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## The Newsletter of the Society for the Study of Ingestive Behavior

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### Letter from the President

Barbara J. Rolls

The meeting in Sacramento was terrific. Thanks to all of you who attended and especially to those who presented their work. At a time when funding is in short supply it is especially important to show the world that the study of ingestive behavior is producing both excellent science and scientists. Of course, a lot of careful planning and hard work went into putting the meeting together. Judy Stern, Pat Johnson, Becky Popenoe and Cynthia Wilcox were the core of the Davis team that worked many hours (and in the spirit of the meeting were doing the planning while eating whenever I happened to call).

The quality of the abstracts submitted was very high and the difficult task of organizing these into the oral sessions fell to the Abstract Selection Committee. The Committee was chaired by Pat Johnson and consisted of the following members: Lee Beverly, Carol Boozer, Jan Fisler,

Steve Heymsfield, Jim Hill, Barbara Horowitz, John Kral, Diane Latteman, and Dennis VanderWeele. You will have noticed that we had a number of well-provisioned receptions and the banquet. Dick Atkinson (with some help from me) worked tirelessly behind the scenes with the fundraising, not an easy task with the economy as it is. The overall result of all this hard work was one of the most memorable meetings many of us have attended. On behalf of the Society, I extend my thanks to all who worked so hard to make it possible. Many of you have commented favorably on meeting jointly with NAASO. I do hope we will have the opportunity to meet with them again in the near future.

As the first woman to be President of SSIB, I would like to comment on women in SSIB and how women's issues affect our field. This year there has been a major change in the gender of the officers of the Society, with Suzanne Sunday as Treasurer and Carol Maggio as Secretary. There also seems to be a trend towards more women in the Society. In the 1991 SSIB Directory, I counted 472 members. Of these I counted 149 who appear to be definitely female (40 were indeterminate, i.e., either ⇒

### Enclosed please find...

Included with this mailing of SSIBlings are three important documents.

**1) Call for Nominations.** The Nominating Committee solicits your suggestions for candidates for the upcoming election of SSIB officers and Board Members. The Bylaws of the Society note that "The slate shall take into consideration the representation of scientific disciplines and geographical distribution of Members, and the suggestions of Members made by a nominating petition...". All Regular and emeritus members in good standing are eligible, except those shown in the Call (current officers may not be nominated, and previous Board Members may be reelected only after a one year hiatus). Please act promptly: your nominations must be received by February 7.

**2) Call for Titles: 5-Minute Talks at EPA.** This

form also serves as your reservation for the SSIB dinner on April 3 at the Eastern Psychological Association meeting in Boston. See the notice on page 5, which reflects the basic information so you can return the form but keep the data. Due date: February 15.

**3) Princeton meeting documents.** There are two forms: the Call for Abstracts (due April 15) and registration materials (advance registration deadline is March 1). Note that these forms may be photocopied to provide extras for students or colleagues. In addition, travel information and a preliminary program, with a list of symposia and the daily schedule, are included. Programs for the meeting will be mailed in early May. The meeting begins on Wednesday, June 24 and continues through Sunday, June 28. This gathering promises to be a good one, and the generous deadline for receipt of abstracts, only two months before the meeting, should assure that we will learn about the latest research in the SSIB community.