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1987 MEETING OF ISGIDAR

ISGIDAR traditionally has sponsored a satellite session on the day before the beginning of the scientific meetings of The Committee on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD). The CPDD scientific meetings are being held this year in joint session with The Research Society on Alcoholism (RSA) June 15-19 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Philadelphia, PA.

For the past two years, the ISGIDAR meeting has been cosponsored by the Society for the Stimulus Properties of Drugs (SSPD). These meetings have been very successful and ISGIDAR President Bill Woolverton announces that another jointly sponsored satellite session is planned for the 1987 meeting. To present a paper on drugs as reinforcing and/or discriminative stimuli, send a 300-word abstract by April 1, 1987 to Bill Woolverton at the address listed above. Because CPDD and RSA will be meeting in joint sessions, papers on the reinforcing or discriminative stimulus properties of alcohol are especially invited. Please note that a paper submitted to ISGIDAR should not also be presented at CPDD. As in the past the amount of time available for each talk will be determined by the number of papers submitted but will be at least 20 min.

Registration for the satellite session will be at 8:30 AM June 14 at the Adam's Mark Hotel. Paper presentations will begin at 9:00 AM. There will be a \$15 registration fee due at the door. ISGIDAR will hold its annual business meeting at approximately 5:00 PM following the paper session.

Information on the CPDD scientific meetings and accommodations at the Adam's Mark Hotel can be obtained from Dr. Martin Adler, Executive Secretary, CPDD, Dept. of Pharmacology, Temple Univ. Sch. of Med., 3420 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140 (215) 221-3242.

ISGIDAR 1987 TRAVEL AWARD

ISGIDAR is again sponsoring 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, 1987 in *Philadelphia* and to present a paper at the joint ISGIDAR/SSPD satellite session on June 14. 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, 1982).

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 or reported at CPDD.

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-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.

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LETTERS TO THE SECRETARY!

The brief biographical sketch of the 1986 ISGIDAR Travel Award winner, Greg Elmer, in the August 1986 ISGIDAR newsletter described Greg as "one of the first graduate students to have the unique opportunity to conduct his dissertation research at the ARC." Reader Marc Risner, who, until his recent move to Burroughs Wellcome Co., was a Staff Scientist with the Addiction Research Center, was prompted to write and say that he read that statement "with a chuckle" because "the ARC had a life before Baltimore." Marc supplied a brief historical review of the graduate students who did all or some of their M.S. and/or Ph.D. research at the ARC when it was in Lexington. With Marc's permission, his recollection of the ARC graduate students is reprinted below.

The primary mentors [at the ARC in Lexington] were Abe Wikler, Bill Martin and Harris Hill, although other ARC scientists participated as committee members and/or supervisors. One of the earliest students to do his graduate research at the ARC was Conan Kornetsky, who got his Ph.D in Psychology from the University of Kentucky (UK) in 1952--almost 35 years ago. Shortly after, Dick Bellville completed his Ph.D. project when he studied state-dependent learning. Chuck Haertzen began working at the ARC with Harris Hill in 1956 on the "ARC Inventory" and completed his Ph.D. (UK-Psychology) in 1961. A contemporary of Chuck Haertzen's, Roy Yamahiro, got his Ph.D at about the same time, but quickly left drug research for the private sector (General Mills at first; I don't know his present status). Paul Gilbert (multiple opiate receptors, JPET, 1976) and Bruce Vaupel both did all of the Ph.D. research (UK--Pharmacology) at the ARC in Bill Martin's laboratories. Ed Johnson got his Pharm.D from UK while serving as the ARC pharmacist. Chuck Gorodetzky completed his Ph.D. in Pharmacology while serving as a staff physician and medical researcher at the ARC. Finally, several other ARC scientists did much of their graduate degree research out in the ARC labs, including Jewell Sloan (Ph.D., UK--Pharmacology, 1985), Nikki Katzman, and Gary Neidert (Ph.D., UK--Statistics, 1980, now at Upjohn).

Marc concludes, "My facts may not be 100% accurate, and my memory may have some holes in it, but there are certainly many examples of graduate students who have done research at the ARC." Now that the record is set straight, it is clear that ISGIDAR Travel Award winner Greg Elmer is *continuing* in a fine tradition!

THANKS: Thanks to everyone who returned the request for address confirmation. Quite a few addresses were changed or corrected as a result. An unexpected bonus was that a number of people also took the opportunity to include submissions for the ISGIDAR Bibliography as well!

POSTDOCTORAL AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO: Behavioral Pharmacology. A position will be available for a post-doctoral trainee in the Drug Abuse Research Center at the University of Chicago beginning Spring 1987. The applicant must have a doctorate in Psychology or Pharmacology. The ability to contribute intellectually to a broadly-based research effort in drug abuse is essential. Research experience with drug self-administration and drug discrimination procedures is desirable but not essential. Salary will be competitive. To apply send curriculum vitae, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to: Dr. William L. Woolverton, Drug Abuse Research Center, Departments of Psychiatry and Pharmacological & Physiological Sciences, The University of Chicago, 5841 S. Maryland Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637. Applications should be received by March 1, 1987. The University of Chicago is an equal opportunity employer and educator, and specifically invites and encourages applications from women, minorities, and the handicapped.

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY: Research Fellowships and Research Associateships in the human behavioral pharmacology of substance abuse are available in the Behavioral Pharmacology Research Unit of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine:

1. clinically-oriented cocaine abuse treatment/research program development;
2. human laboratory research on smoking and smoke inhalation behavior;
3. smoking cessation research with cardiac patients and general population;
4. studies of nicotine, diet, and metabolism;
5. lab-based studies of self-administration and drug effects in humans of cocaine, caffeine, benzodiazepines, and opioids;
6. drug response and family history/vulnerability.

Excellent clinical research resources and supports. Standard USPHS stipends and up, depending on experience. Send letter of interest, vita, and names/addresses/phones of 3 references to: George E. Bigelow, Ph.D; D-5-West, Psychiatry Department; Johns Hopkins/Key Medical Center; 4940 Eastern Avenue; Baltimore, Maryland 21224 (301) 955-0035.

THE UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES: Postdoctoral/Research Associate position available immediately for recent Ph.D. or an individual with postdoctoral experience. Research will focus on behavioral pharmacology and behavioral neurochemistry. Interested individuals should contact James E. Barrett, Ph.D., Department of Psychiatry, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, 4301 Jones Bridge Road, Bethesda, Md 20814.

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