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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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BOWER RECEIVES 2005 NATIONAL MEDAL OF SCIENCE

President Bush recently named the recipients of the 2005 National Medal of Science. The list of eight noteworthy scientists includes Gordon Bower, PhD. Bower, a luminary in cognitive psychology, is the Albert Ray Lang Professor Emeritus at Stanford University. He received his PhD (with distinction) in 1959 from Yale University, obtained a post at Stanford, and has remained there to this day. Bower has numerous honors to his credit, including being elected to the National Academy of Science and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Since behavioral scientists are not typically acknowledged with the National Medal of Science, Bower's citation is especially important to the field. (Note that in 2003, Duncan Luce, PhD (University of California, Irvine) also received this award.) Sincerest congratulations are extended to Dr. Bower! For a list of all recipients, visit:
<http://www.nsf.gov/od/nms/results.cfm?action=find>

COHEN NAMED TO NCCAM ADVISORY COUNCIL

The National Center of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM), at the National Institutes of Health, has announced that six new members will join its Advisory Council. One of the new members is Sheldon Cohen, PhD, notable experimental psychologist from Carnegie Mellon University. To read about this Center and obtain information on the Advisory Council, visit:
<http://www.nih.gov/news/pr/jun2007/nccam-21.htm>

3 NIH FUNDING MECHANISMS: "BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH ON UNDERSTANDING AND REDUCING HEALTH DISPARITIES" AND "ADVANCING NOVEL SCIENCE IN WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH" AND "RESEARCH ON INTERVENTIONS THAT PROMOTE RESEARCH CAREERS"

The National Institutes of Health has announced three interesting funding opportunities that may be of interest to all of you. Please consider applying and/or forwarding this information onto your colleagues.

The first is an R01 called **“Behavioral and Social Science Research on Understanding and Reducing Health Disparities”** that has an opening date of July 19. The NIH Executive Summary states this purpose: To encourage behavioral and social science research on the causes and solutions to health and disabilities disparities in the U. S. population. Health disparities between, on the one hand, racial/ethnic populations, lower socioeconomic classes, and rural residents and, on the other hand, the overall U.S. population are major public health concerns. Emphasis is placed on research in and among three broad areas of action: 1) Public policy, 2) health care, and 3) disease/disability prevention. Particular attention is given to reducing “health gaps” among groups. Proposals that utilize an interdisciplinary approach, investigate multiple levels of analysis, incorporate a life-course perspective, and/or employ innovative methods such as system science or community-based participatory research are particularly encouraged.

To learn more about this opportunity, visit:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-07-379.html>

The second opportunity is an R21 mechanism called **“Advancing Novel Science in Women’s Health Research”** with an opening date of August 16th. The NIH Executive Summary states this purpose: The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), issued by the Office of Research on Women’s Health (ORWH) and co-sponsoring NIH institutes and centers (ICs), is to promote innovative, interdisciplinary research that will advance new concepts in women’s health research and the study of sex/gender differences. Recent research reports have established the importance of studying issues specific to women, including the scientific and clinical importance of analyzing data separately for females and males. ORWH is particularly interested in encouraging extramural investigators to undertake new interdisciplinary research to advance studies on how sex and gender factors affect women’s health; however, applications in all areas of women’s health and/or sex/gender research are invited.

To learn more about this opportunity, visit:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAS-07-381.html>

Third is an R01 on **“Research on Interventions that Promote Research Careers”** with an opening date of September 24th. The NIH states this purpose: The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support research that will test assumptions regarding existing or potential interventions that are intended to increase the preparedness for careers in biomedical and behavioral research, with a particular interest in those interventions specifically designed to increase the number of underrepresented minority students entering careers in biomedical and behavioral research. The proposed research need not be restricted to underrepresented minority students. Comparative research which analyses the experience of all ethnicities in order to place that of underrepresented students in context and to learn whether and how interventions should be tailored to make more underrepresented students successful in biomedical careers may well be particularly illuminating and is, therefore, encouraged.

To learn more about this funding opportunity, visit:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-GM-08-005.html>

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM SEEKS PROPOSALS

The National Institute of Mental Health invites applicants to submit proposals from organizations interested in becoming Outreach Partners in the following states or regions:

New York City, North Dakota, Puerto Rico, Southern California, Texas Border Region, and Virginia. Charitable non-profit organizations that conduct statewide or regional outreach that focuses on mental illness and/or substance abuse disorders interested in becoming Outreach Partners are invited to participate in this competitive process.

The NIMH Outreach Partnership Program is a nationwide educational outreach initiative, with support from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), and in cooperation with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The Program enlists organizations in each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to facilitate and increase the utilization of science-based information in their respective states.

The Solicitation is located on the Program's Web site at

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partners/solicitation.cfm>.

HUMAN RESEARCH PROTECTIONS FAQs

The Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP) has posted a new set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on informed consent. The informed consent FAQs can be accessed on: <http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/faq.html>.

FEDERAL REPORTS & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

New Imaging Technique Could Promote Early Detection of Multiple Sclerosis

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=pr07072

News Releases Biology

NSF Regional Grants Conference - October 22-23, 2007, in Portland, OR.

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=reggrntsconf07

Research Issues in the International Migration of Highly Skilled Workers: A Perspective with Data from the United States [srs07203]

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=srs07203

Statistical Reports on U.S. Science, Statistical Reports on the Science and Engineering Work Force

Research Experiences for Undergraduates [nsf07569]

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07569

Program Announcements & Information

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07570

Program Announcements & Information: Education

NSF Funding to Advance Research on Interplay Between Biology and Society

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=pr07069

News Releases Biology, Social/Behavioral Sciences

Federal Funds for Research and Development: Fiscal Years 2004-06 [nsf07323]

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07323

Statistical Reports on U.S. Science, Statistical Reports on Research and Development Funding and Performance

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

New Study Will Examine Effects of Excluding Anti-anxiety Medications in Medicare Part D Coverage http://www.nimh.nih.gov/press/ettner_grant.cfm

Male Veterans Have Double the Suicide Rate of Civilians
<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/press/vetsuicide.cfm>

Gene Variants Linked to Suicidal Thoughts in Some Men Starting Antidepressant Treatment
http://www.nimh.nih.gov/press/perlis_stard_genes.cfm

NIMH Funds Research for Early Intervention in Childhood Bipolar Disorder
http://www.nimh.nih.gov/press/CouncilGrant_Miklowitz.cfm

Antipsychotic Medications for Schizophrenia on Equal Footing in Improving Patients' Thinking Skills
http://www.nimh.nih.gov/press/catie_neurocog.cfm

“NIDA NOTES” REPORTS: NIDA's first-ever public meeting on issues surrounding opiate pain relievers and their potential for addiction was a success, with more than 500 people in attendance at the Natcher Auditorium. Dr. Nora Volkow opened the conference with a discussion of research into pain and opioids as a NIDA priority. Speakers from around the country discussed the science behind opioid addiction, the development of a newer generation of pain relievers devoid of tolerance or dependence, real-time functional magnetic resonance imaging (rtfMRI) as a tool to allow patients to better manage their own pain, adolescent abuse of opioids, the benefits of opioid use when prescribed for cancer pain, and many other topics.

[View the webcast of the meeting \(Day 1\).](#)

[View the webcast of the meeting \(Day 2\).](#)

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Combating Terrorism: Law Enforcement Agencies Lack Directives to Assist Foreign Nations to Identify, Disrupt, and Prosecute Terrorists. GAO-07-697, May 25.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-697>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07697high.pdf>

Avian Influenza: USDA Has Taken Important Steps to Prepare for Outbreaks, but Better Planning Could Improve Response. GAO-07-652.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-652>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07652high.pdf>

Hurricane Katrina: EPA's Current and Future Environmental Protection Efforts Could Be Enhanced by Addressing Issues and Challenges Faced on the Gulf Coast. GAO-07-651, June 25.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-651>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07651high.pdf>

Department of Homeland Security: Science and Technology Directorate's Expenditure Plan. GAO-07-868, June 22.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-868>

Defense Contracting: Use of Undefined Contract Actions Understated and Definitization Time Frames Often Not Met. GAO-07-559, June 19.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-559>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07559high.pdf>

Federal Research: Policies Guiding the Dissemination of Scientific Research from Selected Agencies Should Be Clarified and Better Communicated. GAO-07-653, May 17.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-653>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07653high.pdf>

Science and Technology: Information on Federal Programs and Interagency Efforts That Support Small Businesses Engaged in Manufacturing. GAO-07-714, May 18.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-714>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07714high.pdf>

Women and Low-Skilled Workers: Other Countries' Policies and Practices That May Help These Workers Enter and Remain in the Labor Force. GAO-07-817, June 14.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-817>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07817high.pdf>

Peacekeeping: Observations on Costs, Strengths, and Limitations of U.S. and UN Operations, by Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade, before the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, House Committee on Foreign Affairs. GAO-07-998T, June 13.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-998T>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07998thigh.pdf>

FEDERATION SOCIETY NEWS CORNER...

Upcoming Federation society annual meetings:

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 18-20, Chapel Hill, NC

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 Christopher Wickens. To read about this honor, visit: http://www.fabbs.org/wickens_honor.html.

Have a great weekend – happy Independence Day!

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