



# ACNP Bulletin

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## Dates to Remember

August 25, 2006 — Committee Membership Deadline

August 25, 2006 — Mentor Deadline

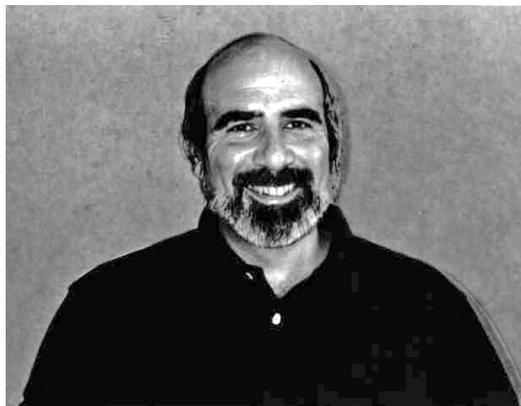
September 1, 2006 — Poster Deadline

October 25, 2006 — Hotel Reservation Deadline

November 10, 2006 — Pre-Registration Deadline

## Preview of the 2006 Annual Meeting from the Program Committee

**Larry Siever**  
Chair, Program Committee



The upcoming ACNP Annual Meeting in December promises to be an unusually exciting one. Our venue will be Hollywood, Florida, and I can attest that its facilities will be very accommodating to our ACNP program. As usual, cutting edge science is the key attraction of the meeting. The President's Plenary "*Beyond Linkage: Psychiatric Genetics in the Age of Functional Genomics*" focuses on integration of genetics and pathophysiology in a range of disorders from mood disorders and schizophrenia to addictive disorders. We are excited about a special Distinguished Lecture entitled "*Dissection of Complex Traits in the Era of*

*High-Throughput Genomics*" by Dr. Jonathan Pritchard who offers a unique and exciting perspective on the genetics of a variety of clinical disorders from an evolutionary perspective. Teaching day, organized by Will Carpenter, our President-Elect, is entitled "*Deconstructing Mental Illness for Neuroscience Discovery*" and will offer a rich array of speakers as well.

The Program Committee had a challenging task as there were many fine submissions, but the 29 members of the Program Committee carefully reviewed 92 excellent submissions for 49 available panel spots. I want to thank my Co-Chair, Robert Schwarcz, as well as all the committee members for reviewing these many competitive applications to choose the most exciting panels possible for the Annual Meeting. While most of the program will consist of panels, there will be evening Study Group sessions on Monday that are issue-related rather than purely science-based. Panels include sessions on integrative genomics, bioinformatics, addiction and pain, novel signal mechanisms, transcription with regulation of synaptic function, pharmacogenetics, effects of stress, and novel treatment interventions. Many of the panels target novel models of pathophysiology and treatment that may generate new interventional strategies. We have two very competitive hot topic sessions that will be selected from all poster submissions. There will be 10 presentations each in both the pre-clinical and clinical arenas.

We are confident you will enjoy the upcoming meeting and appreciate the participation of many of the members in program submissions. We want to thank Kathy Latimer of the ACNP Executive Office as well as the rest of the staff for an outstanding job in organizing and following through on the program review process. We look forward to seeing you this December in Florida and hope you enjoy the meeting.

## International Neuropsychopharmacology Archives

### Jeremy Nordmoe Archivist

The International Neuropsychopharmacology Archives (INA) is hosted and curated by the Vanderbilt University Medical Center Archives at Eskind Biomedical Library, and it houses one of the richest collections of historical materials documenting the disciplines of psychopharmacology, neuroscience, pharmacology, and psychiatry in the modern era. 2006 has been an exciting year for the Archives. So far, three historians have made extended visits, conducting research into such topics as addiction research, amphetamines, and the dexamethasone suppression test, and we anticipate that two of them will be making return trips in the near future.

During the course of one visit, one of our historians uncovered a rare documentary titled *Morphine: Physical Dependence in the Monkey*. This film was sponsored by the NRC's Committee on Drug Addiction and Narcotics and made by the University of Michigan's Department of Pharmacology around 1965. It features Mo Seevers, Nathan Eddy, Duncan McCarthy, Sam Irwin and Gerry Deneau. Thanks to our researcher, we were able to identify this historical gem and convert it to DVD format for preservation and use. This discovery was invaluable to our researcher and illustrates just why the INA is so important.

Another resource that has been immensely popular with researchers is the Video History Collection containing hours of interviews with ACNP members. This ongoing project began at the 1994 annual meeting with interviews with the likes of Heinz Lehmann, Keith Killam and Joseph Wortis whose voices are no longer with us. Most of the videos are fully transcribed, and they truly provide historians with the kind of candid reflections on the field that can not be found anywhere else.

The INA has been growing in volume this year thanks to new material from Dr. Donald Klein, Dr. James Appel and Dr. Oakley Ray. We appreciate each and every donation and encourage you to think about getting involved

You can find more information on the archives and its collections at [http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/sc\\_diglib/coll.html](http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/sc_diglib/coll.html) or by contacting the ACNP office.

### Transferring Material to the Archives

The ACNP is pleased to assist individuals or their families who desire to place materials in the Archives. When preparing to transfer materials, the documents need not be sorted through. It is actually preferable to leave the records in their original sequence, as this sequence provides insight into the habits of the owner of the materials. The professional staff of the Archives have the expertise to sort, describe, and arrange the documents in the most effective way for scholarly use.

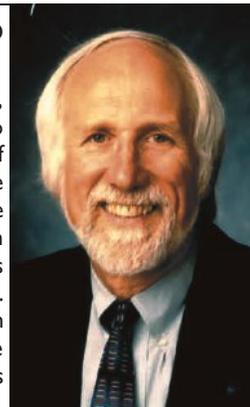
Many records of interest to scholars will contain confidential information. Please be assured that the staff of the Archives routinely deals with issues of confidentiality and will comply with all state and federal laws regarding privacy. When requested by the donor, access restrictions will be placed on any materials sent to the Archives.

The transfer, itself, is very simple. Contact the ACNP Office to make arrangements. The ACNP staff will help you through the steps necessary to make the transfer. You may contact:

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## Committee Membership Opportunities

ACNP President-Elect, William Carpenter, Jr., will soon be appointing members to Constitutional Committees. A limited number of positions are available each year and there are some constitutional restrictions on who may be appointed to specific committees. Please keep in mind that some committees, such as Credentials and Program, require major time commitments. (The Credentials Committee meets all day on Saturday of the Annual Meeting—the day before Teaching Day. The Program Committee meets in the summer; next year's meeting is June 1-3, 2007).



The majority of committee appointments are for three-year terms, and usually a member cannot be reappointed to consecutive terms on the same committee. All members of the College should remember that committee membership is one of the factors the Credentials Committee takes into account when considering promoting a Member to Fellow status.

If you are interested in being appointed to a committee, please send a brief letter before August 25, 2006, indicating your clinical, research, teaching/training interests and activities, as well as your committee preference (full listing can be found at [www.acnp.org](http://www.acnp.org)), if you have one. We will notify you of the decisions on committee membership in September. All letters should be sent to:

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## ACNP Educational Outreach Initiatives Call for Proposals

The ACNP Education and Training Committee is accepting proposals for programs designed to promote a greater awareness of the role of biomedical research in understanding biological mechanisms of mental disorders through education, training, and professional development initiatives. Funds of up to \$5000 will be awarded to programs that support this goal. The College will fund up to five such awards in 2007.

Proposals must be received by October 31, 2006 for programs to be conducted during the 2007 calendar year. A subcommittee of the Education and Training Committee will evaluate the proposals. Priority will be given to the funding of new programs although support for existing programs may also be considered. The committee urges members to be inventive in devising mechanisms to achieve the goals of this initiative. For additional information please visit [www.acnp.org](http://www.acnp.org).

## 2006 Travel Awardee Mentorship

The Education and Training Committee is developing a list of potential mentors for the five groups of travel award recipients who will attend our 2006 Annual Meeting.

Many of these young investigators will be attending their first ACNP meeting, and as many as forty of these talented researchers and clinicians will need mentors. The mentor's role is that of guide and friend--a familiar face at receptions, poster sessions, and coffee breaks. Mentors act as a guide to the scientific program and a person with whom to touch base as the meeting progresses. **Because of this, it is important to be available for all or most of the Annual Meeting.**

**Mentors must attend the Travel Awardee Breakfast which is scheduled for Sunday, December 3rd, at 7:00 a.m. (prior to the start of Teaching Day and we hope they will also attend the Wednesday luncheon for the Travel Awardees).**

If you volunteer to be a mentor, we hope you will take the responsibility seriously. Your degree of enthusiasm for this task will set the tone for the mentoring relationship, and your guidance may determine to a large degree the value your travel awardee will receive from the meeting.

If you would be interested in serving as a mentor for the 2006 Meeting, please contact the ACNP Executive office at:

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## New Voting Procedures

The ACNP Council has adopted a new voting procedure beginning with the 2007 elections for officers and Council members. Adopting procedures used by some other professional societies, the ACNP will ask members to return their ballots in an envelope that provides a place for the member's name. The Executive Office staff will use the envelopes only to verify that no member has voted more than once. The ballots, which will not have any identifying information on them, will be separated from the envelopes for counting to protect confidentiality. Ballots returned in envelopes without a name will not be counted. As always, once counted by staff the original ballots will be sent to the chair of the Nominating Committee for verification of the correct count.

## ACNP Annual Meeting Invitation Bank

We remind ACNP members that for the first time this year a member may donate his/her unused meeting invitation to an invitation bank. Other members, who may be looking for an invitation for a young colleague, may then use one of those donated invitations. In order to qualify for an invitation from the bank, the invitee must be no more than fifteen (15) years beyond his/her most recent degree (M.D., Ph.D., or comparable). If you would like to donate your invitation, you may return your invited guest card indicating that, send an email to [acnp@acnp.org](mailto:acnp@acnp.org), or call the executive office at (615) 324-2360.

## ACNP Convenes Leading Researchers to Review Prospective Computerized Pharmaceutical Surveillance System for Patient Safety

The ACNP is convening a meeting of leading international experts on September 13<sup>th</sup> to review a computerized surveillance system that tracks prescription drug use after medications are introduced to the marketplace. The meeting will be held at the Washington Hilton at 1919 Connecticut Avenue from 8:30am-2:30pm. Members are encouraged to attend this meeting, and can register by emailing Sarah Timm at [stimm@acnp.org](mailto:stimm@acnp.org). The meeting will discuss the feasibility, scientific merit and potential to develop a new system for the United States.

Recent high profile cases have stirred public concern about drug safety and the effectiveness of the current monitoring system. Clinical trials conducted before the FDA approval of a pharmaceutical drug for a particular illness do identify many potential adverse reactions or complications for the medication. However, these clinical trials select patients who may be healthier than real-life patients and who may receive better than average care. The trials are typically to small and too short to identify rare or late adverse events, but larger or longer studies would delay useful drugs from coming to market.

In addition, concern about adverse effects detected after marketing is realistic since, even under the present system:

- 51% of drugs have label changes because of major safety issues discovered after marketing.
- 20% of drugs receive new black box warnings after marketing.
- 3% to 4% of drugs are ultimately withdrawn for safety reasons.
- There is common mismanagement of prescription drugs or the use of prescription drugs for purposes other than the FDA-approved indication, posing serious challenges in patient safety since there is little relevant trial data.

These abrupt or seemingly late warnings about prescription drug use create uncertainty and fear among health care consumers trying to choose a correct course of treatment for themselves or their loved ones.

A system of computerized cross-linked surveillance currently exists in the Netherlands. Known as the PHARMO Institute, the key components of this system include practitioner, hospital, pharmacy, and laboratory records. Whether such a system is feasible in the United States will be critically discussed at the September 13 meeting. In the United States it may be possible to begin taking steps toward such a system by starting with large health management organizations (HMOs) and federally-financed systems such as the Veterans Administration, Medicare, and Armed Services.

### Schedule For the September 13, 2006 Meeting:

#### *The Future of Post Marketing Surveillance*

Moderator: Charles P. O'Brien, M.D., Ph.D.

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	
9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	Welcome and Introduction	Kenneth Davis, M.D. ACNP President
9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Overview of the Issue	Don Klein, M.D.
9:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.	The Netherlands' PHARMO System	Ron Hering, M.D.
10:20 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Q&A with Ron Hering	
10:30 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.	The Appropriate Role of Computerized Post-Marketing Surveillance	Brian Strom, M.D., M.P.H.
11:20 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Q&A with Brian Strom	
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Jefferson West Room
1:00 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.	Pharmacoepidemiology: Examples of Databases, Methods, and Studies	Philip S. Wang, M.D.
1:50 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Q&A with Philip Wang	
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Panel Discussion & Closing Comments	



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