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This email newsletter is sent to scientists who are members of Federation societies, affiliates, plus interested governmental agency officials. Its goal is to inform researchers in the field about Federation activities, federal funding issues, and other relevant topics.

If you would like to learn about the Federation's foundation, i.e., Foundation for the Advancement of Behavioral & Brain Sciences, please visit <http://www.fabbs.org>.

FEDERATION AND FABBS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Federation of Behavioral, Psychological and Cognitive Sciences (Federation) is seeking an Executive Director to manage and direct all activities of the Federation and its sister organization, the Foundation for the Advancement of Behavioral and Brain Sciences (FABBS). The Federation is a 501(c)6 dues-supported coalition of scientific organizations and affiliates. Affiliates are either academic (including university departments and regional psychological associations) or corporate. The Federation represents the interests of scientists that conduct research in the areas of behavioral, psychological, cognitive, and brain sciences, focusing its efforts on advocacy and education at the Federal level and on communicating information to scientists about relevant policy and legislative matters. FABBS is a 501(c)3 organization that works to educate the public and other scientists about the importance of behavioral and brain sciences.

The Executive Director provides inspired leadership to ensure that the missions of the Federation and FABBS are successfully carried out. The Executive Director works with the Boards of Directors of both organizations on setting their strategic directions and policies. The Executive Director is the chief spokesperson for the Federation and is responsible for crafting and delivering key messages and representing the Federation's advocacy activities to Federal agencies, including members of Congress and their staff, and Executive Branch officials. He or she also develops creative educational programming and cultivates sources of funding for activities and special projects of the Federation and FABBS. The Executive Director has overall responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the Federation and FABBS, supervises the staff, and oversees the advocacy, programmatic, financial, and management operations of the organizations.

For full job description and how to apply, visit:
http://www.fbpcs.org/docs/fbpcs_ed_job_description.pdf

SCIENCE FORUM ADDRESSES WORK AND AGING AND ENGAGES AUDIENCE

The Federation and the Society for Industrial Organizational Psychology (SIOP) hosted a science forum on the topic of Work and Aging on March 18th . This forum addressed the impact the aging workforce on public, private, and military organizations. The speakers were: Ruth Kanfer (Georgia Institute of Technology), Jeanette N. Cleveland (Pennsylvania State University), Elissa L. Perry (Teachers College, Columbia University), Janet Barnes-Farrell (University of Connecticut), Deborah Russell (AARP), Amber Story (National Science Foundation), and Jonathan W. King (National Institute on Aging). Kurt Kraiger (Colorado State University), incoming President-Elect of SIOP, moderated the day's events. Science forums aim to initiate a dialogue between relevant stakeholders about current research and future research needs. To that end, the speakers and attendees engaged in a lively and informative discussion throughout the day. The audience included representatives from government agencies, private organizations, and universities including the U.S. Government Accountability Office, FAA, U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging, Society for Human Resource Management, Human Resources Research Organization, National Council on Aging, University of Maryland, Georgia Institute of Technology, and the University of North Carolina.

To learn more about this event, download copies of materials presented, or view pictures, visit: http://www.fbpcs.org/events/2008_SIOP

THOMPSON HONORED IN FABBS' PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTING IMPORTANT SCIENTISTS

Richard Thompson, PhD, the Keck Professor of Psychology and Biological Sciences at the University of Southern California, is the current scientist featured in the FABBS' program which honors outstanding individuals. Dr. John W. Moore (University of Massachusetts, Amherst) nominated Thompson for this honor and contacted colleagues and friends to contribute to this effort. Thompson's work on the neurobiology of learning and memory has greatly added to the field of behavioral neuroscience. To learn more about his career and contributions, please visit: http://www.fabbs.org/thompson_honor.html. Also note the gallery of scientists who have previously been honored in this way. Congratulations to Richard Thompson on this honor.

CHRISTINE BACHRACH APPOINTED ACTING-DIRECTOR OF OBSSR

Christine A. Bachrach, PhD, chief of the Demographic and Behavioral Sciences branch at NICHD, has been appointed acting-director of the Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research (OBSSR) at NIH succeeding David Abrams. She can be contacted at bachracc@mail.nih.gov.

HEARING ON BASIC SCIENCE RESEARCH, SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE, SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

In a friendly hearing, Sub-committee chairman Sen. Kerry gave his strong support for basic science, noting that the private sector has virtually abandoned basic research and the critical role now played by governmental science funding. He expressed his dismay at the administration's failure to support full funding for the America COMPETES Act. Most of the hearing was devoted to eliciting from the witnesses, John Marburger, the President's science advisor, Arden Bement, the Director of NSF and James Turner, the head of NIST, arguments for increased funding for basic science. The most important thing in the hearing was what was not said. All three witnesses supported funding for all basic sciences, not just for physical sciences. Senator Kerry held out some hope that the Senate would be able to put back into the supplemental appropriation bill the funds for NSF that were taken out at the last minute in the

omnibus budget bill.

For more information, please visit: http://commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Hearings.Hearing&Hearing_ID=a020f010-4d33-4c09-8056-ca6abdb2182a

NEW PROGRAM AT NSF: VIRTUAL ORGANIZATIONS AS SOCIOTECHNICAL SYSTEMS (VOSS)

The Virtual Organizations as Sociotechnical Systems (VOSS) program supports scientific research directed at advancing the understanding of what constitutes effective virtual organizations and under what conditions virtual organizations can enable and enhance scientific, engineering, and education production and innovation. Levels of analysis may include (but are not limited to) individuals, groups, organizations, and institutional arrangements. Disciplinary perspectives may include (but are not limited to) anthropology, complexity sciences, computer and information sciences, decision and management sciences, economics, engineering, organization theory, organizational behavior, social and industrial psychology, public administration, and sociology. Research methods may span a broad variety of qualitative and quantitative methods, including (but not limited to): ethnographies, surveys, simulation studies, experiments, comparative case studies, and network analyses. VOSS funded research must be grounded in theory and rooted in empirical methods. It must produce broadly applicable and transferable results that augment knowledge and practice of virtual organizations as a modality. VOSS does not support proposals that aim to implement or evaluate individual virtual organizations.

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BARBARA WANCHISEN LEAVES AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It was a bittersweet moment on March 17 when officers of the Federation and FABBS gathered with Barb's friends from the Washington area to wish her well in her new position as Director of the Board on Behavioral, Cognitive and Sensory Sciences at the National Academies/National Research Council. There were testimonials, laughter, tears and an announcement of an "In Honor Of..." campaign in her honor. To learn more about her career and contributions, visit: http://www.fabbs.org/wanchisen_honor.html.

Barb said it was a bit overwhelming and thanked all who had helped her over the years. All who have worked with Barb and watched the growth and flourishing of the Federation and FABBS during the past 6 years will miss her.

REPORTS & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

No Child Left Behind Act: Education Actions Could Improve the Targeting of School Improvement Funds to Schools Most in Need of Assistance. GAO-08-380, February 29.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-08-380>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d08380high.pdf>

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH

Autism Gene Scans Converge on Two Suspect Sites, Two Types of Genetic Risk

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2008/autism-gene-scans-converge-on-two-suspect-sites-two-types-of-genetic-risk.shtml>

Past Child Abuse Plus Variations in Gene Result in Potent PTSD Risk for Adults

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2008/past-child-abuse-plus-variations-in-gene-result-in-potent-ptsd-risk-for-adults.shtml>

State Survey Finds FDA "Black Box" Warning Correlates with Curtailed Antidepressant Prescriptions

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2008/state-survey-finds-fda-black-box-warning-correlates-with-curtailed-antidepressant-prescriptions.shtml>

FEDERATION SOCIETIES' ANNUAL MEETINGS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2008

APRIL

SOCIETY FOR INDUSTRIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

San Francisco, CA: April 10 - 12

www.siop.org

MAY

ASSOCIATION FOR APPLIED PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGY AND BIOFEEDBACK

Daytona Beach, FL: May 15 - 18

www.aapb.org

ASSOCIATION FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS INTERNATIONAL

Chicago, IL: May 23 - 27

www.abainternational.org

JUNE

INTERNATIONAL BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE SOCIETY

St. Thomas, VI: June 17 - 22

www.ibnshomepage.org

BEHAVIOR GENETICS ASSOCIATION

Louisville, KY: June 25 - 28

www.bga.org

JULY

COGNITIVE SCIENCE SOCIETY

Washington, DC: July 23 - 26

www.cognitivesciencesociety.org

SOCIETY FOR BEHAVIORAL NEUROENDOCRINOLOGY

Groningen, Netherlands: July 7 - 10

www.sbn.org

SOCIETY FOR MATHEMATICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Washington, DC: July 26 - 29

www.cogs.indiana.edu/socmathpsych

AUGUST

AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Boston, MA: August 14 - 17

www.apa.org

SEPTEMBER

HUMAN FACTORS AND ERGONOMICS SOCIETY

New York, NY: September 22 - 26

www.hfes.org

SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH IN PSYCHOPATHOLOGY

Pittsburgh, PA: September 25 - 28

www.psychopathology.org

OCTOBER

SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGICAL RESEARCH

Austin, TX: October 1 - 5

www.sprweb.org

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

New York, NY: October 22 - 25

www.nanonline.org

SOCIETY FOR EXPERIMENTAL SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

Sacramento, CA: October 24 - 25

www.sesp.org

NOVEMBER

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOBIOLOGY

Washington, DC: November 12 - 15

www.isdp.org

PSYCHONOMIC SOCIETY

Chicago, IL: November 13 - 16

www.psychonomic.org

SOCIETY FOR JUDGMENT AND DECISION MAKING

Chicago, IL: November 22 - 24

www.sjdm.org

SOCIETY FOR COMPUTERS IN PSYCHOLOGY

TBA

<http://home.scip.ws>

TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON...

MASSACHUSETTS NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

TBA

www.massneuropsychology.org

SOCIETY OF MULTIVARIATE EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

TBA

www.smep.org

PLEASE SUPPORT THE BEHAVIORAL & BRAIN SCIENCES

The Foundation for the Advancement of Behavioral and Brain Sciences (FABBS) is an educational, non-profit organization established to promote and enhance understanding of the behavioral, psychological, cognitive, and brain sciences. Created to take over a substantial part

of the educational mission of the Federation of Behavioral, Psychological, and Cognitive Sciences on behalf of its constituent sciences, FABBS focuses its efforts in three directions. One is to educate the public about the contributions of these important fields to the well-being of individuals and society. A second is to educate Congressional staff and others in the Federal Government about our sciences (as distinct from lobbying them, which is the sole purview of the Federation). The third is to facilitate productive dialogue between scientists and relevant stakeholders in the public and private sector on topics at the intersection of science and public policy, such as human subject protections and new but risky scientific directions. We urge you to respond generously as the future health of our scientific enterprise is at stake. The President of FABBS is Susan Fiske (Princeton University).

Please visit: <http://www.fabbs.org>

NOTE: The current featured scientist on the FABBS site is Dr. Richard Thompson. To learn more about him, visit: http://www.fabbs.org/thompson_honor.html

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