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**Editorial**

Dear SSN members,

Our new website is now active since a year and in the last couple of weeks improved substantially. Besides providing you information about upcoming deadlines, scientific meetings, job offers ect., the **electronic payment system** was installed. Our Treasurer has sent you the bill for the fees 2010 in June. Those who had not paid the fees in 2009 were reminded in addition. Many of the members have paid their fees – **Thank You** very much! Please, let us know if any complications occurred and improvements should be made.

After the first experience with the online “event management system” for the past annual meeting, we are currently in the process to optimize the registration and abstract submission procedure.

To keep our website up-to-date we rely on information provided by you. Therefore, if you have announcements such as scientific meetings, scientific events, open positions, awards ect., which you would like to advertise, please send this information to us. **And don't forget to update and complete your personal account!**

On **September 24**, a **Symposium for Animal Experimentation** will take place in Zürich, which provides you the opportunity of a Certificate for 1-day Education in Animal Experimentation approved by the Cantonal Veterinary office. At this occasion I want to thank Isabelle Mansuy for the organization.

Please, note the two upcoming meetings in 2011 in your calendar: the SSN Annual Meeting in Basel and the meeting of the French Neuroscience Meeting in Marseille for which the SSN was invited to participate.

*Nicole Schaeren-Wiemers*  
President SSN

## Symposium on Animal Experimentation in 2010

The SSN recognizes the need to contribute to the continuous education of animal experimentation, which is now part of the law on animal welfare.

We are organizing symposia, which are officially accredited by the cantonal veterinary offices, and open to all scientists needing to learn more on these topics. The registration fee, which covers the expenses of the symposia, is kept very low for SSN members, but the symposia are open to everyone on a first come-first serve basis.

The next Symposium on animal experimentation will take place:

**Date:** September 24, 2010

**Topic:** "Viral Strategies in Brain Research"

**Speakers:** P. Aebischer (Lausanne),  
Y. Arsenijevic (Lausanne),  
S. Kügler (Göttingen),  
M. Tripodi (Basel),  
D. Margolis (Zürich),  
K. Khodosevich (Heidelberg)

**Location:** University of Zürich, Irchel Campus, Lecture Hall, Winterthurerstrasse 190, 8057 Zürich

**Time:** 9:15 – 17:00

**Costs:** Members: 50.- SFR  
Non-members: 125.- SFR

Approved by the Cantonal Veterinary Office for 1-day education

Please go to our website for more information, program and registration:  
[http://www.swissneuroscience.ch/SSN\\_Activities/Animal\\_Education\\_Day](http://www.swissneuroscience.ch/SSN_Activities/Animal_Education_Day)

## SSN Annual Meeting in 2011: March 26 in Basel

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the SSN will take place in Basel, Saturday March 26.

We would like to take this occasion to celebrate **15 Years SSN** in the framework of a small Ceremony/Symposium in the afternoon of the meeting. In the evening an easy get-together is planned to enjoy this event also on the social level.

### Preliminary program:

- Morning: plenary lecture, parallel symposia
- Poster/ Lunch, Business meeting
- Afternoon: parallel symposia, plenary lecture
- 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium
- Best Publication Award, Volker Henn Best Poster Awards

**LOC:** Pico Caroni, Andreas Papassotiropoulos, Peter Scheiferle, Andreas Lüthi, Dominique DeQuervain, Daria Knoch, Basel Neuroscience Network

**Business meeting:** Esther Stöckli will take over presidency. In addition the SSN members have to vote for the President-elect and new council members.

 **Swiss Society  
for Neuroscience**

**Annual Meeting & 15th Anniversary Symposium  
University of Basel,  
March 26, 2011**

## SSN meets the French Neuroscience Society

The 10<sup>th</sup> Congress of the French Society for Neuroscience will take place in **Marseille from May 24 to 27, 2011** in **partnership with the SSN**



With **10 plenary lectures, 18 symposia** and about **800 poster presentations**, all presented in English, this congress will bring together more than a thousand participants.

In addition, this will be an opportunity to discover Marseille, a city of over 2'000 years' history. Not only rooted in the Southern tradition, the city is also at the forefront of research in many areas, including neuroscience. The city has three universities, two research federations in Neuroscience and numerous research laboratories accredited by the major agencies. Thanks to these infrastructures, Marseille gathers a community of more than 900 people working on all aspects of brain function, from the molecular to the integrative levels, from development to aging and from fundamental to clinically-relevant aspects.

For this edition of its biennial meeting, the Society has established **a partnership with the SSN** whose representatives should be numerous in Marseille next year. The French Society for Neuroscience takes great pleasure in inviting Swiss neuroscientists to Marseille and assures us of a warm-hearted welcome.

**Bruno Poucet** (Host Committee President), **André Nieoullon** (President of the French Neuroscience Society)

## Scientific Program

### Alfred Fessard conference

#### Joel Bockaert (Montpellier)

Synaptic metabotropic receptors: delicate tools for communication and adaptation

### Paul Brocca conference

#### Martin Schwab (Zürich, Switzerland)

Mechanisms of repair of the CNS after injury

### Plenary Lectures

#### Karl Deisseroth (Stanford, USA)

Optogenetics: development and application

#### Anne Eichmann (Paris)

Neurogenesis and angiogenesis

#### Ernst Fehr (Zürich, Switzerland)

Neurobiological aspects of economic and social choice

#### Martin Ciarfa (Toulouse)

Tracing associative learning in a miniature brain: lessons from honeybees

#### Andreas Lüthi (Basel Switzerland)

Defining the neuronal circuitry of fear

#### Jean-Louis Nahon (Valbonne)

God does not cast the dice, he plays lego and billiards: chimaeric gene creation and human brain evolution

#### Carl Petersen (Lausanne, Switzerland)

Synaptic mechanisms of sensory perception

#### Alexandre Pouget (Rochester, USA)

Neural computations are probabilistic inference

### Symposia

**Critical period in synaptic plasticity** (Chairpersons: P. Chavis, L. Venance)

**Semaphorins in the developing and postnatal brain** (Chairpersons: V. Prévot, A. Chédotal)

**Blood-Brain Barrier and cerebral pathologies** (Chairpersons: M. Lerner-Natoli, S. Bourdoulous)

**New experimental tools and therapies for Parkinson's disease** (Chairpersons: P. Gubellini, N. Maurice)

**Hypothalamic neuropeptides and sleep: from animal models to human diseases** (Chairpersons: V. Fabre, M. Muhlethaler)

**From perception to action in non-human primates: insights from electrophysiology and neuroimaging** (Chairpersons: F. Chavane, T. Brochier)

**Molecular specification of neuronal connectivity** (Chairpersons: C. Lebrand, B. Durand)

**The channelopathy side of epilepsy** (Chairpersons: R. Lory, C. Bernard)

**Advanced optical methods to follow and modify neuronal activity** (Chairperson: S. Dieudonné)

**Psychobiological mechanisms of vulnerabilities to drug use and drug addiction** (Chairpersons: V. Deroche-Gamonet, M. Solinas)

**New insights into the mouse olfactory system: from receptors to circuits and behaviour** (Chairperson: A. Trembleau)

**Modeling of plasticity mechanisms: from single neurons to population dynamics** (Chairpersons: A. Destexhe, N. Brunel)

**Neuronal repair and axonal regeneration** (Chairperson: A. Gaillard)

**Processing of olfactory information: from spatiotemporal representations to behavior** (Chairpersons: H. Gurden, N. Fourcaud-Trocmé)

**The clinical relevance of modern neuroimaging methods** (Chairperson: C.M. Michel)

**Neurodestructive versus neuroprotective role of inflammation** (Chairpersons: J. Boucraut, H Neuman)

**Integrative functions of the rodent prefrontal cortex** (Chairperson: E. Coutureau)

**Novel insights at glutamatergic synapses** (Chairpersons: J.P. Mothet, U. Gerber)

**Fédération pour la Recherche sur le Cerveau (FRC) / Société des**

**Neurosciences Symposium** (Chairpersons: J. Touchon, A. Nieoullon)

Program and Meeting informations will be updated on the web:

[http://www.swissneuroscience.ch/Events/Meetings/External\\_scientific\\_meetings](http://www.swissneuroscience.ch/Events/Meetings/External_scientific_meetings)

### **SSN Travel Fellowships 2011: New evaluation procedure**

In the last two years an increasing number of travel fellowship applications was experienced. Although the SSN increased the number of fellowships over the last years, still a substantial number of applications could not be approved. In addition applications for scientific meetings other than for FENS and SfN, could often not be evaluated before the meeting took place. For this reason the SSN council decided to modify the evaluation procedure for a better, fair and coherent process.

The following rules will be introduced (from 2011 on):

- **Four deadlines per year** for all meetings (1<sup>st</sup> March\*, 1<sup>st</sup> June\*\*, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> December)
- All meeting are considered **equal** but **FENS** and **SfN** are still favored.
- Only **one** person per group per meeting.
- One person receives only **one** fellowship during his/her PhD thesis **and one** as a postdoc.

\* optimal deadline for applications for the FENS Forum

\*\* optimal deadline for applications for the SfN meeting

The fellowships are **CHF 700.-** for meetings in Europe and **CHF 1500.-** for meetings outside Europe. Detailed information (guidelines) is available on the SSN website.

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