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people, societies, unions, states, etc.
joined together for a common purpose

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Note from the Executive Director

We hope you enjoy the new look of our newsletter. Our goal is to provide you with information regarding activities that affect the funding or conduct of research in our fields and to identify new opportunities for funding — all in a format that is easy to read. You should be able to see the newsletter headlines in the e-mail version and the full text of the news briefs in the PDF. You may be prompted to click “allow” to access the links in this document. If you have any trouble with this new format or have suggestions for us regarding content, please feel free to send me an e-mail at PSkedsvold@fbpcs.org. We welcome your input regarding the work we do and ways we can communicate more effectively with you. And finally, thanks to Steve Schwark for his work on the new design!

Agencies Operating Under a Continuing Resolution

On October 1, 2008, the federal government began its new fiscal year operating under a Continuing Resolution. With most appropriations bills still

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awaiting passage as the fiscal year drew to a close, Congress extended funding for most federal programs at FY 2008 levels through March 6, 2009. Science advocates, including the Federation, had asked Congress to provide funding for NIH and NSF in the CR at the increased levels approved by appropriations committees. Despite this effort, the CR holds federal science agencies to FY 2008 funding levels. For agencies such as NIH and NSF that received increases under this summer's supplemental appropriations bill, funding for FY 2009 is actually below the total funding they received in FY 2008 – that is, until next year when the CR expires and Congress takes up appropriations again. Even then, it is uncertain how science will fare given the current economic climate.

Presidential Campaigns Respond to Questions About Science

[Science Debate 2008](#), an initiative begun at the grassroots level a year ago in an effort to bring science into the political discussions, asked the Presidential candidates their views on a wide array of policy issues to which science and technology can contribute. The initiative, which now has over 175 groups including the Federation supporting it, represents a significant step forward in bringing the concerns of scientists into the national discussions. While the political climate makes it difficult to raise the concerns of scientists, continuing this work beyond November (which is the current plan) could help raise awareness about the importance of investments in all of our sciences.

[See what the Presidential candidates have to say about fourteen major policy areas](#)

NSTC Issues Report on Expedited Review of Social and Behavioral Research Activities

The [National Science and Technology Council](#), the entity within the Executive Branch that coordinates science and technology policy across the Federal government, issued a report aimed at improving expedited review of social and behavioral sciences research. The report was developed by the NSTC Committee on Science's Human Subjects Research Subcommittee. According to Dr. John Marburger, the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, the goal of the report is to "help researchers, administrators, and reviewers recognize research activities that are eligible for expedited review so that they may avoid needless misunderstanding and delays in the review process." Its main contribution is in listing the types of research studies that could qualify for expedited review, going beyond the broad categories of research described in the regulations. Whether the report helps to improve the expedited review process will depend largely on how it is implemented at the local level.

[Access the full report](#)

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Federation Responds to Federal Notice on Human Research Protection Training

The Federation joined with our member organization, the [American Educational Research Association](#), and other professional societies to provide comments to the federal [Office for Human Research Protections](#) (OHRP) regarding possible new education and training requirements for those involved in human research protections. In the federal notice, OHRP stated that it had identified in the last several years “serious, systemic noncompliance” with the regulations and requested comments regarding whether the federal government should develop regulations or guidance directing institutions to develop education and training programs. Our letter encourages OHRP to conduct a systematic review of the causes of noncompliance (including whether there is adequate funding available at the institutional level for education) before issuing guidance or regulations in the area. Another member organization, the [American Psychological Association](#), submitted similar comments in a separate letter.

[Read the full text of the letter](#)

Federal Leadership Transitions

NIH Director Elias Zerhouni, M.D., will step down from his position at the end of October. He intends to “pursue writing projects and explore other professional opportunities.” He has served as Director of NIH since May 2002 and, during this time, launched a number of new programs including the NIH Roadmap, the NIH Neuroscience Blueprint, and the NIH Director’s Pioneer Award and New Innovator Programs. Also stepping down at NIH is Ting-Kai Li, M.D., Director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Dr. Li has served as Director since November 2002 and will retire from Federal service.

At NSF, Dr. David Lightfoot, Assistant Director for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences, will leave his position next year. Under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act, his term in the position is limited. He has served the SBE community well, and we wish him the best as he pursues new opportunities. A search is underway for his replacement. For more information about the search, please see the [Announcements](#) section in this newsletter.

Jean and George Mandler Honored in FABBS’ Program Highlighting Scientists



Jean Mandler, PhD

Dr. Jean and Dr. George Mandler, both Distinguished Professors of Psychology, Emeritus, at the University of California, San Diego, are featured in the FABBS program which honors outstanding individuals. Dr. Fergus Craik (Rotman Research Institute of Baycrest University) and Dr. Art Graesser (University of Memphis) nominated Jean and George Mandler for this honor and contacted colleagues and friends to contribute to this effort.

Dr. Jean Mandler has been a pioneer in shaping contemporary theories of cognitive development and the scope

of her research covers a wide span of knowledge representations, including animacy, spatial relations, concept hierarchies, scripted activities, story grammars, pictorial scenes and discourse.

Dr. George Mandler was a central figure in the cognitive revolution launched in the 1950's and 1960's, with signature contributions in the psychology of memory, consciousness, and emotions. He is particularly recognized for his research contributions in organization of memory, theories of recall and recognition, the return of studies of consciousness to the psychological sciences, and the integration of mind, body, and emotions.



George Mandler, PhD

Congratulations to Jean and George Mandler on this honor.

[Learn more about Jean and George Mandler's careers and contributions](#)

[View the gallery of scientists who have previously been honored in this way](#)

FABBS Brings Science Café to New York City

On October 10, 2008, FABBS will host its first Science Café in New York City. This Café, *Will People Believe Anything? The Psychology of Gullibility*, will feature Thomas D. Gilovich of Cornell University. Dr. Gilovich will present research on decision-making and the science behind the phenomenon of seeing order in randomness, superstitions, and wishful thinking.

[Visit the FABBS website for more information](#)

FABBS thanks the [American Psychological Association](#) for sponsoring this Café.

Announcements

Funding Opportunities

NIH

[Behavioral Pharmacology and Genetics: Translating and Targeting Individual Differences \(R03\)](#)

[Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies of Cerebral Cortical Development \(R21/R33\)](#)

[Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Centers 2009 \(P30\)](#)

[Roadmap Transformative R01 Program \(R01\)](#)

[Translating Basic Behavioral and Social Science Discoveries into Interventions to Reduce Obesity: Centers for Behavioral Intervention Development \(U01\)](#)

NSF

[Accelerating Discovery in Science and Engineering Trough Petascale Simulation and Analysis \(Peta Apps\)](#)

[Cyber-Enabled Discovery and Innovation](#)

Developmental and Learning Sciences

[Discovery Research K-12](#)

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

[Social and Behavioral Dimensions of National Security, Conflict, and Cooperation](#)

Position Announcements

NSF

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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. 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. The President of FABBS is Susan Fiske (Princeton University).

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National Academy of Neuropsychology

New York, NY
10/22/08 - 10/25/08

Society for Experimental Social Psychology

Sacramento, CA
10/24/08 - 10/25/08

NOVEMBER 2008

International Society for Developmental Psychobiology

Washington, DC
11/12/08 - 11/15/08

Psychonomic Society

Chicago, IL
11/13/08 - 11/16/08

Society for Computers in Psychology

Chicago, IL
11/13/08

Society for Judgment and Decision Making

Chicago, IL
11/22/08 - 11/24/08

FEBRUARY 2009

Society for Personality and Social Psychology

Tampa, FL
2/5/09 - 2/7/09

APRIL 2009

Association for Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback

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

Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology

New Orleans, LA
4/2/09 - 4/4/09

American Educational Research Association

San Diego, CA
4/13/09 - 4/17/09

MAY 2009

Association for Behavior Analysis International

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

JUNE 2009

International Behavioral Neuroscience Society

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

Behavior Genetics Association

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

Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology

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

JULY 2009

Cognitive Science Society

Amsterdam, The Netherlands
7/30/09 - 8/1/09

AUGUST 2009

American Psychological Association

Toronto, Ontario, Canada
8/6/09 - 8/9/09

OCTOBER 2009

Human Factors and Ergonomics Society

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

2009 MEETINGS TO BE ANNOUNCED

Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society

Society for Mathematical Psychology

Society of Multivariate Experimental Psychology

Society for Psychophysiological Research

Society for Research In Psychopathology

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