

This Week's News and Reflections (04/20/07)
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This email newsletter is sent to members of the Federation plus interested governmental agency officials. Its goal is to inform researchers in the field about Federation activities, funding issues, and other relevant topics.

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**MICHAEL POSNER HONORED FOR OUTSTANDING
ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

Colleagues and former students joined together to honor the work, creativity, as well as personal contributions made by Michael Posner, PhD (University of Oregon; Weill College of Medicine at Cornell). Posner has been actively and meaningfully changing the face of behavioral science since the 1960's and shows no signs of stopping. He joins the impressive list of Honorees in the Foundation for the Advancement of Behavioral and Brain Sciences (FABBS) special program devoted to highlighting important scientists in the field. Thanks are extended to Raymond Klein (Dalhousie University) and James Pomerantz, PhD (Rice University) for organizing the effort on Michael Posner's behalf. We extend our congratulations and warm wishes to Dr. Posner at this time. If you would like to read about this tribute, and discover who else is listed in the FABBS gallery of scholars thus far, visit: http://www.fabbs.org/Posner_Honor.html

**SCHIFF & WEGNER EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON
UNDERSTANDING CONSCIOUSNESS AS APPLIED TO REAL-
WORLD CASES SUCH AS TERRI SCHIAVO**

A standing-room-only crowd gathered inside the American Association for the Advancement of Science in DC to hear a provocative and information pair of presentations on understanding consciousness, especially in brain-trauma cases. Nicholas Schiff, MD (Weill College of Medicine at Cornell) and Daniel Wegner, PhD (Harvard University) provided an outstanding and well-orchestrated set of presentations while the audience listened attentively and asked well-considered and interesting questions. With this event, the Foundation for the Advancement of the Behavioral and Brain Sciences (FABBS) marked its third in a series of local science cafes aimed at informing the public about the relevance that our science has for understanding important issues of the day. FABBS' President James Pomerantz kicked off the festivities, acknowledged the American Psychological Association for its sponsorship of the event, and indicated appreciation for the public's interest in our work.

For the full article, picture gallery, and powerpoint slides, visit this link:
http://www.fabbs.org/Events/March_2007_Cafe/index.html

NSF RE-AUTHORIZATION ACT INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE: NEW INVESTIGATORS UP FOR SEED MONEY

Earlier this week, the House of Representatives introduced H.R. 1867, the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2007, a bill designed to cover appropriations for the NSF for three years: 2008-2010. This bill provides for \$21 billion dollars over that time span and continues the push for interdisciplinary research as well as “broader impacts” which involve research areas “that have been identified as having high importance for future national economic competitiveness, such as nanotechnology” (Sec. 7). Note that this bill does not specifically indicate which areas should or could be favored in the competitiveness domain, but as you know we are keeping an eye on all language related to NSF appropriations to encourage that the social and behavioral sciences receive their fare share.

Additionally, this bill seeks to establish a pilot program to fund new investigators with seed money in a more structured way. Apparently some directorates at NSF already do this on an ad hoc basis but the House would like this to become more regularized across the NSF. Also, on the hot topic of open access, Sec. 11 reaffirms existing policy in terms of how data are shared, with no new rules on increasing or expanding the exposure of data obtained under NSF funding.

This is, of course, a first step in authorizing NSF for three more years. Also you might note that this bill was introduced by Brian Baird (D-WA), who holds a PhD in Psychology.

To read the full bill visit the link below and click the drop-down menu that says “word/phrase” and select “bill number” and type in “HR1867,” then hit “search”:

<http://thomas.loc.gov/home/c110query.html>

HUMAN FACTORS & ERGONOMICS SOCIETY TO HOLD “LIVING ROOMS” CONFERENCE IN DC

About the Conference: Co-chaired by HFES Past President Barry H. Beith and IDSA Past President Ron B. Kemnitzer, this collaborative conference is based on the premise that the home will become a vital health care venue over the next 15-20 years as Baby Boomers grow older and put increased strain on the medical system. It brings together human factors practitioners and industrial designers to examine, discuss, and interact with one another about how to design products and homes that meet these needs. To learn more about this meeting and to register, visit:

<http://www.hfes.org/web/HFESMeetings/07livingrooms.html>

BUILDING A BETTER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE

Two online resources now available by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will help mental health and substance abuse professionals to organize and strengthen efforts around workforce development.

An Action Plan for Behavioral Health Workforce Development provides an overview of key findings of a multiyear process that showed how public and private collaboration by diverse stakeholders can strengthen the behavioral health workforce. This Action Plan articulates specific, actionable objectives to assist the Nation in transforming the behavioral health service delivery systems.

Strengthening Professional Identity: Challenges of the Addictions Treatment Workforce summarizes trends in addictions treatment that will help mental health and substance abuse professionals understand the challenges facing the addictions treatment workforce. This report addressed issues of recruitment, retention and staff development and provides

recommendations for improving management, recruitment, education and accreditation, retention, and workforce infrastructure.

Both publications are available: http://www.samhsa.gov/matrix2/matrix_workforce.aspx.
For related publications and information, visit <http://www.samhsa.gov/>.

FEDERAL REPORTS & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Grant Proposal Guide, June 2007 [gpg07140]

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=gpg07140

New Study Says Women and Their Managers Differ on Career Advancement in Chemical Companies [pr07031]

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=pr07031

Federal Science and Engineering Support to Universities, Colleges, and Nonprofit Institutions: FY 2004 [nsf07316]

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07316

Type: Statistical Reports on U.S. Science

Survey Reveals Family Ties and Traditional Activities Keep Arctic Communities Vital [pr07030] http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=pr07030

Cyberinfrastructure Vision for 21st Century Discovery [nsf0728]

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf0728

Urban Challenge: How to Design a Self-Driving Car

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=ma07010

FAQ for Explosives and Related Threats: Frontiers in Prediction and Detection (EXP) and Domestic Nuclear Detection Office/National Science Foundation Academic Research Initiative (ARI) Solicitations NSF 07-528 and NSF 07-545 URL :

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07031

GENERAL ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

No Child Left Behind Act: Education Actions May Help Improve Implementation and Evaluation of Supplemental Educational Services. GAO-07-738T, April 18

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-738T>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07738thigh.pdf>

Emergency Preparedness: Current Emergency Alert System Has Limitations, and Development of a New Integrated System Will Be Challenging. GAO-07-411, March 30.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-411>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07411high.pdf>

Disaster Preparedness: Better Planning Would Improve OSHA's Efforts to Protect Workers' Safety and Health in Disasters. GAO-07-193, March 28.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-193>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07193high.pdf>

No Child Left Behind Act: Education Assistance Could Help States Better Measure Progress of Students with Limited English Proficiency, by Cornelia M. Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, before the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, House Committee on Education and Labor. GAO-07-646T, March 23.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-646T>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07646thigh.pdf>

Drug Safety: FDA Needs to Further Address Shortcomings in Its Postmarket Decision-making Process, by Marcia Crosse, Director, Health Care, before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, House Committee on Energy and Commerce. GAO-07-599T, March 22.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-599T>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07599thigh.pdf>

Data Mining: Early Attention to Privacy in Developing a Key DHS Program Could Reduce Risks. GAO-07-293, February 28.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-293>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07293high.pdf>

FEDERATION SOCIETY NEWS CORNER...

Upcoming Federation society annual meetings:

APRIL

Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology

April 27-29, New York, NY

www.siop.org

MAY/JUNE

Association for Behavior Analysis

May 25-29, San Diego, CA

www.abainternational.org

Behavior Genetics Association

June 3-6, Amsterdam, Netherlands

www.bga.org

International Behavioral Neuroscience Society

June 12-16, Rio De Janiero, Brasil

www.ibnshomepage.org

Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology

June 21-24, Pacific Grove, CA

www.sbn.org

JULY/AUGUST

American Psychological Association

August 17-20, San Francisco, CA

www.apa.org

Cognitive Science Society

August 1-4, Nashville, TN

www.cognitivesciencesociety.org

Society for Mathematical Psychology

July 25-28, Costa Mesa, CA

www.cogs.indiana.edu/socmathpsych

OCTOBER

Human Factors and Ergonomics Society

October 1-5, Baltimore, MD

www.hfes.org

International Society for Developmental Psychobiology

Oct 31 – Nov 4, San Diego, CA

www.isdp.org

Society for Experimental Social Psychology

October 11-13, Chicago, IL

www.sesp.org

Society of Multivariate Experimental Psychology

October TBA

www.smep.org

Society for Psychophysiological Research

October 17-21, Savannah, GA

www.sprweb.org

Society for Research in Psychopathology

October 4-7, Iowa City, IO

www.psychopathology.org

NOVEMBER

National Academy of Neuropsychology

November 14-18, Scottsdale, AZ

www.nanonline.org

Psychonomic Society

November 15-18, Long Beach, CA

www.psychonomic.org

Society for Computers in Psychology

November 15, Long Beach, CA

<http://home.scip.ws>

Society for Judgment and Decision Making

November 17-19, Long Beach, CA

www.sjdm.org

PLEASE SUPPORT THE BEHAVIORAL & BRAIN SCIENCES

No doubt the most significant activity the Federation has engaged in during the past year is the creation of the **Foundation for the Advancement of the Behavioral and Brain Sciences** (FABBS). The Federation developed FABBS as a vehicle for supporting and expanding this work. In short, FABBS was created to take over much of the task of

educating the public and their congressional representatives about the behavioral and brain sciences and the contributions these disciplines make to society. FABBS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose work is supported by tax-deductible contributions and grants. We urge you to respond generously as the future health of our scientific enterprise is at stake. *The President of FABBS is James Pomerantz (Rice University), the Vice President is Susan Fiske (Princeton University), the Secretary is Elaine Hull (Florida State University), and the Treasurer is Judith Albino (University of Colorado).* Please visit: www.fabbs.org.

NOTE: The current featured scientist on the FABBS site is Michael Posner. To read about this honor, visit: http://www.fabbs.org/Posner_Honor.html.

Have a great weekend and keep those cards and letters coming! ☺

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Executive Director

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