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Message from the President

A message from Robert Yu, President

I would like to take this opportunity update you on the recent events of ASN. During the past year, we witnessed many changes and new challenges that directly affected us. One of the most significant changes was the departure of Linda Garcia, who resigned from being the Meeting Organizer for 2003. Linda has been associated with the Society for a number of years, and her responsibilities included providing administrative management of the ASN Office and organizing the annual meetings. She has decided to devote her effort to the management aspect of the Society, and will continue to work with the Society to ensure the smooth functioning of the Office. To replace Linda's role as Meeting Organizer, we were able to quickly appoint Ms. Sheilah Jewart, Amazing Occasions, Inc., to this indispensable position. Sheilah has had many years of experience in organizing scientific meetings at the national level. She is pleasant, highly organized, and is able to quickly restore stability to our Society. She has worked diligently with Jean deVellis, Chair of the Local Host Committee, Greg Sutcliffe, Chair of the Program Committee, and Linda Garcia to ensure the smooth planning of the 2003 Newport Beach Meeting. In this regard, I wish to thank Jean and Greg for their effort in planning the scientific and social programs, which promises to make the 2003 meeting one of the most successful gatherings in recent years.

When I took over the Presidency, I resolved to respond to the following challenges that were facing our Society:

- To remain as a vital and forward-looking Society, we must actively recruit young, talented and vibrant neurochemists and to expand our membership base. A special membership drive, "ASN Hat", is underway under the chairmanship of Alex Chiu. I am requesting that each of you nominate at least one new member a year.
- To better improve our scientific programs, a membership opinion survey is underway with George DeVries taking the lead. I have also established an *ad hoc* Publication Committee, chaired by David Shine, to examine the possibility of having an ASN affiliated scientific journal that will substantially increase the impact and financial stability of our Society. The *ad hoc* Committee on the Future of ASN continues to provide invaluable advices that will improve the well-being of the Society and to ensure that the Society stay at the cutting-edge of neu-

rosience. We are grateful to Jean deVellis for his remarkable leadership in this Committee.

- To improve our competitiveness in the neuroscience arena and to more accurately reflect the nature of our scientific inquiries, I have established a new *ad hoc* Committee chaired by Wendy Macklin to examine the possibility of a society name change. This plan has the endorsement of the Council.
- To improve fundraising, I have appointed an *ad hoc* Fundraising Committee chaired by Jean Merrill to coordinate our fundraising efforts.
- We have increased substantially the number of travel awards to young and Latin investigators to enable them to attend the meeting. We also sought special funds to support members who would otherwise not be able to attend the Palm Beach meeting due to adverse economic situation. A conference application that requests substantial financial support has been submitted for assisting these initiatives. We will continue these efforts for future meetings.

I wish to announce the appointment of Dr. Robert Ledeen as Chair of the 2004 ASN Meeting. Dr. Ledeen is an outstanding neurochemist and has served in the same capacity before. He has already assembled a team that consists of many prominent scientists to assist him in this important function. We look forward to a wonderful scientific program for the 2004 Annual Meeting.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge several colleagues, notably David Shine, Lynn Hudson, and Jean deVellis, to name a few, whose constant, capable assistance has made my job to serve you a pleasant one.

ASN's *Coordinates* are.....

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Secretary's Corner

Amendments ByLaws Passed

All amendments to the Bylaws passed. Of the 503 dues paying members a majority, 268, voted. Thanks to Linda Garcia for collecting and counting the ballots. The new bylaws are posted on the ASN website. The final vote tabulation was:

<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
1	261	6	1
2	254	12	2
3	251	15	2
4	260	3	5
5	251	11	6

A major overhaul of the bylaws to remove phrases that are no longer germane, to improve the grammar, and removed parenthetical phrases is planned.

Nominations Open

You should soon receive nomination forms for President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and five Councilors for the term 2003-2005. Please participate in this vital function of our society. The announcement is reprinted in this newsletter.

Standing Rules Updated

Cara-Lynne Schengrund, ASN's Parliamentarian and the Standing Rules Committee have updated the Standing Rules as passed by Council. They are posted on ASN's web site.

Dues Time

You should have received your dues notice for 2003. Please pay promptly. This year we are strictly following the bylaws and striking members from our roles that are in arrears. If you did not get a dues notice please contact Linda Garcia in the ASN business office.

Please Contribute to Award Funds

When you pay your dues please consider contributing funds for the Marian Kies and Jordi Folch-Pi Award Funds. Karen Chandross wrote this for the Kies fund that is relevant to both awards:

Please consider making a contribution to the American Society for Neurochemistry Marian W. Kies Memorial Fund. Dr. Kies was a successful and well respected neurobiologist who set high scientific standards and was a mentor to young scientists. It is therefore appropriate that this award recognizes the accomplishments of junior scientists who demonstrate out-

standing predoctoral thesis research in the field of neuroscience. The award includes a cash prize of \$1500.00 and the opportunity to organize and chair a symposium in 2004, with financial support from the ASN. The continued vitality of this award depends on your support.

Encourage strong candidates from your laboratories to apply for the 2002 Folch-Pi and Kies Awards now. The winners will be announced at the 34rd annual meeting in Newport Beach, CA.

Round Up New Members!

The Membership Committee has streamlined the membership process and one can submit an application online. Please ask your colleagues to join the Society. Note that the membership categories have been changed to Ordinary and Corresponding. Students and postdocs are not considered Ordinary members. An application is on the last page of this newsletter.

Membership Survey

President-Elect George DeVries is writing a survey to gather information from the ASN membership. Look for it in the mail and please fill it out and return it. This will help the officers and council chart the course of ASN for the future.

Bernard Haber Award Lecture

President Robert Yu has appointed Dr. Nicolas Bazan the first chairman of the Bernard Haber Award Lecture Committee. This award recognizes the contribution of Dr. Bernard Haber to the ASN as Secretary for 6 years and as Intersociety Liaison Officer for more than 2 years. It will honor an ASN member who has contributed greatly to intersociety interactions between the ASN and the ISN or other societies.

Basic Neurochemistry on PubMed

Basic Neurochemistry, 6th edition, has been added to the on-line reference book shelf of PubMed. It will shortly be available for searching and link out in the PubMed database.

Missing Members

We have lost contact with these members. If you know their whereabouts please ask them to contact the ASN business office or me.

Tyson Tildon - Univ. of Maryland
R. Lingaman - Cornell
John Fitzgerald - Hines VA
Francis LeBaron - Mashpee, MA
Diwakar Deshmukh - Staten Island,
NY

Karine Galoian - Allegheny Univ.
Health Sci.
John Hines - Texas Woman's Hos-
pital
Patricia Johnston - Champaign, IL
Duska Separovic - Cleveland, OH

**NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND COUNCILORS
AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR NEUROCHEMISTRY**

Nominations are requested for President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and five Councilors for the American Society for Neurochemistry for the term 2003-2005.

1. Fill out the nomination form that you received in the mail.
2. Return the form either by fax or regular mail before January 9, 2003
– *E-MAIL RESPONSES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED*

FAX: (352)271-3060 (include member name on cover sheet)

REGULAR MAIL - Place the form in the envelope that you received and sign your name on the outside. Add postage.

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Our current President-Elect is George DeVries; he will assume office in May, 2003. The nomination for President-Elect is for the individual who will succeed George DeVries as President in 2005. The current Secretary and Treasurer are eligible to run for election again. Nominations for Councilors are needed to replace 5 Councilors with terms ending in 2003.

View the current list of officers and twelve Council members at the "Structure" section of ASN web site, www.ASNeurochem.org. According to ASN by-laws and standing rules, each member may nominate no more than one candidate for each vacancy. Since there are five Council vacancies, each member may nominate five individuals for Council. All nominations are forwarded to the Nominating Committee, which will construct a list of candidates (individuals who received nominations from at least six members, plus individuals nominated by the committee). Ballots will be mailed out in early February.

Please contact the chair of the nominating committee by phone or e-mail if you have any questions.

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Kunihiko Suzuki Awarded the Japan Academy Prize by Pierre Morell



Your eyes are not fooling you - this is a photograph of our very own Kunihiko Suzuki. This is indeed the same casual and informal "Kuni", whom we have never before seen wearing anything more elegant than a turtleneck. Still, after 40 years of arguing his way into formal receptions and prestigious restaurants in casual attire, Kuni has apparently met his match. Apparently, the protocol office of the Government of Japan could not be bluffed. In order to be at a reception hosted by the Emperor and Empress of Japan, and to receive a medal from the hands of the Emperor, one wears a tuxedo. This was the case on June 10, 2002 when Kuni was the recipient of the Japan Academy Prize.

A little background concerning this prize. It is awarded by The Japan Academy - a group somewhat equivalent to the U.S. National Academy of Science but representing also non-science based disciplines such as literature and history. This body annually selects several recipients of the Japan Academy Prize for outstanding accomplishments in the respective fields. It is considered the most prestigious honor that can be bestowed upon Japanese academics. For 2002, there were ten recipients in 9 subject areas (the prize for one subject was given to two collaborators). Kunihiko Suzuki, Director emeritus of the Neuroscience Center, Professor emeritus of Neurology and Psychiatry at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and President emeritus of both the ASN and the ISN, was among this year's awardees. He was honored for his life-long work on "Pathogenetic mechanism of neurogenetic disorders, particularly sphingolipidoses".

The formal award ceremony took place in the morning on June 10, 2002 at the Japan Academy in Tokyo. It was presided by the Emperor and the Empress of Japan, and the Prime Minister and the Minister of Education and Science also attended the session. Prior to the ceremony, individual recipients were asked to explain their work to the Emperor and Empress with prepared poster exhibits. A few "guests" were allowed at the ceremony for each of the prize recipients, and Dr. Suzuki invited as his guests the first four then-young Japanese postdoctorals who came to his laboratory in the 1960's and the earliest part of the 1970's. They were Shigehiko Kamoshita, Yoshiyuki Suzuki, Yoshikatsu Eto and Tadashi Miyatake. The award ceremony was followed by an afternoon "tea" session at the Imperial Palace where, in addition to the Emperor and Empress, the Crown Prince and his younger brother

and their respective wives were also in attendance allowing mingling and chatting with the prize recipients during the two-hour session of light meal. The day was concluded by dinner at a hotel in downtown Tokyo hosted by the Minister of Education and Science.

For those not acquainted with the scope of Kuni's career in neurochemistry there follows a summary prepared as a new release by the University of North Carolina news bureau.

Dr. Kunihiro Suzuki received his undergraduate degree in History and Philosophy of Science from Tokyo University and then graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of Tokyo University. Immediately after a year of rotating internship, he was first trained as a clinical neurologist in the United States before committing his life to research in genetic neurological disease. His laboratory work reflects these different phases of his background training.

Despite the rapid progress in recent decades, genetic neurological disorders, particularly those that affect infants and children, still pose a formidable challenge to our understanding of their pathogenetic mechanisms and eventual effective treatment. Methodological approaches to these problems have been evolving rapidly in the past 40 years. In the 60's, it was primarily analytical and structural. Metabolic/enzymological approaches were predominant in the 1970's. Then, the field shifted to the present heavily molecular biological emphasis in the past 20 years. This evolution was intimately associated with technological as well as conceptual developments in all fields of basic biology. Throughout his research career spanning the past 40 years, the focus of Dr. Suzuki's research has always been on the pathogenetic mechanism of these diseases with a firm belief that effective treatment would not be possible without first understanding their biology. He has always been at the forefront of the field by adopting new methodological developments. It would be difficult to describe progress in research in neurogenetic diseases, particularly sphingolipidoses, during the second half of the 20th century without extensive references to Dr. Suzuki's numerous contributions.

Among his extensive contributions, the series of work on Krabbe disease (globoid cell leukodystrophy) best represents the nature of Dr. Suzuki's research accomplishments. In 1970, Dr. Suzuki, together with Dr. Yoshiyuki Suzuki who was in his laboratory at that time discovered the genetic basis of this classical genetic disease affecting myelin as a galactosylceramidase deficiency. This discovery opened the way for the first time for non-invasive ante-mortem and prenatal diagnosis of this disease. Almost immediately, the team also discovered that the dog model previously known on the basis of neuropathology was genetically equivalent to the human disease. A few years later in 1972, Dr. Suzuki and Dr. Tadashi Miyatake, then in his laboratory, proposed a hypothesis that has since been known as the "psychosine hypothesis" in order to explain some of the unusual features of Krabbe disease. This hypothesis was the first serious attempt at clarifying the mechanistic basis of how these genetic diseases affect brain function. Although greeted by skepticism initially, the hypothesis has not only been gaining wide acceptance during the past 30 years but is now recognized as being also relevant to other brain diseases. The discovery of a mouse model of the disease, "the twitcher mouse", in 1982 by Dr. Suzuki together with the late Dr. Takuro Kobayashi provided one of the

most extensively utilized naturally occurring animal models of genetic neurological diseases. Dr. Suzuki himself utilized it for nerve transplantation, bone marrow transplantation, transgenic treatment, and more recently gene therapy experiments of this disease.

During the past decade, Dr. Suzuki applied the nucleic acid technology, particularly that of mouse genome manipulation ("gene knockout") to clarify the pathogenesis of various sphingolipidoses and associated disorders. Notable among the mutant mice Dr. Suzuki's laboratory has generated are the mouse with total sphingolipid activator protein deficiency, a β -galactosidase deficient mouse (GM1-gangliosidosis mouse), and a galactosylceramide synthase knockout mouse. Extensive cross breeding experiments among the mutant mice gave insight into the pathogenesis of individual diseases that no other approaches could have provided. Most recently, Dr. Suzuki established, together with Dr. Junko Matsuda, that one of the sphingolipid activator proteins, "saposin A" is the second gene, deficiency of which can cause Krabbe disease and that pregnancy dramatically improves the phenotype of saposin A-deficient female mice. This may well mark the beginning of a new important series of studies with significant implications to these currently incurable genetic neurological diseases.

In recognition of his scientific contributions, Dr. Suzuki has been President of the International Society for Neurochemistry, and of the American Society for Neurochemistry, Chief Editor of the Journal of Neurochemistry, and Director of the Neuroscience Center at University of North Carolina. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States. Another of his significant contributions to Japanese Science is that he has continually accepted and trained young Japanese researchers in his laboratory in the past 40 years and their number has reached 30. Many of his younger colleagues who passed his laboratory have played critically important roles in advancing the field after they returned to Japan.

REMEMBER.....

Please see that your address information updated.

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**Announcing the
34th Annual Meeting
May 3-7, 2003
Newport Beach, CA**



Dear Colleagues:

We invite you to join us in an excellent scientific program that will be presented at the 34th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Neurochemistry in Newport Beach, California, May 3-7, 2003. Our colleagues in the Western Hemisphere and around the world interested in cellular, neurochemical and molecular studies of the nervous system in health and disease should plan to attend the ASN 2003 Annual Meeting.

The opening reception will be held Saturday, May 3rd at the Hyatt Newporter. The scientific program will begin Sunday with the Basic Neurochemistry Lecture presented by Joshua Sanes of Washington University, St. Louis, MO. Plenary speakers including Carla Schatz, Fred Gage and approximately 140 speakers will participate in 13 Symposia, 16 Colloquia and 5 Workshops designed to encompass the broad range of interests of Society members.

Short oral presentations will be featured in the meeting along with daily Poster Sessions. Abstracts will be published in a Journal of Neurochemistry supplement. Substantial time is allotted throughout the meeting for scientific discussion both formally and informally.

Special efforts have been taken to encourage young investigator participation. ASN travel awards are available and funding has been requested through NINDS for additional travel funds. A student/post doctoral Dinner will be given to the first 50 students/post docs to register for the ASN meeting. Over dinner, attendees will have an opportunity to discuss career and research issues with more senior scientists from academia, industry and funding agencies.

ASN has selected a worldclass destination for the 34th Annual Meeting in Southern California with Balboa Island, Catalina Island, Disney theme parks and the Pacific Ocean, all within a 20 mile radius. The ASN meeting headquarters located in the Hyatt Newporter is situated on 26 beautifully landscaped acres overlooking the Back Bay of Newport Beach with three swimming pools and golf course.

The ASN California Host Committee, Officers and Council look forward to sharing with you in a most productive scientific conference and a time of comradery.

Robert K. Yu
President, ASN

J. Gregor Sutcliffe
Program Chair

Jean de Vellis
Host Committee Chair

Important Deadlines:

- Nov 4, 2002** On-line Abstract submission available at website
Dec 16, 2002 Deadline for on-line Abstract submission
Meeting registration fees must accompany submissions
- March 15** Deadline for registering as Exhibitor
March 15 **Applications due:**
-Marian Kies Memorial Award
-Jordi Folch Pi Award
-Young Investigators Educational Enhancement Awards
-Young Latin American Scholars Awards
- April 1** Deadline for request of Committee meeting space
(Limited space - based on availability)
- April 11** Best-rate meeting registration deadline
Final date for ASN negotiated rates at Hyatt Newporter
- April 25** Final date for on-line or faxed registrations
After 5:00 pm registration on-site at Hyatt Newporter
- May 2** 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Registration Desk open at meeting.
May 3-7 6:30 am - 6:00 pm Registration desk open.

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Questions / Information / Registration

Annual Meeting Preliminary Agenda

Friday, May 2

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm ASN Registration Desk Open - Hyatt Newporter

Saturday, May 3

6:30 am - 6:00 pm ASN Registration Desk Open - Hyatt Newporter

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Pre-Meeting Workshop:

"Stem Cell Biology & Technology: Implications for Neural Repair"

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm ASN Council Meeting I*

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm ASN Annual Meeting Opening Reception

Sunday, May 4

6:30 am - 6:00 pm ASN Registration Desk Open - Hyatt Newporter

8:00 am - 5:45 pm ASN Annual Meeting Sessions

11:30 am - 1:00 pm Journal of Neuroscience Research Editorial Board*

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Public Outreach Forum - Parkinson's Disease

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm Intersociety Dinner*

Monday, May 5

6:30 am - 6:00 pm ASN Registration Desk Open - Hyatt Newporter

6:45 am - 8:00 am ASN Council Meeting II*

8:00 am - 5:45 pm ASN Annual Meeting Sessions

11:30 am - 1:00 pm Journal of Neurochemistry Editorial Board*

11:45 am - 1:15 pm ASN Task Force Committee*

5:45 pm - 7:00 pm Women In Neurochemistry (WIN) Reception*

Tuesday, May 6

6:30 am - 6:00 pm ASN Registration Desk Open - Hyatt Newporter

8:00 am - 6:30 pm ASN Annual Meeting Sessions

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Developmental Neurosciences Editorial Board*

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm ASN Business Meeting

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm Student / Post Doc Dinner

Wednesday, May 7

6:30 am - 6:00 pm ASN Registration Desk Open - Hyatt Newporter

8:00 am - 5:45 pm ASN Annual Meeting Sessions

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm ASN Council Meeting III*

11:30 am - 1:00 pm Neurochemical Research Editorial Board*

6:30 pm - 10:00 pm ASN Farewell Reception / Dinner

Thursday, May 8

7:00 am - 10:00 am ASN 2004 Conference Committee

9:00 am - 5:00 am Clark / Blackwell Meeting*

* Indicates private function

Scientific Program Committee

Gregor Sutcliffe, Chair	
Robert Yu, (ex officio)	Randy McKinnon
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David Colman	Ian Simpson
Julie Ellison	Joan Schwartz
Minnetta Gardinier	David Sweatt
Lynn Hudson	Elizabeth Thomas
Jean Merrill	Scott Whittemore
	Terri Wood

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Steve Bondy	Carol Readhead
Carl Cotman	Eric Shooter
Tony Campagnoni	Paul Salvaterra
Julie Ellison	Gregor Sutcliffe
Larry Eng	James Waschek

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts must be submitted on-line by December 16, 2002

The Scientific Program Committee invites registered participants and invited Speakers to submit Abstracts. All presenting authors must pay meeting registration fees by December 16 to receive abstract acceptance. **Please read the instructions carefully.** Abstracts will be published in the Journal of Neurochemistry. The publisher of the Journal of Neurochemistry requires that abstracts be submitted electronically by the internet. Go to www.ASNeurochem.org to submit an abstract on-line. If on-line abstract submission is not possible, please contact ASN Meeting Coordinator by Nov 30th.

ORAL PRESENTATION

Please indicate on the abstract computer form whether the Abstract should be considered for oral presentation of short communications. Selected oral presentations will be also assigned poster space. Those presenting oral presentations will receive notification of the date and time allocation of their presentation.

POSTER PRESENTATION

A banner should be prepared indicating the abstract title, author(s) and affiliation(s). Lettering should be at least one inch high (2.5cm). The poster boards will be 6' (1.8m) wide by 4' (1.2m) high. Pushpins will be provided in the poster area. Presenting authors must be present at the poster time period specified. Posters must be setup between 7:00 am - 9:00 am on assigned day.

Group A	Group B	Group C	Repeat Group C
<i>Sunday 5/4</i>	<i>Monday 5/5</i>	<i>Tuesday 5/6</i>	<i>Wednesday 5/7</i>
9:15 - 9:45	11:45 - 1:15	10:00 - 10:30	10:00 - 10:30
3:15 - 3:45	12:30 - 2:00	12:30 - 2:00	12:30 - 2:00
5:45 - 7:30	5:45 - 7:15	4:00 - 4:30	3:15 - 3:45

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

Notification of Abstract receipt AND acceptance will be provided by e.mail before March 2003.

MEETING REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

MEETING REGISTRATION

Deadline for best Registration rates is April 11, 2003

The Meeting Registration Form can be downloaded below. Registration and credit card payment is also available on-line through April 25th. After April 25th, registration will need to be on-site at the Hyatt Newporter.

The ASN Registration Desk will be open:

Friday, May 2 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Saturday thru Wednesday 6:30 am - 6:00 pm

HOW TO REGISTER:

Use the on-line application form at www.ASNeurochem.org

Download registration form from www.ASNeurochem.org and fax to 407-876-0750 or mail to:

ASN Conference Coordinator,
Amazing Occasions, Inc.,
9037 Ron Den Lane,
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Fax or mail the registration form found in the meeting brochure to the above fax number or address.

Only Mastercard and Visa credit cards are accepted.

Make check payable to: American Society of Neurochemistry (Check must be payable in US funds)

STUDENT / FELLOW / POST DOC REGISTRATION:

Students working toward a degree in neurochemistry or an allied field qualify for the Student rate. Fellows and Post Doc Students (received degree after July 1, 1999) also qualify for the Student registration rate. The first 40 to register for the meeting will be invited to a complimentary dinner Tuesday, May 6, for an opportunity to discuss career plans and other scientific issues with more senior scientists. Documented proof of student or postdoc status must be faxed to the ASN Meeting Coordinator's office at 407-876-0750. Registrations without documented proof of status will not be able to receive the Student rate.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Registration fees, minus \$50 handling fee, are refundable if notified by April 11. After April 11, no refunds can be made.

LOCATION:

The city of Newport Beach lies along the Pacific Ocean on the coast of California in Orange County; 50 miles (80km) south of Los Angeles, 85 miles (136 km) north of San Diego, 14 miles (22 km) west of Disneyland/Anaheim, 14 miles (22km) south of Long Beach. Elevation ranges from sea level to 691.3 feet. There are several different villages that make up Newport Beach such as Balboa Island, the Balboa Peninsula, Cannery Village, Corona Del Mar, and numerous attractions within 25 miles radius such as Disneyland, Sea World, Universal Studios, Knott's Berry Farm, Laguna Art Museum and Catalina Island.

TRANSPORTATION:

The John Wayne County Airport (SNA) serves as the hub of Newport Beach with convenient access to the hotels and attractions. The Hyatt Newporter provides a complimentary airport shuttle for guests from the John Wayne Airport.

Distance from Airports to Hyatt Newporter:

John Wayne Airport (SNA) - 11 miles - (Hyatt Shuttle 949-729-6107)
Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) - 47 miles (Super Shuttle 310-782-6600)
Long Beach Airport (LGB) - 27 miles - (Taxis available)
Ontario International Airport (ONT) - 48 miles - (Super Shuttle 909-467-9600)

CLIMATE:

Orange County benefits from ocean breezes to keep its weather milder than the inland regions. The average daytime temperature in Spring is 71-49F (22-9C), so bring a light jacket or sweater for the evening functions.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The official ASN Annual Meeting Headquarters hotel is:

Hyatt Newporter Resort
1107 Jamboree Road, Newport Beach, CA 92660
Tel: 949-729-1234 - Fax: 949-644-1552
Website: www.hyattnewporter.com

ASN has negotiated discounted group rates for the meeting at the Hyatt Newporter, the meeting headquarters hotel. Situated on 26 beautifully landscaped acres overlooking the Back Bay of Newport Beach, this resort-style hotel reflects the warmth and charm of Southern California.

To Make Reservations - Be sure to mention "ASN Group" for discount rate:

- Either call Hyatt Reservations at 1-800-233-1234
- or go to <http://newporter.hyatt.com/groupbooking/neur>
- or call Hyatt Newporter's Reservation Department at 949-729-1234

DEADLINE FOR GROUP RATE FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2003

Scientific Program

Saturday, May 3, 2003

6:30 - 6:00 - Registration

8:00-5:00 - Pre-meeting Workshop:

Stem Cell Biology & Technology: Implications for Neural Repair
Organizers: Jean deVellis and Hydeyuki Okano

6:30-8:30 - Opening Reception

Sunday, May 4, 2003

8:00 - 8:15 - Opening Remarks

Robert Yu, President, American Society for Neurochemistry
Jean de Vellis, Chairman, Host Committee

8:15 - 9:15 - Basic Neurochemsitry Lecture

Introduction by Robert Yu
Joshua Sanes title TBA

9:15 - 9:45 - Coffee Break

9:45 - 11:45

Symposium 1: Neurochemistry of Cognition

Organizer: J. David Sweatt

J. David Sweatt Daniel Storm
Alcino Silva Kim Huber

9:45 - 11:45

Colloquium 1: Multiple Functions of Myelin Proteins in the Immune and Nervous Systems

Organizer: A. T. Campagnoni

Tony Campagnoni Rhonda Voskuhl
George Harauz Vijay Kuchroo

9:45 - 11:45

Workshop 1: Regenerative Responses of Neural Stem Cells to Injury and Disease

Organizer: Steve Levison

Aliya U. Zaidi Francis Szele
Steve Levison John R. Fike

11:45 - 1:15 - Lunch on your own

11:45 - 1:15 - Posters

1:15 - 3:15

Symposium 2: The Role of Neuronal Plasticity in Neurodegenerative Diseases

Organizer: J Busciglio

Mark Mattson Eliezer Masliah
Carl Cotman Jorge Busciglio

1:15 - 3:15

Colloquium 2: Microglial Responses to Injury & Strategies for Managing Them

Organizer: Joan P. Schwartz

Monica Carson Serge Przedborski
Ian Duncan Robert Friedlander

1:15 - 3:15

Workshop 2: Volume-Dependent Anion Channels & Channel-Mediated Amino Acid Release - New Players in Brain Communication and Brain Pathology

Organizer: Harold K. Kimelberg

Herminia Pasantes-Morales Nicolas Hussy
Alexander A. Mongin John W. Phillis

3:15 - 3:45 - Coffee Break

3:45 - 5:45

Symposium 3: Transcriptional Controls Directing Neural Differentiation

Organizers: Lynn Hudson and Robin Miskimins

Joerg Leheste Regina Armstrong
Paul Gardner Alex Gow

3:45 - 5:45

Colloquium 3: Astrocyte-neural cell interactions

Organizer: Ian Simpson

David Spray Ursula Sonnewald
Phillip Haydon Jeff Rosenstein

3:45 - 5:45

Colloquium 4: Estrogen and Neurodegenerative Diseases: A Protective Role?

Organizer: Darrell W. Brann

Phyllis M. Wise Mary Sano
Darrell W. Brann Catherine S. Woolley

5:45 - 7:15 - Posters

6:00 - 8:00 - Public Outreach Forum

Parkinson's Disease

Organizer: Minnetta Gardinier

Monday, May 5, 2003

8:00 - 9:00 - Plenary Lecture

Carla Schatz title TBA

9:00 - 9:15

Presentation of the Marian W. Kies Memorial Award
by Karen Chandross

9:15 - 9:45 - Coffee Break

9:45 - 11:45

Symposium 4 Jordi Folch-Pi Memorial Symposium:

Dynamic Phospholipid Signaling In Life and Death

Organizer: Sandra Hewett, 2002 Jordi Folch-Pi Memorial Award Recipient

Nicolas G. Bazan Bradley Alger
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9:45 - 11:45

Colloquium 5: Myelin-Axolemmal Bidirectional Signaling

Organizer: Steve Pfeiffer and Matt Rasband

Alyson Fournier Carmen Melendez-Vasquez
Cecilia Marta Haesun Kim

9:45 - 11:45

Colloquium 6: Gene Transfer to the Nervous System: from Basic Mechanisms to Novel Therapeutics

Organizer: Diana Jerusalisky

David Shine Fernando Pitossi
Pedro Lowenstein Osvaldo Uchitel

11:45 - 1:15 - Lunch on your own

11:45 - 1:15 - Posters

1:15 - 3:15

Symposium 5: Astrocyte signaling in brain inflammation

Organizer: Ety Benveniste

Celia Brosnan Ety Benveniste
Joel Pachter Iain Campbell

1:15 - 3:15

Colloquium 7: Genomic Approaches to CNS Injury

Organizer: Julie Ellison

Julie Ellison Frank R Sharp
Carrolee Barlow Tracy K. McIntosh

1:15 - 3:15 - Oral presentations

Chair: Cara Lynne Schengrund

3:15 - 3:45 - Coffee Break

3:45 - 5:45 - Colloquium 8: Significance of Mitochondrial Heterogeneity in Neuronal-Glial Interactions

Organizers: Arne Schousboe and Roger Butterworth

Carmen Manella Helle Waagepetersen
Mary McKenna Gary Fiskum

3:45 - 5:45

Colloquium 9: To Gli or Not to Gli: What Makes an Oligodendrocyte?

Organizers: Karen Chandross and John Kessler

John Kessler Steve Goldman
Jim Goldman Tim Vartanian

3:45 - 5:45

Workshop 3: Recent Advances in Non-Invasive Imaging Techniques for Rodent Research

Organizer: Jeffrey M. Redwine

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5:45 - 7:15 - Poster Session

7:15 - 8:30 - Annual Business Meeting

Tuesday, May 6, 2003

8:00 - 10:00

Symposium 6: FGFs in the Developing Nervous System

Organizers: Terri Wood and Rashmi Bansal

Manny DiCicco-Bloom David Ornitz
Susan McConnell Elizabeth Grove

8:00 - 10:00

Colloquium 10: Opioid Peptides: Normal & Pathologic Signaling Mechanisms In Neurons & Glia

Organizers: Pamela E. Knapp & Kurt F. Hauser

Carmine Coscia Kurt Hauser
Georgy Bakalkin Pamela Knapp

8:00 - 10:00

Workshop 4: Dietary management of neurological and neurodegenerative diseases

Organizer: Thomas N. Seyfried

Thomas N. Seyfried
Marc Yudkoff

Richard L. Veech
Mark Mattson

Purna Mukherjee

10:00 - 10:30 - Coffee Break

10:30 - 12:30

Symposium 9: Marian W. Kies Memorial Symposium
Zinc in Neurodegeneration

Organizer: Kirk E. Dineley, 2002 Marian Kies Memorial Award Recipient

Elias Aizenman
Kirk Dineley

Jae-Young Koh
John Wiess

10:30 - 12:30

Colloquium 11: CNS Inflammation and Microglial Activation: Can They be Beneficial for the CNS?

Organizer: Monica J. Carson

G. Miller Jonakait
Kathryn J. Jones

Phillip G. Popovich
Wolfgang J. Streit

10:30 - 12:30

Colloquium 12: Hedgehog, BMP and Notch Signaling in Oligodendrocyte Specification

Organizer: James A. Waschek and Vincent Lelievre

Robert H Miller Monique Dubois-Dalcq
David Rowitch Gord Fishell

12:30 - 2:00 - Lunch on your own

12:30 - 2:00 - Posters

2:00 - 4:00

Symposium 8: Signaling Complexes in the Nervous System

Organizer: Heather S. Duffy

Richard Weinberg
Alex Gow

David Spray
Mario Delmar

2:00 - 4:00

Colloquium 13: Complement in the Brain: New & Exciting Insights in an Old Arena of Immunology

Organizer: Jessy Alexander & Tony Wyss-Coray

Tony Wyss-Coray
Andrea Tenner

Scott Barnum
Giulio Maria Pasinetti

2:00 - 4:00 - Oral presentations

Chair: Minnetta Gardinier

4:00 - 4:30 - Coffee Break

4:30 - 6:30

Symposium 9: MMPs in the Nervous System: Functions in Physiology, Pathology and Recovery

Organizer: V. Wee Yong

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4:30 - 6:30

Colloquium 14: Integrin Signaling in the Nervous System: Involvement with Tetraspan & Related Proteins

Organizer: Wendy Macklin

Jeff Bronstein

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David Weinstein

4:30 - 6:30

Symposium 10: Neural Differentiation

Organizers: Randall D. McKinnon

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Sam Pfaff

Mark Henkemeyer

John B. Thomas

6:30 - 8:00 - Posters

8:00 - 10:00 - Student/Postdoc Dinner

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

8:00 - 10:00

Symposium 11: Synapse Formation and Resculpturing

Organizer: Richard Olsen

Heinrich Betz

Kimberley McAllister

Istvan Mody

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8:00 - 10:00

Colloquium 15: Integrins as Targets for Therapeutic Intervention in Multiple Sclerosis

Organizer: Jean Merrill

Stefan Brocke

Ted Yednock

Stephen Miller

David Miller

8:00 - 10:00

Workshop 5: Proteolipid Protein (PLP): Mutations in the Gene Lead to Complex Phenotypes Affecting Myelin and Axons

Organizer: Ian D. Duncan

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Julia M. Edgar

Odile Boespflug-Tanguy

Robert P. Skoff

10:00 - 10:30 - Coffee Break

10:30 - 12:30

Symposium 12: Cell Death Signaling Mechanisms in Chronic and Acute Trauma

Organizer: Regino Perez-Polo

Stephen Rossner John Bethea
Olivera Nestic Ian Hendry

10:30 - 12:30

Colloquium 16: Gene Profiling in Disease

Organizer: Elizabeth Thomas

Jean Loring Elizabeth Thomas
Frank Middleton John Kelsoe

10:30 - 12:30 - Oral presentations

Chair: Oscar Bizzozero

12:30 - 2:00 - Lunch on your own

2:00 - 3:00 - Plenary Lecture

Fred Gage title TBA

3:00 - 3:15

Presentation of Jordi Folch-Pi Memorial Award by Regina Armstrong

3:15 - 3:45 - Coffee Break

3:45 - 5:45

Symposium 13: Stem cell biology and their potential for CNS repair

Organizer: Scott Whittemore

Mahendra Rao Scott Whittemore
Harley Kornblum

7:00 -10:00 - Final Banquet

ASN YOUNG INVESTIGATOR EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENT AWARDS

The American Society for Neurochemistry is pleased to announce the availability of awards for young investigators to attend the ASN 34th Annual Meeting, Newport Beach, California.

Eligibility requirements:

1. Graduate students in their final year of study or scientists who received a Ph.D. or M.D. within the past 6 years.
2. Applicants must reside in the Western Hemisphere but need not be members of the ASN.
3. Applicants must be first (presenting) author of a submitted abstract.
4. Priority will be given those who have not previously received this award from the ASN.
5. The number of applicants from any one laboratory is limited to two.

Application materials to be submitted:

(Note: Eight copies of each must be provided)

1. A cover letter containing:
 - a. A brief statement of career goals.
 - b. Name of dissertation supervisor or research director
 - c. A statement as to whether you have or have not received an ASN education (travel) award previously.
 - d. Current source of financial support. Note that only partial support for attendance at the meeting will be provided. The amount will be dependent on the resources available to the Society and will take into consideration the applicant's travel expenses to reach Newport Beach, CA.
2. A brief curriculum vitae or biographical sketch including, at a minimum, origin and date of award of undergraduate and graduate degrees, and a list of publications and/or title of dissertation.
3. Text of submitted abstract to ASN Newport Beach Meeting

Deadline is March 15, 2003.

Application material should be sent to:

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Applications must be received by March 15, 2003 and will be reviewed by members of the Award Committee.

JORDI FOLCH-PI MEMORIAL AWARD

The Jordi Folch-Pi Award, to be used for travel, is given to an outstanding young investigator who has demonstrated a high level of research competence and originality, who has significantly advanced our knowledge of neurochemistry and who shows a high degree of potential for future accomplishments. The award is a cash prize of \$1,500 and the recipient has an opportunity to organize a symposium at the ASN 35th Annual Meeting.

Past awardees include: Drs. Gary Gibson, Robert J. DeLorenzo, Bruce Trapp, James Gusella, Oscar Bizzozero, Charles Nemeroff, Scott Brady, Wendy Macklin, Eric Nestler, Errol De Souza, Cheryl Craft, Brian Popko, Randy McKinnon, Daniel Kaufman, Mark Mattson, Peter Baas, Regina Murphy, Eric Murphy, Mark Smith, Kelsey Martin, and Sandra Hewett.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Nominee need not be an ASN member.
2. Nominee must reside in the Western Hemisphere.
3. No more than ten years past awarding of their doctorate at the time of nomination.

NOMINATION MATERIALS TO BE SUBMITTED:

Eight (8) copies of all materials MUST be provided.

1. Complete curriculum vitae
2. A one page statement from the nominee of accomplishments and goals
3. Three letters of recommendation.
4. Reprints of three peer reviewed publications.

EIGHT (8) COMPLETE COPIES OF NOMINATION MATERIALS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

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The deadline for receipt of letters of nomination and all required items is March 15, 2003.

MARIAN KIES MEMORIAL AWARD

This is a call for nominations for the Marian Kies Memorial award to honor a junior scientist for outstanding research conducted during graduate training. The award is named in memory of Marian Kies who devoted much of her energy and enthusiasm to fostering the development of young scientists and consists of a \$1,500 cash prize and the opportunity to organize a colloquium for the ASN 35th Meeting.

Eligibility requirements:

1. Ph.D. or thesis awarded between May 2001 and December 2003
2. Ph.D. dissertation research of exceptional quality in the field of neuro-chemistry
3. Nominee must submit an abstract to the ASN 34th Annual Meeting
4. Nominee must have performed dissertation work in the Western Hemisphere

Nomination materials to be submitted:

(Note: Six copies of ALL materials must be provided)

1. Letter of recommendation from nominee's Ph.D. advisor and one other appropriate senior scientist familiar with the nominee's research.
2. A summary of the nominee's pre-doctoral research (maximum length of 1 single-spaced page), which highlights the impact and contribution to her/his field of study.
3. Curriculum vitae of the nominee that includes list of all publications, honors, awards as they relate to thesis research, involvement and activities in scientific societies, and extracurricular/service activities.
4. Two peer-reviewed manuscripts, manuscripts in press, or manuscripts submitted for publication.
5. Text of the abstract submitted to the ASN 34th Annual Meeting in Newport

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YOUNG LATIN AMERICAN SCHOLARS AWARD

The American Society for Neurochemistry announces the availability of scholarships for young neuroscientists from Latin American countries. These awards will provide \$2,000 in travel expenses to attend the annual meeting of the American Society of Neurochemistry, along with the visit, for a period not shorter than one additional week, to an established neuroscience laboratory in North America. The ASN hopes that these awards will foster mentoring relationships, to teach young scientists new techniques, and to share and encourage new ideas and approaches to neurochemical problems.

Eligibility requirements:

Awards are restricted to graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty no more than 35 years of age at the time of application.

Application materials to be submitted:

(Note: Six copies of each must be provided)

1. Cover letter stating the applicant's career goals and the purpose of his/her visit to a particular neuroscience laboratory in North America.
2. Complete curriculum vitae of the applicant.
3. Letter of recommendation from a senior scientist who is familiar with the applicant's research.
4. Letter from the host laboratory accepting the visit of the applicant.
5. Text of submitted abstract to the ASN Newport Beach meeting.

Deadline is March 15, 2003.

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Nancy Dahl

Emeritus member, Nancy Ann Dahl, 70, Lawrence, died Aug. 8, 2002 in Lawrence. She joined KU as an assistant professor in 1964 and became a full professor of physiology and cell biology in 1992. Her work with KU included nearly 40 scientific papers and presentations about the eye and energy flow to nerve tissue. She was inducted into the KU Women's Hall of Fame in 1993 and received the Dean's Scholars Program Mentor Award in May 1994 and the Chancellor's Club Career Teaching Award in 1995. Survivors include her husband Dennis, son Julian and daughter Kathleen R. Nuckolls, all of Lawrence

Willa Folch-Pi

Dr. Willa Folch-Pi the widow of Jordi Folch-Pi died on November 16, 2002. An obituary will be posted in the next newsletter.

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Report from the Inter-American Cooperation Committee

One of the goals of our Inter-American Cooperation committee is to determine how we can best provide assistance in the development of Neuroscience's programs encompassing both research and teaching. I was honored to be selected by the American Association for the Advancement of Science and CONICIT to visit Costa Rica and participate in a Women's Science forum and their IV Annual Science meeting. We discussed strategies to teach science at an early age and stimulate these young students' interest in science. During my stay I had the opportunity to meet with the single member of the yet to be developed Neuroscience department.

One of my goals as the chair of the Inter-American Cooperation Committee is to increase the interest and participation of young women and men in the scientific endeavors within Latin America and the Caribbean regions. I believe that my presence in this event was an initial step of many that would be required to establish a strong network. This Committee will maintain in contact with the people of CONICIT to see how can we help them form a neuroscience group.

Dr. Araceli Espinosa de los Monteros, Chair

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