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Annual Meeting of the International Study Group Investigating Drugs as Reinforcers
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Intravenous self-administration of MK-801 by rhesus monkeys with cocaine and phencyclidine self-administration histories. P.M. Beardsley, J.M. Salay and R.L. Balster, Medical College of Virginia.

Influence of physical dependence on the reinforcing effects of drugs. Y. Wakasa, K. Takada and T. Yanagita, Central Institute for Experimental Animals, Japan.

Oral self-administration of pentobarbital by rhesus monkeys under concurrent fixed-ratio schedules: Relative reinforcing effects of different pentobarbital concentrations and volumes. R.A. Meisch and G.A. Lemaire, University of Minnesota Medical School.

Alteration of I.V. cocaine self-administration in rats by a concurrently available nondrug reinforcer. M.E. Carroll, S.T. Lac and S.L. Nygaard, University of Minnesota Medical School.

Limited access to nicotine self-administration in rodents. W.A. Corrigall and K.M. Coen, Addiction Research Foundation and University of Toronto, Canada.

The role of smoke satiation versus changes in draw in accounting for the decreases in puff volume which occur as a cigarette is smoked. P.P. Woodson and R.R. Griffiths, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Effects of drug history and response cost on the self-administration of nicotine in humans. J.R. Hughes, University of Vermont.

Evaluating the reinforcing properties of methocarbamol in volunteers. R.W. Foltin and M.W. Fischman, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Effects of food deprivation on subjective responses to d-amphetamine in humans. J.P. Zacny and H. de Wit, University of Chicago.

### ISGIDAR BUSINESS MEETING

Treasurer David Downs reported that the current balance of the ISGIDAR account is \$1777.44, which includes \$510 collected at this year's meeting.

President Nancy Ator reported that for the second year there were no submissions for the Student Paper Competition Award. ISGIDAR members are strongly encouraged to publicize the availability of these travel funds to doctoral students and recent graduates. (Details on eligibility and application procedures are described in this Newsletter.)

President Ator updated members on the current status of the new federal animal care regulations. ISGIDAR members will be notified as soon as a new draft of the regulations is available, so that they can submit their comments on the proposed revisions. (Editor's note: Since the ISGIDAR meeting, we have obtained information that the new regulations have been drafted but will probably not be available for comment until after November.) Bill Woolverton reported that he, Patrick Beardsley, Marilyn Carroll and Nancy Ator have prepared a manuscript discussing the issue of "psychological well-being" of laboratory animals, in anticipation of the proposed regulation on this topic. This manuscript is available to ISGIDAR members from Bill Woolverton (Dept. of Pharmacological and Physiological Sciences, University of Chicago, 947 E. 58th St., Chicago, IL 60637).

It was announced that ISGIDAR would meet in 1989 at Keystone, Colorado, the week of June 19th. As usual, ISGIDAR will meet as a satellite session of the Committee on Problems of Drug Dependence. There was some discussion as to the future of joint meetings with the Society for Stimulus Properties of Drugs. There was a consensus that the identity of ISGIDAR should be preserved, and that our traditional meeting day (the day preceding CPDD) should be continued. As a mechanism for broadening the base of ISGIDAR participation, Marilyn Carroll moved and John Roache seconded that we offer five \$100 honorariums to speakers who would be invited to the meeting. Members can submit names of such speakers to ISGIDAR officers, who will select from the submitted suggestions. It was agreed that the areas of research interest of these invited speakers may be broader than that usually represented at ISGIDAR, including, for example, alcohol/alcoholism research or other topics that are of interest to ISGIDAR and CPDD. Members were all in favor of this motion.

ISGIDAR has been invited by Vice-President Tomoji Yanagita to submit a proposal for a symposium at the 1990 meeting of the Congress Collegium Internationale Neuro-Psychopharmacolicum (CINP) in Kyoto, Japan. Persons interested in participating in this symposium were encouraged to submit an abstract to President Ator by the end of July.

President Ator presented the proposed revision of the ISGIDAR bylaws to the membership, and discussed highlights of the changes. In this context, the importance of ISGIDAR'S status as a membership organization, especially at it affects our relation to CPDD, was re-affirmed. A mechanism for rescinding membership was considered important and therefore retained. A more formal mechanism for accepting new members was agreed on, which is described below under "New Membership Procedures". Bill Woolverton moved and Harriet de Wit seconded that the

revised bylaws should be accepted. Members extended their appreciation and gratitude to President Ator for all the work she put into these revisions.

# New Membership Procedures

The following procedures for accepting new members were agreed on at the Annual Meeting. Under the newly-revised ISGIDAR bylaws (Section II.2,3), full members will send nominations for membership to the President. The list of nominations and a mail ballot will be mailed to the membership at least 60 days before a business meeting. Election to membership will be by a "yes" vote of 90% of those voting. The results of the election for membership will be announced at the next business meeting. (Until these procedures go into effect in the spring of 1989, anyone currently on the mailing list will be considered a member.)

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

My thanks to all the speakers who presented papers at the 1988 meeting of ISGIDAR. Special thanks are also due to Dr. Marty Adler, the Executive Secretary of CPDD. His efforts and his warm support of ISGIDAR have been of tremendous help in planning our meeting.

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