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### ISGIDAR SCIENTIFIC MEETING--1989

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The annual ISGIDAR meeting will again be held as a satellite session of the Committee on Problems of Drug Dependence meeting, which this year is being held in Keystone, Colorado. The ISGIDAR meeting will be held on Sunday, June 18: Registration will begin at 8:30 (\$15.00) and paper presentations will begin at 9:00 a.m. The business meeting and election of officers will follow the paper presentations.

To present a paper at the ISGIDAR meeting, send a 300-word abstract by April 1, 1989 to Nancy Ator at the address listed above. Please note that papers submitted to ISGIDAR should not also be presented at CPDD. The amount of time available for each talk will depend on the number of papers submitted but will not be less than 20 minutes.

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### UPDATE ON APHIS REGULATIONS

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As of January 2, the revision of the proposed animal care regulations and the proposed regulations on psychological well-being of primates and dogs used in research have not been published in the Federal Register. Consultation between the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Agriculture on the costs of the proposed regulations has led to delay in their publication for public comment.

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## **BELEAGUERED COLLEAGUES. A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

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Recent conflict at Cornell University between Dr. Michiko Okamoto and animal rights activists seeking to halt her drug dependence research involving cats as subjects has resulted in Dr. Okamoto's notification of NIDA that she could not accept funding for her approved grant renewal. (see Science, November 18, 1988, pp. 1001-1002; New York Times, November 22, 1988, article beginning on p. B1.) This unprecedented result was apparently due to pressure on Dr. Okamoto from her University (bowing to pressure from animal rights activists) to stop experimentation with cats or, at the very least, to a serious lack of support of Dr. Okamoto by her University. It should be noted that Dr. Okamoto was not under attack for any deficiencies in animal care, but solely because of her choice of subjects. Given Dr. Okamoto's outstanding reputation in the area of barbiturate dependence research, this course of events shows the very real threat to behavioral pharmacology research with animals. At a recent discussion of this situation at the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology meetings, it was pointed out that Dr. Okamoto apparently had not received letters of support from the scientific community, and it was speculated that this may have been due to lack of information about the threat to her research among scientist. Given the intensive writing campaigns mounted by animal activists and those members of Congress whose aid they enlist, it is critical that scientists and their organizations become equally active in rising to the defense of their colleagues. In conjunction with the mandate of the membership to keep informed on issues related to animal research, I would appreciate members of ISGIDAR calling or writing me if they or fellow researchers become the target of concerted protest efforts. I will then alert the membership of ISGIDAR to this threat and determine what action might be appropriate.

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## **REMINDER REGARDING NEW MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURES**

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At the 1988 ISGIDAR business meeting and in accordance with the revised ISGIDAR By-laws (Section 11.2,3), it was agreed that the procedures for accepting new members should be revised. Full members should now 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 the next business meeting (April 1). Election of membership will be by a "yes" vote of 90% of those voting. The results of these elections will be announced at the next business meeting.

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## **REVISED ISGIDAR BY-LAWS**

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Copies of the final revised ISGIDAR by-laws are available upon request from Dr. Nancy Ator.

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## STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

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ISGIDAR will again sponsor a Student Paper Competition Award for a new investigator to present a paper on drug self-administration research. Up to \$500 in reasonable and documented travel costs will be paid to the winner to attend the meeting of the Committee on Problems of Drug Dependence, 1989 in Keystone, Colorado and to present a paper at the ISGIDAR satellite session on June 18th. Payment will be made upon submission of travel receipts to the ISGIDAR Treasurer, David Downs. Those who did not receive the award, but who did receive good reviews will be encouraged to present their papers at the ISGIDAR meeting.

*ELIGIBILITY:* Applicants must be enrolled in a graduate program and be working toward a doctorate or have received their doctorate within the last five years (after June 1, 1984).

Applicants who are not ISGIDAR members must be sponsored by an ISGIDAR member.

The research to be reported at ISGIDAR must not already be published.

*MANUSCRIPT REQUIREMENTS:* Papers should not be more than 10 pages excluding figures and references.

The length and scope of the paper should be consistent with a 20-25 minute slide presentation.

Please include paper title, name, address, phone number and author's signature on the cover page of the manuscript.

The signature and typed name of the author's sponsor should also appear on the cover page after a statement indicating that the applicant made a significant scientific contribution to the research.

Submit four copies, double-spaced.

*REVIEW:* Each manuscript will be independently reviewed by the ISGIDAR officers for originality, scientific contribution, sound methodology and clarity of the manuscript.

Blind review is possible upon request.

Reviewers will not participate in the review of papers from their own institution.

Submit manuscripts to: Dr. Nancy Ator  
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*DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:* April 1, 1989

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