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CPDD President's Column

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President

Welcome to everyone as we begin the spring season. It is time to look forward to the 79th Annual Scientific Meeting of CPDD in the Hôtel Bonaventure, Montréal, Canada, June 17-22. This year will include several co-sponsored symposia with the International Cannabinoid Research Society (ICRS) on cannabinoid research. The ICRS will meet after CPDD in Montreal at the nearby Sheraton Hotel. The meeting program grid has been posted on the CPDD website. I would like to draw your attention to the President's Lecture on Sunday, June 18th: William Dewey has organized an outstanding panel of guests from the DEA, NIDA, and CPDD to discuss important issues with drug scheduling and the impact that it has on scientific research. Collectively, the Program Committee has put together a very informative meeting. I hope you will all plan to attend what should be an outstanding scientific conference in a fabulous environment.

In the January 2017 edition of Newsline, I emphasized the importance of basic science to the overall health and effectiveness of the College. There has been a marked decline in the number of basic scientists who attend the annual meeting on a regular basis. Even though the Program Committee continues to do an outstanding job of representing basic science in symposia, oral presentations

and workshops, the number of abstract submissions by basic scientists had dropped below 15% of the total submissions in recent years. Fortunately, there was an encouraging increase in submissions of basic science abstracts last year to just over 17% and I'm very pleased to report that we hit the 20% mark for the meeting in Montréal. This encouraging trend is due to a lot of hard work on the part of our membership. As part of this effort, a working group was formed to define better the needs of the College and specifically to identify what can be done to attract more basic scientists. Bill Fantegrossi (Arkansas) serves as chair and is joined by Kevin Freeman (Mississippi), Jun-Xu Li (Buffalo), Wendy Lynch (Virginia), and Shane Perrine (Wayne State). The group will be active for one year and will meet in person at the June 2017 conference in Montréal. They were asked to seek input from the membership and meeting attendees and to prepare a 1-page final report with 3-5 concrete action items for the Executive Committee and Board of Directors to implement next year. I anticipate that everyone who attends the annual meeting in Montreal will witness a significant difference in the scope and quality of basic science. Nothing attracts a crowd like a crowd.

The CPDD Board of Directors held its interim board meeting February 15-16 at the Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood, Florida. One of the key strategic areas that was discussed included public policy and

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advocacy. The promotion of evidenced-based public policy is a central mission of the College. Since the 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting in Palm Springs, California, members of the College have been very active in promoting sound policy in the drug addiction arena. We provided input on the Synthetic Drugs Bill that had slated 300 new compounds for Schedule I. Friends of NIDA met on Capitol Hill for a briefing on the Adolescent Brain and Cognitive Development (ABCD) program. CPDD wrote endorsement letters in support of 1) nonhuman primate research in conjunction with the American Psychological Association Science Directorate; 2) the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) to increase funding for prevention and treatment of opioid misuse; 3) the DEA for resending temporary Schedule I for kratom and for streamlining the requirements for research with novel compounds through research exemptions; and 4) HHS Secretary Sylvia Burwell for tobacco cessation treatments via the US Preventive Services Task Force in conjunction with the American Psychological Association. Lastly, Sandy Comer and Bill Dewey have organized an Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill on March 28th for CPDD members to meet with their representatives in Congress. The College is fortunate to have a long-standing relationship with Van Scoyoc Associates Inc., a Federal Government affairs firm and independent lobbying company in Washington, D.C. They are instrumental in serving as a conduit between the College and government policy makers and have agreed to facilitate the event as part of their relationship with CPDD. The first Advocacy Day will target the Executive Committee and CPDD members who live or work close to Washington, D.C. with the intention to expand the scope of the event in future years. Given the transition in leadership in the White House and Congress, and the proposed NIH budget just released by the Executive Office, the timing for this effort could not be better.

A second key strategic area that was discussed by the Board of Directors was the need for CPDD to enhance its development activities. Two functions of the College selected as fundraising priorities were the Travel Award Program for Young Investigators and public policy and advocacy efforts. Our Travel Award Program is key to engaging young investigators who are new to our field, including those who would not otherwise be able to attend our Annual Scientific Meeting. Our advocacy efforts have been very successful in helping to shape important federal and state legislation and in maintaining research funding to support drug abuse research and treatment. In order to meet these challenges, our President-elect Alan Budney revived the Development Committee, and Marc Kaufman kindly agreed to serve as chair. This is strategic and timely given the finances of the College. The committee is charged with identifying revenue-generating ideas, providing a rationale for solicitation of development funds, and creating a policy for managing support by pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies.

I would like to close by welcoming our newly elected officers Meg Haney (President-elect) and Jack Bergman (Treasurer-elect), and board members Amy Janes, Geoff Mumford, Stacey Sigmon, and Mark Smith. They will assume their new roles in the College at the end of the Annual Scientific Meeting in June. It is a pleasure to have such a solid group of scientists and good citizens join the Board of Directors. Please take time to thank them in advance for their service to the College when you cross paths in Montréal. I very much look forward to seeing you all in June. Safe travels!

Leonard L. Howell, Ph.D.
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Meeting Information

June 17-22, 2017: [Hôtel Bonaventure](#), Montréal, Canada

Important Upcoming Deadlines:

Early Bird Registration: April 3, 2017

Online registration is now open, and can be accessed [here](#)

Standard rates will apply on and after April 4, 2017

Late-Breaking Research Submission: April 14, 2017

US Immigration Policy and 2017 Meeting Refunds

CPDD respects diversity and is committed to the open and respectful exchange of scientific ideas of our attendees at our Annual Meeting. CPDD will issue full refunds of conference registration fees to US-based attendees who are from any country impacted by new US immigration policy preventing travel to/from the Annual Meeting.

Fun in Montréal!

Looking to have some fun away from the conference? Want to see some of the local sights? Check out **Notre Dame Basilica** and **Old Montreal** while you're in town!

Notre-Dame Basilica of Montréal

Located 1.2 km from the conference venue

Take a guided tour of the basilica, which possesses some of the finest Gothic Revival architecture in North America.

Additional information can be found [here](#)

Old Montréal

Located 1.5 km from the conference venue

Explore the site of the original city of Montréal! The district remains the hub of the city's culture.

Additional information can be found [here](#)

Montréal is also celebrating its 375th Anniversary in 2017! Click [here](#) to learn more about events being held at the same time as the annual meeting.

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International Study Group Investigating Drugs as Reinforcers

INTERNATIONAL STUDY GROUP INVESTIGATING DRUGS AS REINFORCERS

The mission of the **International Study Group Investigating Drugs as Reinforcers** is to promote interest in, and to facilitate the dissemination of, new information related to drugs as reinforcers, especially as it may relate to human drug abuse.

The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, June 17th at the Hôtel Bonaventure in Montréal, Quebec, immediately prior to CPDD.

Registration is \$50 for members-in-training and \$100 for everyone else. Register [online](#) or at the meeting. *Lunch is free with pre-registration!*

Upcoming deadlines:

Oral presentations: May 1, 2017

Send 1) the title of the talk; 2) a list of all authors; and 3) a brief (1-2 sentences) description of the talk to Mark Smith (masmith@davidson.edu)

Symposia: May 1, 2017

Send 1) the title of the symposium; 2) a brief (1-2 sentences) description of the symposium; and 3) a list of the individual speakers and titles of their talks to Mark Smith (masmith@davidson.edu)

Young investigator travel awards: March 27, 2017

ISGIDAR will support two travel awards for young investigators. Awardees will receive free ISGIDAR registration, lunch, and some reimbursement for travel expenses. See the [ISGIDAR website](#) for additional information.



Satellite Conferences, *continued from page 4*



NIDA INTERNATIONAL

The NIDA International Forum fosters international cooperative research and the exchange of scientific information by drug abuse researchers. Held each June in conjunction with the annual scientific meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, the Forum highlights the range and quality of drug abuse and addiction research conducted around the world.

The 2017 annual Forum will take place June 16-19, 2017 at the Hôtel Bonaventure in Montréal, Quebec.

There is no registration fee to attend the 2017 NIDA International Forum. However, registration is required. [Online registration](#) is now open, and on-site registration will be available at the meeting. Please note that registration for this event is separate from that of the CPDD meeting.

The NIDA International Forum Poster Session, scheduled as the joint NIDA International Forum and CPDD Workshop, will be held Monday, June 19, 2017, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Meeting programs and other information can be accessed [online, here](#).



10TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND GENDER GROUP CONFERENCE

The International Women's and Children's Health and Gender (InWomen's) Group is a multidisciplinary forum addressing all aspects of substance use among women, children, and youth. Since 2010, InWomen's has been hosting its own satellite conference at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) annual meeting.

The 2017 annual meeting will take place June 16, 2017 at the Hôtel Bonaventure in Montréal, Quebec.

[Online registration](#) is now open – **Deadline is May 30, 2017**. On-site registration will also be available.

The InWomen's Group poster session will be held on Friday June 16, 2017 from 2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.



THE 27TH INTERNATIONAL CANNABINOID RESEARCH SOCIETY SYMPOSIUM ON THE CANNABINOIDS

ICRS is a non-political, non-religious organization dedicated to scientific research in all fields of the cannabinoids, ranging from biochemical, chemical, and physiological studies of the endogenous cannabinoid system to studies of the abuse potential of recreational cannabis. The main role of the ICRS is also to provide an open forum for researchers to meet and discuss their research.

The 2017 annual ICRS Symposium will take place June 22-27, 2017 in Le Centre Sheraton, Montréal, Canada. Additionally, **4 symposia co-sponsored by CPDD and ICRS** will be held June 21-22 during the CPDD meeting.

ICRS/CPDD Shared Symposia:

- *Opioid and cannabinoid interactions: preclinical and clinical measures of pain, abuse liability, and dependence* (Chair: Meg Haney; Co-Chair: Aron Lichtman)
- *Endocannabinoid involvement in stress, reward and motivation: implications for understanding and treating substance use disorder* (Chair: John Mantsch; Co-Chair: Cecilia Hillard)
- *Evaluating the therapeutic potential of medical cannabis and phytocannabinoids from preclinical animal models to the pharmacoepidemiology of medical cannabis use* (Chair: Ziva Cooper; Co-Chair: Igor Grant)
- *Synthetic cannabinoids: thinking outside of the pot* (Chair: Jenny Wiley; Co-Chair: Brian Thomas)

[Online registration](#) for ICRS is now open – **Deadline is May 15, 2017**

CPDD delegates participating in **both** CPDD and ICRS *in their entirety* are eligible for a 10% discount on their registration

CPDD is also offering a discounted two-day CPDD registration for ICRS attendees to attend the ICRS/CPDD sessions on June 21-22. More information regarding registration can be found [here](#).

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Future Scientific Meetings**CPDD 80th Annual Scientific Meeting**

June 9-14, 2018 – Hilton Bayfront Hotel, San Diego, CA

CPDD 81st Annual Scientific Meeting

June 15-20, 2019 – JW Marriott San Antonio Hill County Resort and Spa, San Antonio, TX

More information can be found [here](#).

**Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other
Drugs (APSAD)**

November 12-15, 2017 – Pullman Melbourne Albert Park, Melbourne, Australia

Additional information can be found [here](#).

**Drug and Alcohol Dependence Seeking
Commentaries on Political Engagement**

Recently, some scientists have urged researchers to engage in various forms of political activism. However, others have argued such efforts are counterproductive. We are soliciting opinion articles broadly related to this topic to publish in the News and Views section of *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*. We would like to identify at least two articles on the topic, roughly corresponding to “pro” and “con.” If you are interested, please e-mail harrelpt@evms.edu, from the CPDD Publications Committee, with a proposed title and potential authors. Both single-authored articles and articles with multiple authors are welcome. If accepted, you will be asked to submit a manuscript under 5,000 words within 3 months of acceptance.