News from the President

James Gibbs
Cornell University Medical College

I am happy to report that the fund-raising efforts of our Society over the past several months have been very successful. On behalf of the Officers, The Board of Directors, and the entire membership, it is a great pleasure to thank the donors that have contributed so generously.

We owe special thanks to Society Sponsors, a select group of corporations that have given a minimum of $1,000 each:

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Several individuals were a great help to Treasurer Joseph Vasselli and me in fund-raising this year. They are: Mark Bieber (Bestfoods), Mark Friedman (Monell Chemical Senses Center), Peter Gillies (DuPont Merck), Timothy Moran (The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine), Carlos Plata-Salamán (University of Delaware), and Barbara Rolls (Pennsylvania State University).

Several donors expressed their companies' concern to enhance our tradition of supporting young scientists. I believe this is particularly important, because it reinforces a central mission of SSIB. Solely because of the generosity of our Society Sponsors, we were able to make unusually generous grants of $750 to each of 17 Young Investigator Award finalists, representing four countries. (A list of Awardees appears on the following page). These grants will significantly defray the cost of travel to the annual meeting in Pécs, Hungary next month, where the winners will present their research.

Corporate contributors also noted their interest in my earlier pledge, in this column, to recruit and support minority students. Carlos Plata-Salamán has volunteered to lead a new SSIB effort in this area. It is a real pleasure to announce his participation.

The Committee for Corporate Relations, another new undertaking, has been launched. Mark Friedman will recruit and chair the Committee; Paul R. McHugh (The John Hopkins University School of Medicine), David Ramsay (University of Maryland), Barbara Rolls, and Joseph Vasselli have agreed to serve.

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YOUNG INVESTIGATOR TRAVEL AWARD WINNERS

ICPFFI XII - SSIB 1998
Institute of Physiology
Pécs University Medical School
Pécs, Hungary
5 July - 8 July, 1998

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR MENTOR

Anthony V. Azzara Anthony Scalfani, PhD
Brooklyn College of the City University of New York
Parabrachial nucleus (PBN) lesions block flavor aversion but not flavor preference conditioning

Lynda Brown Thomas W. Castonguay, PhD
University of Maryland, College Park and
National Institutes of Health
The effects of adrenalectomy on yellow obese mice (Avy)

Mark Chavez, PhD Mark Friedman, PhD
Monell Chemical Senses Center
Reduction in energy intake and hypothalamic NPY content in high-fat fed diabetic rats

Lisa A. Eckel, PhD Nori Geary, PhD
Cornell University Medical College
Chronic estradiol treatment increases cholecystokinin-induced c-Fos expression in ovariecromized rats

Michael Emond, PhD Timothy Moran, PhD
The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Leptin amplifies meal related negative feedback signals

Rachel F. Genn Steven J. Cooper, PhD
University of Durham
The effects of dopamine agonists and antagonists on the microstructure of licking in the rat

Carol R. Hamelink Thomas W. Castonguay, PhD
University of Maryland, College Park and
National Institutes of Health (NIAAA)
Continuously elevated corticosterone levels exacerbate alcohol-induced neurodegeneration

Charles C. Horn, PhD Irving Kupferman, PhD
Columbia University
Crop emptying and the inhibition of locomotion in the marine snail (Aplysia californica)

Betty T. Izumi Britt Burton-Freeman, PhD
University of California, Davis
Fat-induced satiety: examination of serotonin (5-HT) and cholecystokinin (CCK) mediation

Timothy J. Kowalski, PhD Gerard P. Smith, MD
Cornell University Medical College
Onset of NPY overexpression and hyperphagia in the Zucker rat

Stacy Markison Alan C. Spector, PhD
University of Florida
The progressive ratio reinforcement schedule: a tool to study taste-physiological state interactions in the assessment of palatability

Colleen M. McGuire Zoe S. Warwick, PhD
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
The interaction of food deprivation with learned and unlearned taste influences on meal size and satiety in the rat

Chantal Michel Michel Cabanac, PhD
Université Laval
Lipectomy, body weight, and body weight set-point in rats

Nathalie Reith, PhD Christiane Larue-Achagiotis, PhD
Institut National Agronomique, Paris-Grignon
Substrate oxidation during exercise in the rat cannot fully account for training-induced changes in macronutrient selection

Mitchell F. Roitman Ilene L. Bernstein, PhD
University of Washington
Dopamine and sodium appetite

Jonathan D. Roth Neil E. Rowland, PhD
University of Florida
Combined administration of dexfenfluramine and phentermine in rats: an isobolographic analysis

Derek J. Snyder James C. Smith, PhD
The Florida State University
Dietary salt levels modify the intake patterns of pregnant and lactating rats

Election results!

Our new President elect is Stylianos Nicolaides, who has just completed a term on the Board of Directors. He will take over from Harvey Grill in 1999. (Harvey is currently President elect, and will succeed Jim Gibbs at the Annual Meeting.) There are three new members of the Board of Directors: Danielle Greenberg, Tom Scott, and Randall Sakai. Nori Geary and Steve Cooper are retiring from the Board.

By the way: David Booth reminds us that the short form of Professor Nicolaides’s name is spelled Stelios and pronounced Stellioh (the s is silent and the e is short).
SSIB 1998 Annual Meeting with ICPFFI in Hungary

The 12th International Conference on the Physiology of Food and Fluid Intake (ICPFFI XII) and Joint Meeting with the Society for the Study of Ingestive Behavior (SSIB Annual Meeting, 1998) will be held at the Pécs University Medical School in Pécs, Hungary, July 5–8, 1998. The purpose of the meeting is to foster communication among scientists interested in the regulation of ingestive behavior, from both basic science and clinical perspectives. The conference will include symposia, free presentations and poster sessions. There will also be plenary lectures by invited speakers.

The registration deadline was February 20, 1998. If you have not yet registered but want to attend the meeting, contact the organizers immediately. The late registration fee is $275, and the abstract fee (for publication in Appetite) is $30. A variety of accommodation facilities (from student dormitories costing as little as $15 US per night to two or three star hotels at somewhat higher cost) will be available to the participants of the conference.

For more information contact the local organizers:
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10 May 1998

Dear SSIB members,
Dear Participants of the coming Joint Conference of ICPFFI XII - SSIB '98!

The organizers are looking forward very much to welcoming you here, in Pécs, Hungary this coming July at a hopefully exciting, interesting and successful meeting. The preparations are going on, both for the scientific program and the social events as well. The schedule and form of each presentation will be available within about two weeks, so that we will notify you about the most important information at the end of this month.

If some of you, despite opposite considerations before, have decided to attend, please, don’t hesitate to contact us urgently. We will do our best to make arrangements for you to be included in the program of the conference.

Yours sincerely,
Laszlo Lenard and Zoltan Karadi

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www.ssib.org (** starting June 1!)

The EuroSSIB site is
www.dur.ac.uk/~dps6jp/srib.htm

The basic SSIB/ICPFFI meeting info is available at
kokiu.kokkhu/mitt-nb/ICPSSIB.htm

Some Hungarian sites:
Hungarian home page
www.fsib.bme.hu/hungary/homepage.html
Home Pécs
www.jpte.hu/city.html
Hungarian directory
hudir.hungary.com
Pécs University Medical School
www.pote.hu
WORD BITES
Sandra P. Frankmann, book editor

Food, Eating and Obesity
David J. Mela and Peter J. Rogers.

I have had the pleasure of reviewing this recent book which reviews and summarizes the often contradictory literature on appetite and weight control. A particular and welcome strength of this volume is the attempt to reconcile disparate points of view by focusing on and detailing differences in experimental design. A simple but powerful example of this is whether a given study focuses on food intake at a single meal or over a longer period of time. In particular, issues such as whether increasing palatability increases caloric intake, how “set points” may contribute (or not) to body weight regulation, and the role of learned post-ingestive consequences (whether aversions or preferences; see pgs. 29 and 96) in directing behavior are explored in depth. For example, the authors query whether passive dripping of infused solutions, by a rat with an intraoral catheter, is a result of a shift in the perceived palatability or merely a lack of interest in ingestion (p. 36). Also of interest is the authors’ speculation that “... it is clear that it is not obesity per se that is inherited, but a susceptibility toward becoming obese...” (pg. 71). Finally, as the concluding sentence of Chapter 3, the authors make this provocative assertion “Obesity is at least maintained, and probably caused, by excessive eating and fat deposition in the face of normal or elevated energy expenditure.”

I encourage anyone interested in the current status of body weight maintenance to peruse this volume. It offers a quite “digestible” survey of the literature as well as many provocative speculations. This book is of value not only to the seasoned investigator, but also would serve as a very useful text for teaching critical thinking to students of nutrition, psychology, neuroscience, and other related fields.

A letter to U.S. investigators

3/19/98

I am writing to encourage you to submit your best research ideas to NIH for funding. As some of you may know, I represent your interests on the Advisory Council of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. In the three and a half years that I have served in this capacity there has been an improvement in the proportion of grant submissions that we can fund, and there is heightened enthusiasm for ingestive behavior, obesity and nutrition-related research.

This has been fueled by the rapid advances in the genetics of obesity, but is not limited to that area. This has meant that obesity research has experienced a rapid growth both in terms of numbers of grants and in total dollars awarded. The best way to ensure this growth continues is for you to submit grants that will compete well for the available funds. Ultimately the quality of your grants determines “the slice of the pie” that is available to tackle the obesity epidemic.

Barbara J. Rolls, Ph.D.

NIH-watching

Past-president Tim Moran has been tracking the changes at the National Institutes of Health. He will attend the first meeting of the Integrative, Functional, and Cognitive Neuroscience IFCN-1 panel at the beginning of June. This panel’s Specific Area III includes feeding and drinking behavior. Later in the month he will take part in the process to establish new panels in the overall “Biobehavioral and Social Sciences”. He will report to us on NIH matters in future issues.
DIJON CUTS THE MUSTARD

David Booth

SSIBers might be interested in a British angle on the new Research Centre in Dijon. As Stelios Nicolaidis announced in Banff, I am working there part-time, as others will from North America. Exciting collaborations have already begun to develop between full-time staff in the Institute and my group’s work based here in Birmingham (UK).

Marc Fantino has facilities in the University Medical School, next door to the Centre building, including a small metabolic ward for research on satiety with Jeanine Louis-Sylvestre. We hope to link up with my work on physiological signals with Louise Dibsdall here, since both groups are focussing on fat/carbohydrate relations.

The Centre’s animal research includes Simon Thornton’s work on central mechanisms of sodium appetite. Micah Leshem who spent time with the Philadelphia group has tested human development for the fluid depletion effects observed in rats (as also have Crystal and Bernstein). My colleague Ian Booth (no relation), Director of the Institute of Child Health, Gill Harris and I propose reviving old plans by extending this rodent/human research transfer with Simon and Micah to ex-patients of the Birmingham Children’s Hospital.

Martine Catarelli is doing fascinating work on olfactory memory in rat forebrain. My current involvement in learnt odour recognition and the brain, with Derek Land’s help with the olfactometry, draws on Steve Van Toller’s work on odour sniff triggered EEG potentials at different scalp positions in nearby Warwick University Psychology and will rely also on Ep Köster’s Kobal olfactometry with ERPs in Dijon and his new data on olfactory imagery. (By the way, Steve is running ISOT/ECRO 2000 in Brighton shortly after the meeting being planned by SSIB for the Millenium and so sensory preference SSIBers should consider getting to both meetings.)

I’m keen to get to work with Claude Fischler too, whose CNRS post is in the Centre, on social cognition in food choice. Paul Rozin is spending the summer in Dijon working with Claude and also with Sylvie Issanchou who is developing cross cultural and developmental psychology of food preferences in the French agricultural research station (INRA) just down the road.

Finally, Stelios himself is bubbling with ideas of course and has several students working on an amazing diversity of animal and human projects. For example, one is pursuing my old favourite, amino acid conditioned preferences and aversions.

North American colleagues should bear in mind that research funding is still severely depressed in France (as also in the UK), unlike the USA. Hence the Institute has to scrape together support, even for local staff and students, and so visitors should think how to pay their own way. There are also limits on how far the political leaders of the larger and richer nation States in the European Union (excepting Germany) will go to avoid another Civil War, i.e. France and the UK. So those of us from the rest of the EU as well as from across the Atlantic should encourage our colleagues as they struggle with national constraints in realising Stelios’s vision of a uniquely international and multidisciplinary centre of ingestive behaviour (to use European spelling!).

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Your contributions to the newsletter are welcome!

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How to INGEST

All members of SSIB can subscribe to the INGEST mailing list, which allows you to broadcast and receive messages from everyone on the list. There are two e-mail addresses associated with the INGEST mailing list; one is for sending messages to all the subscribers, and the other is for administrative matters.

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Positions available

A postdoctoral position is available for research on cellular and molecular mechanisms involved in the generation, transduction and neural transmission of metabolic signals that control food intake. Experience with immunocytochemical, hybridization and/or cloning techniques is desirable, and ability and interest to work in a multidisciplinary 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.

Postdoctoral Position at Penn State University—Nutrition Department
A NIH-funded postdoctoral position is available. Position involves coordinating large-scale studies investigating the physiological controls of human eating behavior. An excellent opportunity for collaboration and publication. Send letter of interest, curriculum vitae and the names of three references to: Dr. Barbara Rolls, Penn State University, 226 Henderson Building, University Park, PA 16802 USA, e-mail: bjrf@psu.edu. The Penn State University is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and encourages applications from women and minorities.

Pre-doctoral Fellowship at the Institute for Animal Sciences, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zurich, Switzerland
A pre-doctoral fellowship (about $26,000 US/$) for 3 years is available immediately for a student with a masters degree in biology, nutrition, behavioral neuroscience, or a similar discipline who wants to do research and complete a dissertation on molecular, electrophysiological, biochemical, and behavioral mechanisms of the anorexia during bacterial infection. Parts of the experimental work will be done at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD (under the supervision of Dr. Gary J. Schwartz), and at the University of Delaware in Newark, DE (under the supervision of Dr. Carlos Plata-Salaman). Please send letter of interest (with academic transcripts) or a request for further information to: Dr. Wolfgang Langhans, Institute of Animal Science, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, 8092 Zurich, Switzerland, e-mail: wolfgang.langhans@inw.agrl.ethz.ch

Postdoctoral Research Fellowships. The Edward W. Bourne Behavioral Research Laboratory, Department of Psychiatry, Cornell University Medical College, invites applications for an NIMH-sponsored, multidisciplinary training program in the behavioral neuroscience of food intake and body weight regulation. Basic and clinical research opportunities are available. The faculty integrates behavioral, physiological, neurochemical, and molecular approaches to determine the peripheral and central mechanisms mediating ingestive behavior and its disorders. Research interests include genetics, development, neuropeptides, steroids, taste and visceral sensory systems, and learning. Positions are available immediately. Applicants must be citizens, non-citizen nationals, or permanent residents of the United States. Women and minority members are encouraged to apply. Send inquiries to Dr. James Gibbs, Bourne Laboratory, Cornell Medical Center, White Plains, New York 10605 (fax 914-682-3793; e-mail: jgibbs@med.cornell.edu).

Project Manager. The Weight and Eating Disorders Program of the University of Pennsylvania in conjunction with the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia offers a Postdoctoral position as Project Manager of an ongoing, longitudinal study of the growth and development of infants at high risk for obesity. This study, now in its 4th year, involves intensive behavioral and metabolic assessments. The position requires the strong interpersonal skills necessary for cohort maintenance, together with quantitative skills and a strong interest in research. This position will begin in May of 1998 and the salary is competitive. Applicants should send a cover letter, CV and letters of recommendation to Albert Stunkard, M.D., University of Pennsylvania, 3600 Market Street, #734, Philadelphia, PA 19104-2468 USA, or fax to 215 698-2878.

NIH-funded postdoctoral research assistant/associate position to study the sympathetic nervous system connections between the brain and white adipose tissue—specifically to study these connections using a safe, viral, transneuronal tract tracer. In addition, functional studies will be conducted using electrical and chemical stimulation of the brain in conjunction with electrophysiological recording from the nerves going to white and brown adipose tissue, as well as the adrenal medulla. Finally, the effects of selective surgical sympathectomies on WAT neurochemistry, neuroanatomy, adipocyte metabolism and adipocyte cellularity also will be studied. Experience in neuroanatomy, neurophysiology and/or neuromechanics is desirable. Position is available July 1, 1998. Send CV, letter of interest and statement of past research experience to: Dr. Timothy J. Bartness, Depts of Psychology and of Biology, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA 30303 USA or e-mail to: bartness@gsu.edu

Full-time postdoctoral position at the Yale School of Medicine to work on a NIH-funded comparative clinical trial for Binge Eating Disorder. Position to begin July 1, 1998 (negotiable start date). Applicants should have interest and experience with eating/weight disorders and CBT. Contact: Carlos M. Grilo, Ph.D., Director of Psychology, Yale Psychiatric Institute. Fax letter/CV: 203-785-7855. (tel 203-785-2792).

Several positions in Sensory Science are available at various levels within the Consumer Science Unit at Unilever Research, Colworth Laboratory, which is located in Bedford, U.K. Minimum requirements include an undergraduate degree in Food Science, Food Technology, Biological sciences or Psychology, and 1 to 2 years experience in a Sensory Science position, with a working knowledge of statistical analysis, and a range of sensory techniques. More advanced
positions require an M.S., Ph.D., or equivalent, in Sensory Analysis, Psychophysics, or Consumer Behaviour, and the ability to define and manage a research programme. Experience conducting sensory trials, panel leadership/training, and familiarity with Fizz and SAS software are desirable. Interested candidates should send CV, cover letter, 3 letters of reference, and any relevant publications to: Dr. Paula J. Durlach, Search Committee Chair, Consumer Science, Unilever Research Colworth Laboratory, Sharnbrook, Bedford, U.K. MK44 1LQ.

Postdoctoral position available to study serotonergic regulation of ingestive behavior and reward pathways using transgenic model systems. Projects involve the use of molecular genetic approaches, behavioral assays, stereotactic surgery, and quantitative neuroanatomical techniques. Send curriculum vitae and names of 3 references to: Laurence Tecott, M.D., Ph.D., Dept. Psychiatry, University of California—San Francisco, 401 Parnassus Ave., San Francisco, CA 94143-0984 USA. E-mail: tecott@itsa.ucsf.edu. UCSF is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

At least one position for a postdoctoral fellow will be available at the National Institutes of Health-funded New York Obesity Research Center (ORC) at St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital and Columbia University beginning in June/July, 1998. Position entails 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. 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 resident. Interested individuals should contact F. Xavier Pi-Sunyer, M.D., M.P.H., Obesity Research Center, St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital, Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons, 1111 Amsterdam Ave, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10025 USA. Tel 212-523-4161, fax 212-523-4830, e-mail: fxp1@columbia.edu.

Consumer Psychologist
A dynamic consumer products company located in the Northeast is looking for a Consumer Psychologist to be a part of its research and development team. Candidates should have an M.S. or Ph.D. in Experimental or Behavioral Psychology and be comfortable in an industry setting. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills and a strong background in Statistics are a must. The successful candidate will test consumer perception, wants and needs and unexpressed thoughts. This information will be statistically compared with consumer preferences. Interested candidates should contact: Al Zwicker, Zwicker Associates, 579 Franklin Tpke., Ridgewood, NJ 07450 USA. Tel 201-251-8300, fax 201-251-8337, e-mail: azwicker@erols.com.

Position Available: Human Ingestive Behavior Laboratory, Obesity Research Center, St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital, 1111 Amsterdam Ave, New York, NY 10025. Research assistant/associate or post-doc to conduct studies into the physiological basis of human eating behavior. Position available immediately. Master's degree in psychology or nutrition preferred, but bachelor or Ph.D. could work too. Address inquiries to Dr. Harry R. Kissileff, or send E-mail to hrk2@columbia.edu.

SSIB Surfing
As of June 1, 1998, We are pleased to announce the new SSIB Web page. Please check it out! The new address is: http://www.ssib.org

We look forward to receiving your feedback and input (job listings, etc.) Send comments to:
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Call for Research Proposals:
If you were asked to study "oral refreshment" how would you do it? To initiate discussions of potential collaboration, send a 2-3 page research proposal and CV to

Dr. Paula J. Durlach
Unilever Research Colworth Laboratory
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Calendar:

The joint Annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Food and Society and the Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society will be held June 4-7, 1998 in San Francisco, CA. The meeting promotes multi-disciplinary discussion of food in a variety of social and cultural contexts. The advance registration deadline was May 10; on-site registration is still possible. For additional information, contact Jacqueline M. Newman, FNES Dept., Queens College of CUNY, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, NY 11367 USA. Tel: 718-997-4153, fax 718-997-4163, e-mail newman@qcva.xa. acc.qc.edu

The 7th annual International Behavioral Neuroscience Society conference will be held June 11-14, 1998 in Richmond, VA, USA. Events include a symposium on neurobehavioral mechanisms in the ontogeny of reward and a keynote address by Yutaka Oomura. For more information, visit www.utsa.edu/Academics/COSAE/LifeSciences/IBNS/. The abstract deadline was February 20. John Rosecrans is coordinating the meeting. Tel 804-828-1132, fax 804-828-2117, e-mail rosecrans@ gems.vcu.edu.

The 1998 meeting of the Society for the Study of Intensive Behavior will be held with the 12th International Conference on the Physiology of Food and Fluid Intake (ICPFFI), July 5-8, 1998 in Pécs, Hungary. Information will be sent to SSIB members soon (see page 3 of this issue). This is a fine opportunity for greater involvement of European members and a great way for non-Europeans to come in and enjoy Hungarian hospitality!

The 7th multidisciplinary Food Choice Conference (FCC-7) seminars will be on Wednesday August 12 at the San Francisco Hilton during the International Congress of Applied Psychology (hosted by APA) on August 9-14, 1998. ICAP attracts thousands from around the world to hear reviews of 3- to 5-year programs of research. Among the areas that the ICAP Food Choice sessions will review are research into human or animal ingestive behavior which is relevant to health and/or to economic consumption, i.e.

nutrition and the food industry. FCC-7 will also hold off-Program sessions on the day before or after the day(s) of the IAPFoN-sponsored Food Choice symposium and the ICAP Health-sponsored Food Choice posters session. To receive a program of on- and off-ICAP Food Choice events by e-mail, contact the secretary by e-mail (address below). ICAP Registration and Hotel arrangements can be made via the Congress Office at the American Psychological Association, 750 First Street NE, Washington DC 20002, USA, fax +1-202-336-5956, e-mail ICAP@APA.org. The Food Choice Conferences series coordinator David Booth and his secretary Dorothy Trinder are at the School of Psychology, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT, U.K. Tel 44 121 414 4938 direct, 4932 secretary. Fax 44 121 414 4897, e-mail D.A.Booth@Bham.ac.uk or TrinderD@Psycho1.Bham.ac.uk

Measuring Behavior '98, an international workshop on methods and techniques in behavioral research, will be held in Groningen, The Netherlands, on August 18-21, 1998. The workshop will integrate advanced behavioral research with physiological measurements. Examples include data analysis methods from ethology, and path analysis techniques, radiotelemetry, brain imaging, chip technology and biosensor techniques. To receive the second announcement, contact: Measuring Behavior '98, Workshop Secretariat, Attn: Rosan Nikkelien, P.O. Box 268, 6700 AG Wageningen, The Netherlands. Tel: +31(0)317-497677; fax: +31-(0)317-424496; e-mail: mb98@noldus.nl

The 8th International Congress on Obesity will take place in Paris, August 29-September 3, 1998. For more information, contact the organizer, Bernard Guy-Grand, at the Congress Office, 120, avenue Gambetta, F-75020 Paris, France. Tel (33) 1 43 64 77 77, fax (33) 1 40 31 01 65.

The Society for Neuroscience meets November 7-11, 1998 in Los Angeles,

Meetings in 1999:

Pending final decisions, the 1999 Food Choice Conference will be a joint meeting with ASFS & AFHVS in Toronto in early June.
The 1999 SSIB independent meeting will be July 7-11 (Wed-Sun), 1999 at the Sheraton Sand Key resort, Clearwater Beach, FL. Neil Rowland (rowland@psych.ufl.edu) and Alan Spector (spector@psych.ufl.edu) are the organizers.

The first EuroSSIB meeting will be held August 16-20, 1999 at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. For more information and to register your interest, visit www.dur.ac.uk/~dps6jpd/esib.htm

The 1999 meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity (NAASO) will be in Charleston, South Carolina, November 14-18, 1999. The convention hotel will be Charleston Place. Brochures, meeting schedule and call for abstracts have not yet been produced. For more information, contact Patrick M. O'Neil, Ph.D., Weight Management Center, Medical University of South Carolina, 171 Ashley Avenue, Charleston, SC 29425 USA. E-mail: oneilpm@musc.edu.

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New faces at Appetite

In recent months, several people have joined the editorial board, reports David Booth. Adam Drewnowski is now an Executive Editor, replacing Judy Stern. Claude Fischler joined the Exec a few months ago, to represent social science particularly, in succession to Anne Murcott. SSIB is one of the Affiliated Societies of the journal.

Dates for Columbia Appetitive Seminars

Out of town & out of country visitors invited.

If your plans call for being in New York on one of the following dates, please contact Dr. Kissileff, if you would like to speak at the Columbia University Appetitive Seminar next academic year. You do not need a personal invitation to make your availability known. Don't be shy. Please contact Dr. Kissileff (see last page of this issue) no later than June 15, 1998.

Tentative Dates: September 8, October 8, November 19, December 10, January 22, February 11, March 11, April 15, May 13, June 10. Dates are subject to availability of the Columbia Faculty House and are usually finalized in August.

Member News

One of our past presidents has moved to the Midwest. His new address:
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From the editor’s desk

This year’s meeting takes us to Europe, where changes are unfolding so rapidly that it’s hard to stay current. I’ve found that one of the best ways to get information (on just about any topic) is on the Web. For example, I easily “travelled” to Hungary to make some hotel reservations, and discovered that there’s a mountain bike loop trail in Pécs.

I’ve also found that the availability of e-mail has made me a letter-writer. It’s so easy to send short notes to people, just to say hello or ask a quick question. If I had nothing but postal mail, I would write only rarely. I’m sure many other people are co-discoverers of this phenomenon.

Which brings me to my point: because it’s so easy, why not write short notes to me about your activities? The purpose of this Society is communication about our work as scientists studying a large and fascinating topic. Unfortunately, we all tend to be so busy that we don’t interact with our SSIBlings very frequently. I’m just one more busy person, far from a reporter with time to seek out stories and interview people. I am fortunate to get volunteers once in a while—David Booth wrote about the Dijon Centre for this issue. If the spirit moves you, tell us your story!

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