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Immediate Outlook for Science Funding is Positive

At the time our last newsletter was released, Congress was in the middle of passing the stimulus bill. Now, a few weeks later, the stimulus bill is behind us, and science fared well. NSF will receive \$3 billion, while NIH will receive \$10.4 billion (\$8.2 billion for research priorities at NIH, plus \$400 million for comparative effectiveness research). According to Capitol Hill staff, the Speaker of the House was "an incredible advocate for science and the main force in the money being available for science." On the Senate side, Senator Arlen Specter was a champion for NIH funding, pushing through substantial increases for the agency. With the stimulus bill signed, agencies have now turned their attention to how the money will be spent. [Announcements by the NSF Director and NIH Acting Director regarding the broad plans for spending can be found on our web site](#) or by [subscribing to our RSS feed](#).

Congress is now focused on FY 2009 appropriations that would fund agencies through September 30, 2009. While the federal fiscal year runs from October 1st to September 30th, most federal agencies have been operating under a Continuing Resolution or CR that expires on March 6th. Last week, the U.S. House passed an omnibus bill that combined the nine unfinished appropriations bills from last year into one. It provides a 2% increase for NIH and a 7% increase for NSF over FY 2008 funds. The Senate is taking up the omnibus bill this week.

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In parallel, the President is preparing his first budget request for Congress. On February 26th, the Office of Management and Budget released [a broad outline of the President's FY 2010 budget](#) which continues to show strong support for science. In late spring, a detailed budget will be presented. Through this newsletter and our [RSS feed](#), we will continue to provide updates on science funding.

NSF-Supported Study Examines Open Access

It is a common assumption that publishing research in open access journals and other free outlets will substantially increase the number of readers and citations. A study supported by NSF and published in the journal *Science* (February 20, 2009) challenges this thinking. The study, conducted by James Evans and Jacob Reimer of the University of Chicago, found that publications made available in an open source journal were read and cited more often, but making it available online in a commercial format increased the usage even more. According to the study authors, the benefits of open source publishing were more obvious in the developing world where researchers with limited resources were gaining access to information that may otherwise be unavailable to them.

[Read the full NSF press release](#)

Bill is Re-introduced to Overturn NIH's Public Access Policy

[Congressman John Conyers](#), Chair of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary, introduced legislation on February 3, 2009, that would overturn the NIH policy on public access. [The Fair Copyright in Research Works Act \(H.R. 801\)](#) would reverse the requirement that NIH-funded researchers put their manuscripts into a free online database. The bill, which has four cosponsors, was referred to the House Judiciary Committee. Conyers introduced a similar bill in the last Congress.

President's OSTP Nominee Describes Science Challenges to U.S. Senate Committee

On February 12, 2009, a confirmation hearing was held for John Holdren by the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Holdren was nominated by President Obama to lead the [White House Office of Science and Technology Policy \(OSTP\)](#). Holdren has been serving as Teresa and John Heinz Professor of Environmental Policy and Director of the Program on Science, Technology, and Public Policy at the [Kennedy School](#), as well as Professor of Environmental Science and Public Policy in the [Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Harvard University](#). In his confirmation hearing, Holdren emphasized the importance of sustaining federal investments in science, calling the "boom and bust" cycles disruptive to scientific progress. He also noted OSTP's role in ensuring that the President receive science and technology advice that is "as objective and accurate as the state

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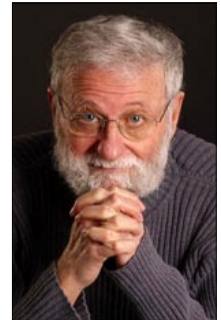
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of the relevant fields permit, regardless of political implications.”

[Read the full written testimony](#)

Honoring Donald Norman

Dr. Donald Norman, Professor of Computer Science, Psychology, and Cognitive Science at Northwestern University and Professor of Cognitive Science and Psychology, Emeritus, at the University of California, San Diego, is featured in the FABBS program which honors outstanding individuals. Dr. Jonathan Grudin (Microsoft Corporation) and Dr. Richard W. Pew (BBN Technologies) nominated Norman for this honor and contacted colleagues and friends to contribute to this effort.



Donald Norman, PhD

Norman lives two lives: theory and applications. As a cognitive scientist, he studies, teaches, and writes about the relationship between technology and people. In his applied life, he helps companies make products that appeal to the emotions as well as to reason. Norman brings a unique mix of the social sciences and engineering to bear on everyday products and was also a founding member of the Federation of Behavioral, Psychological, and Cognitive Sciences.

Congratulations to Donald Norman on this honor.

[Learn more about Norman's career and contributions](#)

See page 5 of this newsletter for a listing of the scientists who have previously been honored in this way.

Get Connected to News about Our Sciences



The Federation has launched a new easy-to-use communications tool, [a RSS feed](#), that will connect supporters to news and reports that affect the mind, brain, and behavior sciences. We encourage you to get connected! Our goal is to expand communications with our supporters by providing multiple, user-friendly channels for disseminating information that may be of interest to you. The [RSS feed](#) allows us to provide news or reports to you on an ongoing basis that you can access at your convenience by using a “reader.” For those who prefer e-mail communications, you may [subscribe to receive the same announcements \(arriving once a day when there are posts\) via e-mail](#).

Recent posts to our RSS feed include announcements about the President's FY 2010 budget, use of the stimulus funds at NIH and NSF, and details regarding a NIH training program.

Our monthly newsletter will continue to provide you with information on the Federation's advocacy efforts, funding opportunities, legislation and policies affecting our sciences, and other items of interest.

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MEMBER SOCIETY HIGHLIGHTS

American Psychological Association: APA's Board of Scientific Affairs is soliciting nominations for the **Departmental Award for Culture of Service in the Psychological Sciences** which recognizes departments that demonstrate a commitment to service in the psychological sciences. The deadline for nominations is April 1, 2009. [Get complete details](#)

Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society: The Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society sponsors an APA-approved continuing education lecture series. The next lecture will be:

"[Environmental Variables in the Development of the Brain](#)." with Margaret Sheridan, PhD — April 7, 2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3rd Annual Conference on Understanding Interventions that Broaden Participation in Research Careers (May 7-9, 2009, Bethesda, MD). Abstracts for presentations and workshops are due March 13, 2009.

[Learn more about the conference](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**NSF**

[Research related to the Environment, Society, and Economy](#)

[Science of Science and Innovation Policy \(SciSIP\)](#)

[Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship Program \(IGERT\)](#)

NIH

[Alcohol, Decision-Making, and Adolescent Brain Development \(R01\)](#)

[Alcohol, Decision-Making and Adolescent Brain Development \(R21\)](#)

[Alzheimer's Disease Core Centers \(P30\)](#)

[Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers \(P50\)](#)

[Childhood Obesity Prevention and Treatment Research Coordinating Unit \(U01\)](#)

[Childhood Obesity Prevention and Treatment Research Consortium \(U01\)](#)

[Initiative for Maximizing Student Development \(IMSD\) \(R25\)](#)

[Mechanisms of Alcohol and Nicotine Co-Dependence \(R01\)](#)

[Mechanisms of Alcohol and Nicotine Co-Dependence \(R21\)](#)

[NCMHD Health Disparities Research on Minority and Underserved Populations \(R01\)](#)

[NHLBI Career Transition Award \(K22\)](#)

[Suicide Prevention in Emergency Medicine Departments \(U01\)](#)

[Women's Mental Health and Sex/Gender Differences Research \(R01\)](#)

[Women's Mental Health and Sex/Gender Differences Research \(R21\)](#)

Federation of Behavioral, Psychological, and Cognitive Sciences *Mission Statement*

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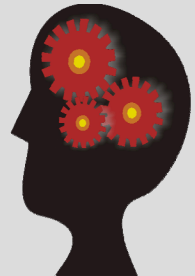
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The [Foundation for the Advancement of Behavioral and Brain Sciences](#) is an educational 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that promotes and enhances understanding of the mind, brain, and behavior sciences. It was created to take over a substantial part of the educational mission of the **Federation of Behavioral, Psychological, and Cognitive Sciences** on behalf of its constituent sciences.

The mission of the Foundation is education directed to two important audiences: the public and researchers. The first goal, to enhance the public's understanding of scientific research, is accomplished through educational programming and publications designed for non-scientists. The second goal, to facilitate the engagement of scientists in productive dialogue that will improve and expedite activities related to research, is met through the organization of conferences and seminars geared towards communication and interaction between those involved in the research process.

The end products of the successful fulfillment of their efforts include a society that is better equipped to understand the complex, scientific issues that are becoming a daily part of modern life, and a well-informed research community that is prepared to advance their field beyond current expectations and capabilities.



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FABBS continues its extremely successful “In Honor Of..” donation program through which donations are made to recognize accomplished scientists for the work they have done in their field. These scientists receive recognition on our website, including a biographical review and a list of those who contributed to the honoree's campaign.

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8/6/09 - 8/9/09 (Toronto, ON, Canada)

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4/1/09 - 4/4/09 (Albuquerque, NM)

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5/22/09 - 5/26/09 (Phoenix, AZ)

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6/17/09 - 6/20/09 (Minneapolis, MN)

[Cognitive Science Society](#)

7/30/09 - 8/1/09 (Amsterdam, Netherlands)

[Human Factors and Ergonomics Society](#)

10/19/09 - 10/23/09 (San Antonio, TX)

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6/9/09 - 6/14/09 (Manzanillo, Mexico)

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11/11/09 - 11/14/09 (New Orleans, LA)

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11/19/09 - 11/22/09 (Boston, MA)

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6/25/09 - 6/27/09 (East Lansing, MI)

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10/8/09 - 10/10/09 (Gleneden, OR)

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10/15/09 - 10/17/09 (Portland, ME)

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1/28/10 - 1/30/10 (Las Vegas, NV)

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10/21/09 - 10/24/09 (Berlin, Germany)

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9/10/09 - 9/13/09 (Minneapolis, MN)

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