved in establishing some of the current features of the scientific program, I am particularly pleased to see that the Masterfoods Lecture series, topical symposia with prominent speakers from outside the society, the special P&B issue with selected symposium presentations, the timely publication of the abstracts in *Appetite*, and some of the Society's other recent innovations have now become standard, major attractions of our Annual Meeting.

As far as the scientific content of this year's meeting is concerned, the credit of course goes to Hans-Rudi Berthoud and the Program Committee, who managed to put together yet another excellent program. Over the last few years our meetings have provided a bounty of scientific information, (cont. on page 3)

Time to Listen to Norbert Wiener

by G. P. Smith

Norbert Wiener was a mathematical prodigy who made fundamental contributions and inventions related to communication, artificial prostheses, and computers. He is best known to the non-specialist for his 1948 book, Cybernetics, or Control of Communication in the Animal and the Machine. When he died in 1964, he left an unpublished manuscript entitled Invention: The Care and Feeding of Ideas. The MIT Press published it in 1993 and the paperback edition (1994) has an informative introduction by Steve Joshua Heims.

This is an extraordinary little book. Chapter titles include The Need and Conditions of Invention, The Intellectual Climate and Invention, The Present Social Environment of Invention: Megabuck Science, and Patents and Invention: the American Patent System. (Wiener's acid summary of his extensive experience with patents is, "...a patent is nothing more than a ticket to litigation" (p. 133).) In the 1950s Wiener was already thinking about the current problems produced by the recent erosion of traditional boundaries among science, technology, and medicine, and among government, universities, and corporations. John Ziman (1) calls this post-academic science, (cont. page 2)

Time to Listen to Norbert Wiener

By Gerry – put the “identity” in Bourne - Smith

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... notes that it is world-wide and irreversible, and raises the problem of how we retain the traditional search for truth about nature and ourselves in the new technoscience. Richard Horton, the editor of *Lancet*, has written a brilliant and biting review of the same problem entitled “The Dawn of McScience (2).” In “Making Dollars Out of DNA,” Sally Smith Hughes (3) has written a candid account of the commercialization of molecular biology and Edwin AM Gale (4) has provided a disturbing description of how easily an expert medical doctor can be lured across the moral line between opinion and advocacy.

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With these current contributions, why listen to Wiener? Because being outside the current system, his comments are disinterested and prophetic. Since SSIB is particularly concerned with the development of young scientists, I quote Wiener on the corrupting effects of aggressive business on that development as an example of his contemporary relevance: “The business man is brought up sharp by meeting the scientist who cares more about his science than about the tangible rewards of science. He feels that he has come into contact with a smooth, hard, impregnable fortress of the soul, in which he can find no obvious point of attack. To him the scientist or the man of letters represents a core of possible defiance. In this threat of defiance he sees something to be eradicated and stamped out. The less that the free-lance individual demands of him in property and the riches of the world, the less sure is the businessman of his own final dominance.

“Thus the powers that be are very glad to see that in the new generation there is a trend away from self-sacrifice, from the passion for learning, and from all these uncontrollables. They are delighted that the doctors are showing an increased interest in the arts of spreading their practice and collecting their bills. They derive a very real satisfaction from the fact that the young engineers and scientists are flocking to their laboratories and leaving the universities and that the institutions of pure research are understaffed and dangerously weak. Those scientists who cannot talk in

sums of money less than a million dollars are his own men, and he encourages them, perhaps not to join his own country clubs, but to join country clubs of a slightly smaller prestige, and to buy, not Cadillacs, but the precise make of car that would show at the same time a proper deference for his own superiority and a proper worship of his own ideals.

“What he fails to see is that he is paying for the immediate subserviency of the scientist in the inability of the scientist to furnish the long-time and deep-lying developments on which the community as a whole and he himself in particular ultimately depend. For the megabuck scientist, a really deep study of the laws of nature demands at least a temporary retirement from the ranks of scientific management, and many hours of contemplation in the peace of his own study, before anything emerges which will bring him spectacular attention.

“This is a gamble which he cannot afford to take. It withdraws him from the very intense struggle for top position in which he has been indoctrinated. If for one moment he fails to watch what is fashionable and what the other men are doing, he invites another climber to push him off the ladder. Thus the world of competition and of self-advancement can only continue to exist by virtue of the existence somewhere within it of a corner in which scientists are not self-seeking and only compete in a deep joint effort to disclose the secrets of nature (pp. 35-36).”

Just how much Wiener’s critique applies to all of us in SSIB 50 years later is a question worth discussing at our next meeting and in the pages of *Intake*. The problem he fingered is certainly with us. It is up to us to decide what solutions we practice and teach.



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...and I happily repeat comments from several participants, stressing that our Annual Meetings beat all other events in this field of research in terms of scientific quality.

As first Non-US-President of SSIB I consider it an obligation and a major aim to broaden the base of our international membership and to help SSIB to become a truly international society. There is, of course, nothing wrong with the fact that the US SSIB members form the vast majority – about 80% - of our membership, but at the same time I firmly believe that colleagues outside the US should be a vital component of the Society and should become more active members of SSIB. Thus, one of my aims is to actively approach these individuals and to convince them of the scientific uniqueness of our society and of the benefits that a membership provides. Also, following my predecessor's example and in line with my actions as Program Committee Chair, I will continue to promote areas of ingestive behavior research that are still underrepresented in SSIB but should be fully included based on our mission and vision statements.

Probably my most important aim is to start a transformation process that will profoundly change the way SSIB operates. I am convinced that this is essential for us if we want to continue to thrive and to achieve our mission and vision statements, i.e., to be the premier international society dealing with ingestive behavior and all its related aspects. The sad fact that obesity has become the major health threat of 21st century in developed societies and is still on the rise should actually be an opportunity for SSIB and its membership to advocate and offer their competence. In order to become a bigger and truly international society with appropriate professional standing,

however, we have to change the way we run the society. I do not propose to completely overhaul our bylaws, although some minor adaptations will certainly be necessary, but in many instances it will be enough to implement the bylaws and avoid some mistakes that we have made in the past, despite the fact that everybody was always acting in good faith and in the best interests of the society and its members. We do have the unique chance to make progress here because our Past-President (Nori Geary), our President-Elect (Kenny Simansky), and most or all of the Board of Directors fully agree with me on what needs to be done, and I want to thank them wholeheartedly for their support and advice.

As it turns out, over the past few years the financial situation of SSIB has deteriorated. We understand the various reasons for this and together we will manage the situation. Based on fruitful discussions with Nori and Kenny and Treasurer Allen Levine, I have presented to the Board several proposals for immediate improvements of our operating procedures. The effects of these measures, together with further changes that need to be implemented, will help transform our society into a more efficiently run enterprise that is fit for the future. The following issues were discussed and decided at the Board Meeting in San Diego:

1) When we analyzed the financial situation, we realized that our current income from dues is not sufficient to cover our annual running costs, i.e. without an Annual Meeting and without sponsoring money we are unable to survive. This is unacceptable and needs to be changed. I should add here that this disparity between income and expenses is not because the Central Office wastes money, rather, it is

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because we offer so much to our membership. Let me give you one example: a few years ago we introduced the option of credit card payment for our annual dues and for meeting registration etc. Although we all appreciate this option as a convenient and efficient way to deal with our payments, only few of us are probably aware of the fact that the credit card handling costs SSIB approximately \$4000 per year. Maintenance of the website, the Newsletter that you are reading right now, etc., are other expenses which need to be covered.

Because of the obvious financial imbalance the Board decided to propose to the membership a moderate raise in dues for all categories of members (from currently USD 10 and 65 for students and regular members, respectively, to USD 25 and 100) and to introduce a new Post-Doc category with dues of USD 50 a year.

These amounts are still at the lower end of the scale when compared with various other societies, and we firmly believe that we offer our members enough benefits to justify this moderate and necessary increase. As changes in the dues must be approved by the membership, I will soon prepare a motion to implement these increases and will present it to you for approval by electronic voting.

Once again, the Board felt that the proposed hikes are moderate and more than justified, so please help us to maintain this standard by voting for it. I would like to quote the New Investigator representative on the Board, who said that compared with all other societies he is a member of, SSIB is the one from which he receives the most, but pays the least. (cont. on page 4)

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2) Despite the great time investments and enormous personal efforts that all recent local organizers, officers and the Program Committee Chair put into the preparation and conductance of our Annual Meetings, misunderstandings, misinterpretations, and less than ideal communication between the various players have caused some mistakes that should be avoided in the future. Therefore, the Board decided that, effective immediately, we will install mandatory Annual Meeting Administrative Procedures. As part of this, we have created a "Meeting Organizing Committee" consisting of the President, the President-Elect, the Past-President, the local host (if there is one), and the chair of the Program Committee. All financial and administrative decisions concerning the Annual Meeting will be made by this committee, which is, of course, assisted by our Executive Officer and our Central Coordinator. Any funds solicited for the Annual Meeting will henceforth be used only for purposes approved by the Meeting Planning Committee. Whenever possible, corporate donors should issue their checks to SSIB, and all donated funds will be transferred immediately to the SSIB Treasurer, who will pay all bills. Moreover, the Central Office will inform the Meeting Planning Committee in monthly intervals on income (dues). Once early registration starts, the Central Office will report to the Meeting Planning Committee once a week dues income, registration money, other income, and the current number of registrants. These rules will apply to the Pittsburgh Meeting, and the first action of the Annual Meeting Committee is to put together a stringent budget for this meeting.

3) As decided at the Business Meeting in Cincinnati, the Board

also decided on procedures to permit externally raised funding to be used to pay full or partial expenses for all participants of an externally funded symposium, regardless of current SSIB membership status. The following rules will apply: 1) An externally sponsored symposium must be selected by the Program Committee based on its scientific content and is therefore an integral part of the Annual Meeting. 2) The amount of financial support will not be a determinant of acceptance, but must at least be sufficient to cover the expenses of non-member participants. 3) The recognition of the sponsor is limited to a note in the program (Title of symposium, supported by...). 4) All rules specified in the "Annual Meeting Administrative Procedures" apply. In particular, any externally provided funds must be transferred to the SSIB Treasurer. The maximum number of externally sponsored symposia in the program is two. Invited speakers in externally sponsored symposia who are SSIB members will receive at the most reimbursement of expenses, and this only if the sponsorship is sufficient to cover expenses of non-members. Under no circumstances will an honorarium be paid to either non-member or member participants. Any surplus of funds must be used to support New Investigators. SSIB will collect registration and abstract fees from speakers in externally funded symposia.

4) The increase in size and attractiveness of our Annual Meeting also prompts our members to organize additional gatherings, which they want to be acknowledged as official satellite meetings. This is of course a very welcome development. Again, however, we need some guidelines (for our members and for the officers) for how to respond to such requests. Therefore the Board decided on a few rules for satellite meetings, which must be followed in

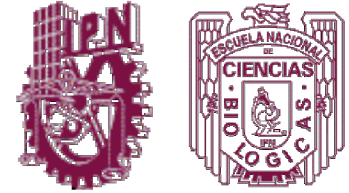
the future for a meeting to be considered by the Board as an official Satellite Meeting of the SSIB Annual Meeting: A) The organizer(s) must provide a complete list of name(s) of the organizer(s), a description of the topic and the rationale why the meeting should be accepted as an official Satellite, the time and duration of the planned meeting, basic information about the venue, the names of invited speakers and the expected number of participants, and, last but not least, the source(s) of funding.

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B) SSIB does not provide financial support and assumes no fiscal responsibility or liability for the satellite meeting. C) The SSIB Central Office is not obliged to provide services for organization and administration of the satellite meeting. Remember, to keep annual dues low, we are running the Society, and in particular the Central Office, on a shoe-string budget. Therefore, our Central Coordinator is unable to provide any services as part of her duties for our society. If however, the organizer of a satellite meeting wants to solicit our Executive Coordinator's able help outside the time she works for SSIB, Marianne will probably find a way to do this in exchange for a reasonable compensation.

5) The Board also discussed the option to prolong the President's term. Prior to the Board Meeting a letter suggesting an extension of the President's term from one to two years was sent to all 16 living previous Presidents and to the President-Elect. Fourteen of the previous Presidents sent carefully considered answers within 10 days, and all agreed (continued page 6)



A Center Focused on the Periphery

Ingestive Behavior Research in Mexico City

By Drs. Manuel Piñón
and Claire Cannon

Members of the only research group currently focused on Ingestive Behavior in Mexico can trace our roots to **Dr. Mauricio Russek**. In 1963, Dr. Russek found that intraperitoneal administration of epinephrine produces hypophagia in hungry dogs, and began to develop the Hepatostatic Theory of the control of food intake at this time. His focus on the role of peripheral factors in ingestive behavior served as an important impetus to research in this area, and is perhaps his most noted legacy (Dr. Russek passed away in 1990). Under the guidance of **Dr. Radu Racotta** and several collaborators, ingestive behavior research in Mexico City has continued to flourish and diversify.

The Departamento de Fisiología (Department of Physiology) "Dr. Mauricio Russek" is located in México City and belongs to the Escuela Nacional de Ciencias Biológicas (National School of Biological Sciences) of the Instituto Politécnico Nacional (Polytechnical National Institute). The main focus of our department is Integrative Physiology and there are several lines of research: control of food intake, metabolism, lactation, hypothyroidism and epilepsy, cardiovascular pharmacology, and motor control (immobility reflex). We are not affiliated with a medical school, thus we work with animals (mostly rats). All the staff must teach around 10 hours/week in the classroom at undergraduate (General Physiology, Human Physiology, Pharmacology, and Comparative Animal Physiology) and/or graduate levels (Neuroendocrinology, Endocrinology, Neurophysiology, Energy Metabolism, and Regulation and Control in Biology).

Research on the control of food intake is done in the Lab of Metabolism, which is headed by our leader, **Dr. Radu Racotta**, a physiologist who works with several collaborators and students. Dr. Racotta was born in Romania where he studied Biology. Having a special interest on metabolism and the control of food intake, he came to México in 1970 and worked closely with Dr. Russek to obtain his Ph.D. In 1985 he went to Paris, France, as a postdoctoral fellow with Dr. Stylianos Nicolaidis. His work has been focused mainly on developing the hepatostatic theory and investigating the role of catecholamines in the control of food intake, however, he has a broader view, and is also working on studies related with experimental diabetes, energetic metabolism, and lactation.

In our Lab, several approaches have been used to

study the role of the liver and the sympathoadrenal system in the control of food intake. One of these has been by means of electrophysiological methods. In this sense, **Dr. Guillermo Chambert** (who plans to retire next year), spent a year in Japan in the Lab of Dr. Akira Adachi and Dr. Motoi Kobashi. They investigated whether gastric distention could elicit a reflex release of epinephrine from local stores within the liver, which would in turn stimulate hepatic glycogenolysis and inhibit the hepatic glucoreceptors, contributing to the development of preabsorptive satiation.

Studies on the role of the sympathoadrenal system and the hepatic-portal region were started by several collaborators now retired or with no more interest in the field, however, evidence about a higher catecholamine turnover in the liver after feeding was obtained by **Dr. Ilie Racotta** (Dr. Racotta's son, who, after a fellowship with Dr. Michel Cabanac in Canada, is working with crustaceans in another institution in the country side of México). Following this idea, **Dr. Iván Villanueva** (now a postdoctoral fellow working on biological rhythms at the Instituto de Fisiología Celular, Cellular Physiology Institute, of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, UNAM, National University of México, under the supervision of Dr. Raúl Aguilar) studied the effect of chemical sympathectomy with guanethidine on the feeding behavior and on the catecholamine content of several organs. **Biol. David Rivera** (a Master's student), in collaboration with Dr. Villanueva, is interested in the energetic status of the hepatic-portal region in different feeding conditions.

Dr. Manuel Piñón, head of our Department, is a former postdoctoral fellow at the Monell Chemical Senses Center with Drs. Mark I. Friedman, Charles C. Horn, and Hong Ji. Dr. Piñón is interested in several areas: in collaboration with Dr. Racotta and **M. Sc. Rubén Martínez** (a doctoral student), he has studied the time-course of reserpine's effect on the feeding behavior of rats, catecholamine content in the splanchnic area, and calorimetric responses. Also, in collaboration with his friends at Monell, he has been working on the effect of intraportal infusions of epinephrine and glucose on the feeding behavior in awake, free-moving rats. Finally, in collaboration with **M. Sc. Mauricio Romi** (a doctoral student), he is studying the firing response of the common hepatic branch of the vagus nerve in anesthetized animals.

In closing, collaborations and mentoring have played an important role in the development of this vital research group. We have every confidence they will continue to provide a solid base for the growth of ingestive behavior research in Mexico, and among our many international collaborators.

NIH Sponsored Symposium on the Basic and Clinical Science of Ingestion and Reward

SSIB is pleased to solicit proposals for the second annual symposium on ingestive mechanisms sponsored by a conference grant from four institutes of the NIH (NIDDK, NIAAA, NIDA and NIMH) during our Annual Meeting in 2005. The purpose of this symposium is to provide a forum to introduce our members to new techniques and to learn differing perspectives from outstanding investigators in related fields. These fields involve the study of the basic mechanisms, clinical manifestations and treatment for disorders characterized by disturbances in desiring, seeking, procuring and consuming or self-administering food, fluids and drugs of abuse. Symposium topics should emphasize the relationships between biological mechanisms of ingestion and theoretically related areas such as addiction (including alcohol abuse), and/or other psychiatric disease (including affective disorders and schizophrenia), at either the basic or clinical research level. This symposium should include established *non-SSIB member* basic scientists or clinicians, who would present their work formally during the symposium and who must be available to interact with the attendees *for the duration of the meeting*. NIH

funds will cover the registration, travel and housing expenses of non-SSIB members. Support for SSIB members will be consistent with prevailing policy of the Society. Complete symposium proposal applications should include full contact and affiliation information for the proposed chair(s) and each proposed speaker (limit 4 speakers + chair), as well as a title and brief abstract from each speaker. Proposals will be evaluated by the Symposium Selection Panel (Kenny J. Simansky, Ph.D., Chair of Selection Panel; Hans-Rudi Berthoud, Ph.D., SSIB Program Committee Chair; Patricia Sue Grigson, Ph.D.; Gary J. Schwartz, Ph.D.; and B. Timothy Walsh, M.D.). One symposium will be chosen for support under this mechanism, and the remaining proposals will be sent to the SSIB Program Committee for further consideration for inclusion in the meeting. Please submit complete symposium proposals to: SSIB@SSIB.org. no later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (USA), Jan 5, 2005. SSIB welcomes and encourages participation of scientists who are physically challenged or from underrepresented racial/ethnic minorities to contribute to this symposium. U.S. citizenship is not required.

President's Message:

(continued from page 4), that the operating procedures of SSIB should be changed. Four of the respondents wholeheartedly endorsed the proposal to extend the President's term to 2 years; three were more or less strongly against the plan. Many respondents thought, however, that the aims specified in the letter could also be accomplished within our current system by establishing a better collaboration between the Past-President, the President-Elect, and the President. Several respondents cautioned that the total time commitment demanded of the persons willing to become president would be too long with a two year term. A possible solution that was offered and endorsed by several respondents is as follows: Establish a two year run-in period as President-Elect, a two year term as President, and demand no official "duties" as Past-President. These

measures should be combined with the establishment of an "Executive Committee" consisting of the President, the President Elect, and two or three immediate Past-Presidents. This supposedly corresponds to the system that NAASO has been using successfully for many years. The Board approved of this proposal in principle, but decided to have this option fleshed out before a final recommendation for consideration by the members is reached.

6) Another, small but not unimportant topic on the agenda of the Board Meeting was the establishment of an official SSIB logo. Depending on the creativity of the local organizers, we have had several different logos in the past, but I think it is time that SSIB adopts an own identity and, as a reflection of this, adopts ONE logo that shall henceforth be used at all Annual Meetings, on our official letterhead, on the website, and all items identified with and related to our Society.

Those of you who attended the Neuroscience Meeting and paid a visit to our booth had already a chance to see the new logo, which was developed by Marianne in interaction with the President's Committee. While this is not the most pressing issue that needs to be addressed, I firmly believe that a logo that stands for and is identified with our society by members and non-members alike, promotes the necessary process of identification and will be a small, but material benefit toward our progress.

In closing, let me assure you that I have a very strong personal commitment to SSIB and I am ready to do whatever is in my power to advance our Society in my time as President. At the same time, I also have to ask you for your help and support to live up to our vision and to make SSIB the leading scientific organization for the study of ingestive behavior.

Wolfgang Langhans

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FACULTY POSITIONS IN CHEMOSENSORY RESEARCH

As part of a major new expansion of facilities and research programs, the Monell Chemical Senses Center invites applications for full-time faculty positions. We seek outstanding investigators from diverse disciplines who are interested in pursuing research in the chemical senses. Research areas of interest include, but are not limited to: Cellular/ Integrative/ Behavioral Neuroscience, Development/ Regeneration, Human Chemosensation, Metabolism/ Nutrition, Genetics and Molecular Biology, Computational Biology, Toxicology, Chemical Ecology and Epidemiology. Candidates must possess a Ph.D. or M.D. Postdoctoral experience is preferred, but prior experience in chemosensory research is not required. The successful candidate will be expected to develop and fund an independent research program and collaborate with colleagues at the

Center. Both junior and senior level applicants are welcome. The Monell Center, founded in 1968, is the world's premier institute devoted to basic, multidisciplinary research on the mechanisms and function of the chemical senses. Further information about the Center can be found at www.monell.org. Applicants should send the following materials in electronic form to HR0907@Monell.org: a curriculum vitae, list of publications, three representative publications, statement of research interests and the names and addresses of three individuals willing to provide letters of reference. Review of applications will begin November 15, 2004. The Monell Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages applications by women and minorities.

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP AT THE MONELL CHEMICAL SENSES CENTER

The Monell Chemical Senses Center (www.monell.org) is a nonprofit research institute dedicated to the study of taste, smell, chemical irritation, and appetite in Philadelphia, PA. A postdoctoral fellowship is available to study the chemical senses of the alimentary canal of the mouth, stomach, and small intestine and how the brain detects and integrates information about the chemical composition of food. The primary focus of this work is to determine how nutrients and toxins stimulate sensory nerve fibers in the alimentary tract to induce behavioral responses of ingestion, satiation, vomiting, and avoidance. This research may lead to a better

understanding of the controls for feeding behavior, obesity, nausea, and the anorexia associated with chronic disease. Behavioral, neuroanatomical, and electrophysiological methods are used to characterize the mouth-gut-brain system. Candidates should have a Ph.D. in behavioral neuroscience, or a related field. Position is supported by an NIH training grant, which requires US citizenship or permanent resident status. Send CV, (p)reprints, statement of research interests and 3 letters of recommendation to Charles Horn (right). Monell is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from women and minorities.

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analysis, manuscript preparation, and grant writing. Numerous opportunities exist for publications. Appt. is a 12-month, F/T position with one-year renewal possible; starting date is open but ASAP after Feb. 1. Salary in the 34-38K range with benefits. Applicants should have a Ph.D. in clinical or health psychology with a substantive research background in obesity. Send a vita, a statement of research interests and experience, and three letters of reference by January 15. Drexel University strongly encourages applicants from minorities and women, and is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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In Memoriam: Elizabeth Lotter, 1934 - 2004

By Stephen Woods

A charter member of SSIB, Elizabeth Lotter passed away May 2nd, 2004. Although she had not been an active researcher for several years, Elizabeth retained her interest and enthusiasm in ingestive behavior and was a frequent

attendee of the annual SSIB meeting as well as the Columbia Appetitive Seminar. She was also a close personal friend to many of us.

For the full text of Dr. Lotter's Memorium, please follow the link from this webpage:

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SSIB Annual Meeting 2005: See you in Pittsburgh!

By Linda Rinaman

We all are looking forward to the 2005 annual SSIB meeting in Pittsburgh, PA (July 12-17, 2005). Located at the confluence of three major rivers and banked on all sides by green hills, Pittsburgh has enjoyed an amazing modern renaissance, which has truly reinvented the city and its riverfront. If you haven't been to Pittsburgh in the last five years, you haven't been to Pittsburgh! The new Pittsburgh has more great restaurants, nightlife and downtown cultural venues than any other city its size in the country. The Pittsburgh International Airport is consistently rated one of the best airports in the world.

Pittsburgh is a very friendly and

affordable city. You're going to love our compact, easily walk-able downtown. You'll appreciate the convenience of America's shortest, cleanest subway that will whisk you under the river from our meeting site at the Sheraton Station Square Hotel to the downtown city, with multiple venues for entertainment, nightlife, cruises, and miles and miles of riverfront trails.

We have the foundation for an excellent event in 2005. Pittsburgh is a city on the move, and a location that promises to exceed expectations. **Here's looking forward to a great 2005 SSIB meeting in Pittsburgh!**

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