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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.

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

CAPITOL HILL EXHIBITION: ALBERS DEMONSTRATES VALUE OF NSF FUNDING OF BEHAVIORAL, BRAIN SCIENCES

Each year, the Federation participates in a special Capitol Hill exhibition to promote funding for the National Science Foundation. This exhibition is organized via the Coalition for National Science Funding, a DC-based coalition which has some 100 organizations in its member roster, the vast majority of which represent the physical, mathematical and life sciences. (See www.cnsfweb.org for more information on the coalition.)

This year we hosted Elliott Albers, PhD, Regents Professor, of Georgia State University. Albers presented information about the Center for Behavioral Neuroscience, which includes collaboration with many universities in the Atlanta area; Albers serves as Director. The faculty work in teams called “collaboratories” enabling them to pursue cross-cutting and fascinating issues, with a focus on social behavior. Part of our exhibit included an application of work done in understanding the etiology and reduction of fear, involving a virtual reality demonstration called “Virtual Iraq.” This virtual reality apparatus can be paired with other therapies to assist in returning soldiers’ recovery from PTSD.

Other behaviorally-oriented exhibits at the Annual Exhibition included offerings from the American Psychological Association and the American Educational Research Association (two member societies of the Federation), plus the American Sociological Association and the Society for Research in Child Development.

The Federation exhibit was quite popular – please visit the link below for further information on the exhibition and a picture gallery:
http://www.thefederationonline.org/events/Other/2007_CNSF.php

FABBS ANNOUNCES ROSENTHAL AS SPECIAL HONOREE FOR OUTSTANDING WORK IN BEHAVIORAL AND BRAIN SCIENCES

Robert Rosenthal, PhD (University of California – Riverside) is the featured honoree on the pages of the Foundation for the Advancement of Behavioral and Brain Sciences (FABBS). His groundbreaking research on self-fulfilling prophecy as well as major contributions to experimental design and data analysis earn him a place of high regard in the field.

Rosenthal's work has affected the course of the science and the lives of many students and colleagues. This FABBS honor was spearheaded by Peter Blanck, PhD (Syracuse University) and Robert Feldman, PhD (University of Massachusetts) and, as of this writing, 18 individuals have come forward to make this special recognition possible. We congratulate Dr. Rosenthal and encourage you to visit this link to learn more about his work: http://www.fabbs.org/rosenthal_honor.html

FIEZ, LARSEN FIRST AWARDEES IN NEW NIGMS BEHAVIORAL – BIO TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM

{Here is a press release from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences that announces the result of its first round of training grants at the behavioral-biological interface. This is a terrific start to this important program and we congratulate Drs. Fiez and Larsen. Please consider applying for a future round.}

NIGMS Funds Inaugural Programs to Train Scientists at Behavioral-Biomedical Sciences Interface

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) has funded its first two programs to train scientists to work at the critical juncture of behavioral and biomedical research. The programs are designed to integrate rigorous biomedical research training with training in basic behavioral research and to address health issues that cut across disciplines.

The new pre-doctoral training programs are led by Julie A. Fiez, Ph.D., a professor of psychology and neuroscience at the University of Pittsburgh; and Randall S. Larsen, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Psychology at Washington University in St. Louis.

Fiez's "Behavioral Brain Research Training Program" will provide graduate students who are committed to research at the interface of the behavioral and brain sciences with foundational training in both behavioral and neuroscience methods and approaches. This program is jointly coordinated with the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University.

Larsen's "Training at the Interface of Psychology, Neuroscience, and Genetics" will develop basic behavioral scientists with rigorous, broad-based training in either neuroscience or genetics.

NIGMS announced its interest in funding pre-doctoral research training at the behavioral-biomedical sciences interface in July 2006, and the Fiez and Larsen applications were among the first group submitted in response. The funding opportunity is ongoing, so subsequent application cycles could lead to additional programs. For more information on this training activity, see

<http://www.nigms.nih.gov/Training/Mechanisms/NRSA/InstPredoc/#behavioral>.

SPECIAL FUNDING AT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Title: A Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) DoD Counterintelligence Field Activity Behavioral Science Directorate

SOL: Reference-Number-Baa-CIFA-DB-07-01

The purpose of the research is (1) to develop, test and evaluate the application (translation) of known principles and findings of the behavioral and social sciences to enhancing capabilities relevant to current and future intelligence, counter-intelligence, and human

intelligence collection; and (2) to understand threats to national security in terms of the principles and methods of the social and behavioral sciences. A portion of the funding may be made available for meritorious proposals from minority institutions and historically Black colleges and universities, and these entities are encouraged to participate.

No consideration can be given to purely fundamental (basic) research projects (e.g., mechanisms of memory, affect or performance). However, support will be given to projects that have both basic and applied components; for example, where investigations in laboratory settings help us to understand specific complexities in the field, or where basic and applied approaches are directed concurrently at the same problem.

Each proposal will be evaluated by a government technical team in accordance with the criteria established herein. Those proposals determined to be responsive to the BAA, receive high technical ratings and are identified as complementing current research in service to ongoing CIFA operations will be given priority for funding. Proposals that are responsive and receive high technical ratings may also be funded but will generally be given a lower priority

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SPECIAL MEETING “BUILDING THE SCIENCE OF DISSEMINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION” AT NIH IN SEPTEMBER: CONSIDER ATTENDING

September 10-11, 2007

Natcher Conference Center (Building 45)

NIH Campus, Bethesda, MD

From The Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research:

This trans-NIH conference is part the new strategic prospectus of the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, which seeks to facilitate increased support for the “science of implementation” as a key avenue for moving behavioral and social science forward.

Specifically, the prospectus calls for research to understand the factors which are promoting or impeding the adoption, adaptation, implementation, and maintenance of evidence-based practices by health providers, insurers, policy makers, and the public.

Goals of the conference: 1 To explicate the state of the theory, methods, and practice of dissemination and implementation research. 2 To highlight where increased conceptual, empirical, and methodological development is needed, thus identifying challenges for the field. 3 To foster dissemination and implementation science with the ultimate goal of improving public health through the availability, adoption, adaptation, and sustained maintenance of efficacious approaches that improve the quality of health and human services. 4 To recruit additional researchers and develop a diverse community of scientists, thus fostering the interdisciplinary collaborations necessary to pursue such complex and multidimensional dissemination and implementation research.

For more information and to register, visit:

<http://obsr.od.nih.gov/di2007/index.html>

FEDERAL REPORTS & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of Minority Health opportunities

<http://www.omhrc.gov/templates/browse.aspx?lvl=1&lvlID=1>

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Family-Related Issues Top List of Reasons for Migration of Immigrant Scientists and Engineers to the U.S.

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=pr07073

News Releases, Social/Behavioral Sciences

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Intercollegiate Athletics: Recent Trends in Teams and Participants in National Collegiate Athletic Association Sports. GAO-07-535, July 12

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-535>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07535high.pdf>

Workforce Investment Act: Additional Actions Would Further Improve the Workforce System, by Sigurd R. Nilsen, director, education, workforce, and income security issues, before the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness, House Committee on Education and Labor. GAO-07-1051T, June 28.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-1051T>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d071051thigh.pdf>

Retirement Decisions: Federal Policies Offer Mixed Signals about When to Retire. GAO-07-753, July 11.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-753>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07753high.pdf>

Unmanned Aircraft Systems: Advance Coordination and Increased Visibility Needed to Optimize Capabilities. GAO-07-836, July 11.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-836>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07836high.pdf>

Defense Logistics: Efforts to Improve Distribution and Supply Support for Joint Military Operations Could Benefit from a Coordinated Management Approach. GAO-07-807, June 29. <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-807>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07807high.pdf>

AAAS PROFESSIONAL ETHICS REPORT

Professional Ethics Report (PER) is published by the AAAS Scientific Freedom, Responsibility and Law Program (SFRL), in conjunction with its Professional Society Ethics Group and the AAAS Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility.

SFRL is pleased to announce the completion of the 2007 Spring Edition of PER.

The quarterly newsletter, which has been in publication since 1988, reports on news and events, programs and activities, and resources related to professional ethics issues, with a particular focus on those professions whose members are engaged in scientific research and its applications. Both html and pdf versions of PER can be found at

<http://www.aaas.org/spp/sfrl/per/per.htm>.

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 Robert Rosenthal. To read about this honor, visit: http://www.fabbs.org/rosenthal_honor.html.

Have a great weekend!

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Executive Director

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