CPDD President’s Column

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President

I would like to be the first to welcome you to the 2006 College on Problems of Drug Dependence annual meeting at the Scottsdale Princess. Many riches await our conference goers this year. The largest number of abstracts ever received ensures that the scientific content of the meeting will be diverse and rewarding. The Plenary Session will include an address by Dr. Nora Volkow (Director, NIDA), special recognition of the CPDD award winners and the Eddy Award Lecture presented by Dr. Ivy Carroll. Talks by Dr. Ann Kelley as the Presidential Lecturer and Dr. Linda Dykstra as the Fischman Award winner are guaranteed to be engaging and packed with sophisticated analyses of processes involved in drug abuse and addiction. Special forums on the NIH Roadmap and the NIH Neuroscience Blueprint will be hosted by NIDA staff and offer to teach addiction scientists how best to interface with these important initiatives. Discussions within sessions on Animals in Research and Blending Science, Public Policy and Advocacy promise to elevate our appreciation of public education in addiction research and teach us how best to emphasize the importance of our science.

The leadership of CPDD needs your input and impressions of our meeting and activities, particularly as the organization looks to the future and addresses the challenges of maintaining research support for our science, sustaining the success of our junior investigators, and helping our world recognize the importance of addiction research. Immediately after the meeting, we will be requesting your responses to

Annual Meeting Advice Column

The annual meeting is fast approaching and we have some reminders and advice for attendees.

- The weather is HOT, but dry (about 10% relative humidity). Temperatures run between 100° and 110° F in the daytime, but evenings are quite pleasant.
- Everything is quite informal in Scottsdale and virtually no place requires ties.
- DO NOT prepare for rain since there won’t be any.

- Remember to drink lots of water and use sunblock when outside.
- For those needing transportation from the airport, take Super Shuttle as your best bet.
- A car is useful and parking is free at the Princess.
- If arranging for car rental, be aware that taxes and surcharges are very high (probably about 50% of the charge for the rental) since visitors are paying for the sports stadiums.

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our online survey, completion of which will be immediately reinforced by an Amazon.com gift certificate! Conducted by Jim Anthony and Carlos Rios-Bedoya, the results of the survey will be published in Newsline and disseminated on the CPDD listserv. I am requesting your support to help CPDD chart its course, and the survey is a key step in this process.

Only a few weeks remain during which I may claim the honor of President of CPDD. It has been a fast and furious year, and I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with so many valued colleagues. Of particular note, I have always been grateful for the support of the CPDD office, but as the complexity and behind-the-scenes function of our organization are much more apparent to me now, I realize the true contribution of the committed and dedicated staff. You are the backbone of CPDD and I cannot thank you enough for all you do for CPDD. Thank you, Marty, Ellen, Rochelle, Neico, and Connie.

Meeting Opportunities for Pre-docs, Post-docs & Young Investigators

There are a number of scientific and social activities specifically targeted for pre- and post-doctoral students and young investigators. Please take advantage of these great opportunities.

Saturday, June 17, 1:00–5:00 PM  
Sonoran Room  
NIDA Tutorials: A workshop designed to introduce junior investigators to fundamental information from a variety of disciplines, presented by experts in the field, in order to showcase the breadth of drug abuse and addiction research. (By invitation only.)

Sunday, June 18, 6:30–8:00 PM  
Salon Princesa  
NIDA Training Grant Mixer: A reception at which all NIDA pre- and post-doctoral trainees, and faculty involved in training grants are invited to learn about training grant sites and to participate in a training network forum with NIDA Program Staff. (Limited to NIDA-funded training grantees.)

Sunday, June 18, 8:00–10:00 PM  
Salon D  
What’s New at NIDA & NIH Workshop: NIDA staff will answer all your questions regarding electronic submission of grants, changes in the review process, etc.

Monday, June 19, 6:30–8:00 PM  
Salon Princesa  
Pre- & Post-Doc Mixer: A casual get-together for all grad students and post-docs attending the meeting. Light refreshments and cash bar.

Tuesday, June 20, 8:00–9:30 AM  
La Hacienda  
Early Career Investigator Awards Breakfast: For current and up to 3 year’s past awardees. (By invitation only.)

Tuesday, June 20, 2:00–6:30 PM  
McDowell Rooms  
Grant-Writing Workshop: Preregistration required. Limited to 50 participants.

Tuesday, June 20, 8:00–10:00 PM  
Salon ABC  
Job Interviews Workshop: Tips from senior scientists for newer investigators on how to interview for a position.

Thursday, June 22, 12:30–2:00 PM  
McDowell Rooms  
Brunch with Champions: For students and young investigators to meet and eat with prominent senior researchers and administrators in the drug abuse field, discussing everything from science to politics to careers. Preregistration strongly suggested, cost $5 in advance; $10 on site, if space is available.
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• The Princess is about 25 minutes driving time from the airport.
• Golf courses are superb, but VERY early tee times are a must.
• Swimming pools at the Princess are 3 in number and are excellent.

For those of you visiting Scottsdale for the first time, there's plenty to do and see.

• Sedona is about 2 hours away.
• The Grand Canyon is about 3-and-a-half hours away.
• Great shopping areas are abundant and close.
• Loads of good restaurants in all price ranges are about 5-20 minutes away by car.

This will be the largest meeting in our history, probably between 1400 and 1500 registrants.

Further information about the shuttle, hotel, activities, etc. are on our website (www.cpdd.org).

– Contributed by Ellen Geller and Marty Adler,

Symposia, Workshops and Forums at the CPDD 68th Annual Scientific Meeting Scottsdale, AZ, June 17–22, 2006

Full Symposia:

Method to the Madness: Methodology and Analysis of Clinical Trials of Stimulant Abuse Pharmacotherapy, John Grabowski, Ph.D., Chair and Marc Mooney, Ph.D., Co-Chair, 6/18, 1–3 pm.

Developments in Methamphetamine Abuse Targets and Pharmacotherapies. Linda P. Dwoskin, Ph.D., Chair and Nathan M. Appel, Ph.D., Co-Chair, 6/18. 3:30–5:30 pm.

Addressing Ethnic Disparities in Drug Abuse Treatment. Kathleen Carroll, M.D., Chair and Carmen L. Rosa, Ph.D., Co-Chair, 6/19, 1–3 pm.

Medications Development for the Treatment of Cannabis Dependence, Frank Vocci, Ph.D., Chair and Ivan D. Montoya, M.D., Co-Chair, 6/19, 3:30–5:30 pm.

Parsing the Functions of Dopamine: Selective Receptor Alterations, James H. Woods, Ph.D., Chair and Jon Katz, Ph.D., Co-Chair, 6/19, 3:30–5:30 pm.

New Approaches for Addressing the Clinical Challenges of Treating Opioid Dependent Pregnant Women, Karol Kaltenbach, Ph.D., Chair and Hendree Jones, Ph.D., Co-Chair, 6/21, 1–3 pm.

Methamphetamine and HIV: A New and Dangerous Epidemic, Jag Khalsa, Ph.D., Chair and Madhavan PN Nair, Ph.D., Co-Chair, 6/21, 3:30–5:30 pm.

New Approaches to Development of Agonist Therapies for Cocaine Dependence, Steve Negus, Ph.D., Chair and Leonard Howell, Ph.D., Co-Chair, 6/21, 3:30–5:30 pm.

Improving the Diagnosis of Drug Use Disorders: Preparing for DSM-V. Wilson M. Compton, M.D., M.P.E., Chair and Linda B. Cottler, Ph.D., Co-Chair, 6/22, 8–10 am.

The Frontiers of Inhalant Abuse: Recent Advances in the Neurobiological Basis of Volatile Substance Abuse, Scott Bowen, Ph.D., Chair and Silvia Cruz, Ph.D., Co-Chair, 6/22, 10:30 am–12:30 pm.

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Symposia, Workshops & Forums

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Mini Symposia:

Epidemiology of Prescription Stimulant Abuse: Who Does It and Why? Sean Esteban McCabe, Ph.D., Chair and Carol J. Boyd, Co-Chair, 6/19, 3:30–4:30 pm.

Addressing Prescription Opioid Abuse, Charles Grudzinskas, Ph.D., Chair and Robert Colucci, Pharm. D., Co-Chair, 6/22, 2–3 pm.

Excited to Get Together: Glutamate-Associated Scaffolding Proteins in Stimulant-Induced Plasticity, Karen K. Szumlinski, Ph.D., Chair, 6/22, 3:15–4:15 pm.

Workshops:

NIDA Workshop on International Research and Collaboration, Steven Gust, Ph.D., Chair, 6/18, 8–10 pm.

Mathematical Modeling in Biological and Epidemiological Studies of Drug Addiction, Georgiy Bobashev, Ph.D., Chair and Boris Gutkin, Ph.D., Co-Chair, 6/18, 8–10 pm.

What’s New at NIDA and NIH: Electronic Submission of Applications and More, Mark R. Green, Ph.D., Chair and Teri Levitin, Ph.D., Co-Chair, 6/18, 8–10 pm.

Contingency Management Working Group, Stacy Sigmion, Ph.D., Chair, 6/18, 8–10 pm.

HIV/AIDS Research in the NIDA Clinical Trials Network: Emerging Results, James L. Sorensen, Ph.D., Chair, 6/18, 8–10 pm.

Society for Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Effectiveness (SASATE) 5th Annual Meeting, Paula Riggs, M.D., Chair and Laetitia Thompson, Ph.D., Co-Chair, 6/19, 8–10 pm.

Substance Abuse and Dependence in the US: Current Findings, Deborah Hasin, Ph.D., Chair and Bridget Grant, Ph.D., Co-Chair, 6/19, 8–10 pm.

Global Addiction Research: Issues on Addiction and HIV/AIDS, Joseph E. Schumacher, Ph.D., Chair and Gabriele Fischer, Ph.D., Co-Chair, 6/19, 8–10 pm.

Using Microarrays in Research, David Shurtleff, Ph.D., Chair, 6/19, 8–10 pm.

HTS and PubChem: Nuts and Bolts, Christine Clovis, Ph.D., Chair, 6/19, 8–10 pm.

Understanding the Phenomenon of Opioid Prescription Drug Abuse and its Regulatory Challenges, Deborah Leiderman, M.D., Chair and Catherine Dormitzer, Co-Chair, 6/19, 8–10 pm.

Longitudinal Analyses of Drug Use and Treatment Utilization: Issues, Methods, Examples, Mary-Lynn Brecht, Chair and Yih-Ing Hser, Co-Chair, 6/20, 8–10 pm.

NIDA Medications Workshop: New Opportunities for Chemists and Pharmacologists, C. Nora Chiang, Ph.D., Chair, 6/20, 8–10 pm.

How Can We Better Nurture the Substance Abuse Counseling Workforce? Anne Helene Skinstad, Ph.D., Chair and Ken Winters, Ph.D., Co-Chair, 6/20, 8–10 pm.

Job Interviews: Tips, Tricks, and Traps, Mark Swieter, Ph.D., Chair and Teri Levitin, Ph.D., Co-Chair, 6/20, 8–10 pm.

Forums:

NIDA Roadmap Forum I: The NIH Roadmap and Neuroscience Blueprint, Timothy P. Condon, Ph.D., Chair, 6/19, 8–10 am.

NIDA Roadmap Forum II: NIH Roadmap: Opportunities for Interdisciplinary Training and Behavioral Research. Timothy P. Condon, Ph.D., Chair, 6/20, 8–9:30 am.

Public Policy Forum: Blending Science, Public Policy and Advocacy, William L. Dewey, Ph.D., Chair, 6/20, 9:30–11:30 am.

Animals in Research Forum, Nancy Mello, Ph.D., Chair, 6/21, 8–10 am.
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**2006 CPDD Travel Award Winners**

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Matthew Carpenter, Ph.D. – Medical University of South Carolina
Lawrence P. Carter, Ph.D. – Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Sara Chase, M.A. – Wayne State University
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Nehal P. Vadhan, Ph.D. – Columbia University
Glenn Valdez, Ph.D. – Harvard Medical School
Qi Wan, Ph.D. – Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Sara Jane Ward, Ph.D. – Temple University

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**Benefits of Membership to CPDD**

- A subscription to *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, which has among the highest ratings for impact among substance abuse journals (not included in student membership).
- Reduced registration fees to attend the Annual Scientific Meeting.
- Eligibility to sponsor abstract submissions for presentations at the Annual Meeting (not for Student Members)
- Eligibility to submit abstract for Late-breaking News session.
- Impact on public policy, including educating our representatives and other governmental officials on the need to support addiction research, ensuring the science base for new policies as well as programs dealing with human and animal research issues.
- Mentorship activities for trainees and early-career scientists.
- Opportunities to serve on CPDD committees.
- Access to Members Only section of CPDD website, containing directory information, easy email to other members and committee reports.
- Membership Listserv, for rapid communication of items of interest to the entire membership and posting of job opportunities.

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[http://www.cpdd.org](http://www.cpdd.org)