SSIB BULLETIN

INTAKE, the newsletter of the Society for the Study of Ingestive Behavior, will be produced when we have sufficient material for a full issue. In the meantime, this bulletin presents the recent updates to the meeting calendar and some new position openings.

—Karen Ackroff, Editor

Calendar:

A workshop on Nutritional Implications of the Cephalic Phase Reflexes will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association for Chemoreception Sciences in Sarasota, Florida from 1:00-5:30 p.m. on April 14, 1999. The session is supported by the NIH Office of Dietary Supplements and NIDCD. Speakers and topics include: T. Powley (Anatomy and Physiology of Vagal Responses to Food), R. Mattes (Cephalic Phase Salivary Responses), M. Katschinski (Cephalic Phase Gastric Responses), S. Konturek (Cephalic Phase Pancreatic Exocrine Responses), K. Teff (Cephalic Phase Pancreatic Endocrine Responses), J. Leblanc (Cephalic Phase Thermogenic Responses) and H. Bryde-Andersen (Cephalic Phase Renal and Cardiovascular Responses). There is no charge for attendance. For information, contact Dr. R. Mattes at mattesr@csfs.purdue.edu or Dr. K. Teff at kteff@pobox.upenn.edu.

A joint meeting of the Food Choice Conference, AHVVS and ASFS will be held June 2-7, 1999 at Ryerson Polytechnic University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Registration before May 11 is $100 CDN. Accommodation is $34.44 CDN (dormitory) or $78.40 CDN (campus hotel) per day. Abstracts (300 words maximum, with all observations and conclusions stated if to be published in Appetite) to JPowers@yoguel.ph.co by 1 March 1999. Registration forms for the meetings, accommodation, banquet and tours are available from Elias Chu on fax +1-416-979-5204. Additional information is available by phone (416-979-5135), e-mail (echu@acs.ryerson.ca) or mail (School of Nutrition, RPU, 350 Victoria Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5B 2K3).

The Eighth International Behavioral Neuroscience Society Annual Conference will be held in Nancy, France, on June 24-27, 1999. The major goal of the meeting is to bring together scientists whose interests are in the broad area of understanding the neural control of behavior. The abstract deadline for oral and poster presentations will be February 26, 1999. For meeting information, please contact Marianne Van Wagner, IBNS Central Office, Division of Life Sciences, The University of Texas at San Antonio, 6900 North Loop 1604 West, San Antonio, TX 78249-0662 USA. Tel 210 458-4481, fax 210 458-4510, e-mail editoff@lonestar.utsa.edu or visit the IBNS homepage: www.utsa.edu/Academics/COSAE/LifeSciences/IBNS

A one-day symposium, New Developments in the Pharmacology of Appetite, will take place on May 7, 1999 at the Institute of Pharmacology and Toxicology, 10117 Berlin, Dorotheenstr. 94. The co-organizers are H. Fink (Berlin), S.J. Cooper (Liverpool) and J.-P. Voigt (Berlin). The program includes these presentations: M. Yeomans (A microstructural approach for exploring the neuropharmacology of appetite), S.J. Cooper (Opioid and benzodiazepine mechanisms in relation to ingestion microstructure), R.W. Foltin (Oral THC and smoked marijuana in heavy marijuana users), K.J. Simansky (Is there a role for 5-HT1B receptors in feeding), C.T. Dourish (5-HT2C receptors in the control of feeding), J. De Vry (Effects on serotonergic compounds on ingestive behavior in rats) and H.C. Jackson (Pharmacology of Sibutramine). For further information contact Dr. Joerg-Peter Voigt, Institute of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Humboldt-University at Berlin, Medical Faculty, Charite, D-10098 Berlin, Germany Tel +49 30 2093 4629, fax +49 30 2093 4606, e-mail joerg-peter.voigt@charite.de

The Annual Scientific Meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity (NAASO) will be held November 14-18, 1999 at the Charleston Place Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina. To receive the official meeting announcement and call for papers with abstract submission forms, contact: NAASO '99, Office of Continuing Medical Education, Medical University of South Carolina, 261 Calhoun Street, Ste. 301, P. O. Box 250189, Charleston, SC 29425 USA. Tel 843 876-1925, fax 843 876-1931, e-mail naas99@musc.edu.

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Positions available

Postdoctoral Position—Monell Chemical Senses Center
A position is available immediately for a postdoctoral fellow to participate in behavioral, biochemical and cellular/molecular studies of the metabolic control of feeding behavior. Research in this laboratory focuses on the analysis of physiological and neural mechanisms involved in the generation, transduction, communication and pro-cessing of metabolic signals used to control food intake. Along with the resources of the Monell Center (www.monell.org), the position offers a uniquely broad-based training opportunity. Previous experience using histological, immunocytochemical, hybridization and/or cloning techniques is especially desirable. An interest in working in a multidisciplinary, interactive environment is essential. Send letter of interest, curriculum vitae and the names of three references to: Dr. Mark Friedman, Monell Chemical Senses Center, 3500 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-3308; e-mail: friedman@monell.org. The Monell Chemical Senses Center is an Equal Employment Opportunity/ Affirmative Action Employer and encourages applications from women and minorities.

Several Postdoctoral positions are available at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center to work with Drs. York, Harris or Bray in several areas of behavioral physiology including feeding behavior, macronutrient selection, stress induced behaviors and dietary obesity. All projects include the use of both behavioral and molecular approaches so candidates should have experience in one or both of these areas. Send applications or request further information from David York either by mail to Pennington Biomedical Research Center, 6400 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 or by Email to Yorkda@mhs.pbrc.edu

The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, invites applications for an NIH-sponsored, postdoctoral position to study the neurophysiological basis of gut-brain communication in the control of food intake and energy balance. Ongoing studies include: 1) neurophysiology of meal related gastrointestinal signals in vagal and splanchnic visceral afferents, and 2) neurophysiological integration of peripheral meal-related signals at central nervous system sites. This position is available immediately. Contact: Dr. Gary Schwartz, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, 720 Rutland Ave., Ross rm. 618, Baltimore, MD 21205-2196, USA. E-mail: gjs@jhmi.edu Phone: 410-614-0015 Fax: 410-614-0013.

The Department of Foods and Nutrition at The University of Georgia invites applications for a Postdoctoral Associate. Responsibilities: Conduct research in the area of neurochemical pathways of hunger and satiety. Approaches include immunocytochemistry, biochemistry, and molecular biology. Experience in related areas preferred. Opportunity for interaction with a fine group of graduate students, postdocs, and faculty. Available immediately; the application Deadline is May 1, 1999. General Information: The Department of Foods and Nutrition contains fully equipped laboratories with state of the art equipment. The Foods and Nutrition Department has an enrollment of 170 undergraduate and 35 graduate students. Several laboratories collaborate on research of food intake control, energy balance, and adipose cell development. Athens is a small (70,000) academic community with a mild winter and many enjoyable sunny days. The town attracts many outstanding artists, scientists, musicians, and intellectuals who in turn provide ample opportunity for individual cultural growth. Send a letter of application, credentials, and three (3) letters of reference to: Dr. Roy J. Martin, Department of Foods and Nutrition, The University of Georgia, Dawson Hall, Athens, GA 30602. Phone: (706) 642-4875. The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity/ Affirmative Action employer.

Post-Doctoral Fellowships Available
The New York Obesity Research Center (ORC) at St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital and Columbia University has positions for post-doctoral fellows available at the National Institutes of Health-funded NY Obesity Research Center (ORC) at St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital, Columbia University, and the Bourne Research Laboratory. The positions entail working collaboratively with an interdisciplinary group of scientists. The ORC studies virtually all aspects of obesity ranging from molecular biology to epidemiology. Investigators include molecular biologists, physicians, psychologists, statisticians, physiologists, nutritionists, and engineers. Investigators include: F. Xavier Pi-Sunyer, M.D., M.P.H., Director; Jeanine Albu, M.D.; David B. Allison, Ph.D.; Carol Boozer, Sc.D.; Streamon Chua, M.D., Ph.D.; John Clarkin, Ph.D.; John D. Davis, Ph.D.; Myles S. Faith, Ph.D.; Dymphna Gallagher, Ed.D.; Nori Geary, Ph.D.; Allan Geliebter, Ph.D.; James Gibbs, M.D.; Danielle Greenberg, Ph.D.; Kathy Halmi, M.D.; Sam Hashim, M.D.; Stanley Heshka, Ph.D.; Steven B. Heymsfield, M.D.; Harry Kissileff, Ph.D.; Blandine Laferriere, Ph.D.; Rudolph Leibel, M.D.; Carol Maggio, Ph.D.; Nicholas Mezitis, M.D.; Richard Pierson, M.D.; Gerard P. Smith, M.D.; Joseph R. Vasselli, Ph.D.; ZilMian Wang, Ph.D. Individuals with an M.D. or Ph.D. degree from any field are eligible. Women and individuals from traditionally disadvantaged groups are encouraged to apply. Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Interested individuals should contact David B. Allison, Obesity Research Center, St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital, Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons, 1090 Amsterdam Ave., 14th floor, New York, NY 10025. Tel: 212-523-1601, fax: 212-523-3571, e-mail: dba8@columbia.edu