President's Message

Dear Fellow SSIB Members,

It is my pleasure, as your President, to write this message for our recently revived Newsletter, ably edited by Susan Aja with my most sincere appreciation. It has been an eventful and important year for SSIB. As most of you know, our executive management is now being handled by a large professional services organization, SPLtrak, Inc. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Marianne Van Wagner for her years of dedicated service to SSIB. I know all of our members join me and the Board in wishing her continued success. Jamie Price will be serving as our project leader at SPLtrak and will be the point person for any management questions or problems that you might have. Please join me in offering a warm welcome to Jamie and her SPLtrak colleagues.

You will notice that we now have a new web site, with a new look, and many useful new features. It proudly displays photos submitted by our members that project an image of SSIB to the world, and I invite you to contribute to the collection. Simply send your photo submissions to Jamie (please don’t be offended if for whatever reason the website oversight committee does not select them). The new web site also has a members-only section, which offers a variety of services including access to our membership directory, an archive of system-generated emails sent to members, display of your account information along with the ability to generate receipts for various payments, posting privileges for jobs and postdoctoral opportunities, and more. We also have a new meeting registration and abstract submission system, as well as a meeting itinerary builder. I ask for your patience as we add components to our web site and smooth out any kinks. During this transition year, we already had arranged for a local conference management group (ADEPRINA) to help us organize the Annual Meeting in Paris. Thus, our contract with SPLtrak is for association management only, with selective online systems ordered for the meeting. In late July, we will begin to receive full conference management services as well. I would like to thank Jamie and all those behind the scenes at SPLtrak for their highly competent performance in updating our critical administrative infrastructure.

The transition in executive management has required substantial effort from your officers, Board, committees, and individual members to help lay the foundation and set new systems in place. I especially want to thank Secretary Lisa Eckel for her role in leading the development of the SSIB web site, Treasurer Nori Geary for his role in establishing our accounting practices with SPLtrak, and President-Elect Tim Bartness and Past-President Hans-Rudi Berthoud for their invaluable advice along the way. Indeed, the Board as a whole has worked very hard all year in developing ideas of all sorts in our ongoing attempts to advance the Society. It is heartwarming to see so many people step up and

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From the Editor

Welcome to the new rendition of INTAKE, newsletter for the Society for the Study of Ingestive Behavior. It is my aim as Editor to create a newsletter that (1) is targeted for SSIB members, (2) has valuable information not found elsewhere, and of course (3) has basic information about the society and its functions. SSIB has a new website with links and frequent updates, so that will remain a main source of timely information. However, a newsletter gives the society a venue for communicating matters of special interest.

You may wish to see profiles of individuals and research groups, expert advice columns, or announcements of book or review articles by SSIB members; or, you may wish to see something different. It has been my personal observation that SSIB members like to engage in debate now and then. These discussions are often very educational. So, I invite members to consider organizing articles that examine multiple viewpoints on issues of science and policy that would be of interest to the membership.

Ultimately, the most critical ingredient for a successful, interesting, ongoing newsletter for SSIB is going to be the high quality (and quantity) of contributions by the membership; rightly so, because this is your newsletter. That said, another other key ingredient is an Editor who works, and is also open to advice. Articles, and suggestions for future directions, are always welcome.

I would like to personally thank the people who contributed articles and other materials to this Spring 2008 issue of INTAKE. Particularly, I thank our President Alan Spector for supporting this venture so thoroughly, and Jamie Price at SPLTrak for doing the real work putting this all together and making it look like a real newsletter. I think that, together, we have all gotten off to a good start.

I look forward to hearing from you!

- Susan Aja
HOW I GOT INTO THE FIELD OF STUDY OF INGESTIVE BEHAVIOR

I was trained as a gastrointestinal physiologist at the University of Western Australia, working under Professor Wilfred Simmonds. My thesis was on the role of phosphatidylcholine in intestinal fat absorption. After coming to this country in 1979 to complete postdoctoral training at the Albany Medical College, I had the opportunity of going to a FASEB Fall Conference held in New Orleans in that same year. I gave a talk on intestinal lipid absorption to an audience of only six people; simultaneously, I noticed that the lecture room next door was filled to capacity, with people even standing outside. After my talk, I ventured next door, and I remember vividly that the speaker was Dr. Gerard Smith, talking about the role of cholecystokinin (CCK) on food intake, a concept and experience that had a lasting impression on me. I made it a personal goal to try to get to know him; he must be very smart to be that famous and popularly received.

It was not until 1990 that I had my first exposure to the study of food intake. Dr. Toshiie Sakata sent Dr. Kazuma Fujimoto from Kyushu University to complete postdoctoral training in my laboratory, and I remember him asking upon his arrival about why we feel so satiated after ingesting a lipid rich meal. I told him I did not know why, but that apolipoprotein AIV was a potential candidate. At the time, apolipoprotein AIV was the only apolipoprotein associated with chylomicrons, and its synthesis and secretion were markedly stimulated during fat absorption. His visit was stimulating for me and speculation marked the beginning of my venture into this vast and interesting field. As a newcomer into the field, it was not too long before I realized that I needed to seek quite a bit of input from senior investigators. I called Dr. Van Hubbard at the NIDDK with hopes that he’d be able to suggest somebody with whom I’d be able to consult on this subject. Without a single moment of hesitation, he named Dr. Steve Woods, and thus, it was through Van that Steve Woods and I professionally connected. Dr. Woods was most gracious and came to visit me at the Louisiana State University Medical Center at Shreveport. He took my wife and me to a nice Cajun restaurant for dinner. It was an absolutely delightful meeting and we have become extremely close friends ever since.

Also during that time, I told Ted Kalogeris that it would be fantastic to possibly invite Dr. Gerard Smith to visit us at LSU. I picked up the phone and nervously called Dr. Smith, unsure of whether he would accept my invitation to come to LSU Med. Ctr. at Shreveport as a Visiting Professor. He answered the phone and he warmly accepted our invitation. His visit was most stimulating for me and for my laboratory personnel. We had the opportunity to personally host an absolute icon in the field who is so wise, approachable and insightful. Most impressively, he is so supportive of young investigators in the field, including a novice like myself. I want to let young investigators in SSIB know, “You are so lucky.” There are so many senior investigators, including Dr. Gerard Smith, who are so supportive of you, a situation which sometimes is very rare. Gerry is the one that has provided me with the confidence and has helped and encouraged me in so many ways during my progression from an amateur in the field of ingestive behavior to becoming an independent investigator in the same field.

Another person I like to mention is Dr. Tim Moran. Tim handled my very first paper on the regulation of food intake by apolipoprotein AIV published in 1992. He was an extremely supportive and fair Associate Editor of the American Journal of Physiology. I subsequently got to know Tim very well and we have since served on several Study Sections together. He, like Dr. Smith, is forever fair and supportive of young investigators. It has been my good fortune to get to know Tim and work with him on numerous occasions.

The field of ingestive behavior is filled with generous and supportive people. To name a few whom I have had the opportunity to get to know quite well are Gary Schwartz, Nori Geary, Wolfgang Langhans, Randall Sakai, Jim Meyer, Helen Raybould, Randy Seeley, Toshiie Sakata, James Gibbs, Gerard Smith, Steve Woods, Tomas Lutz, Tim Moran, Barry Levin, Linda Rinaman, and Ed Stricker.

Although I do not get to attend every Annual SSIB Meeting, I embrace the opportunity and enjoy it very much whenever I do have the chance to attend the meeting. This meeting is a yearly gathering of a vibrant field, full of bright and happy young investigators. At a time when the research climate is so difficult for us all, I have absolutely no doubt that this field will continue to thrive and do well. In conclusion, I like to wish all of you a very happy and prosperous 2008.

- Patrick Tso
PARIS ON THE LEFT BANK

Thanks to the hospitality of our upcoming Meeting Host, Daniel Tomé, during a Sabbatical leave in 2000, my husband, Hank, and I had the opportunity to live just a few short blocks from the AgroParis Tech on rue Claude Bernard, where the oral and poster sessions will be held. By way of enticement, we would like to share with you some of our favorite things from our delightful year in the Latin Quarter, and hope that our favorites are still there.

Stay a couple of extra days if you can—we were there 11 months and didn’t get to everything, but it will be really hard to see much if you only go for the Meeting and rush home. The Metro is great, safe, easy to use, cheap and unless there’s a strike, reliable. Just get a map and a batch of tickets (carnet) at the window and hop on. Maybe the best place to find spiffy souvenirs is at the Boutique du Louvre. In the basement of the famous museum are great shops—but that’s all in your regular guide book. Our favorite neighborhood is the Latin Quarter, and that’s where we’ll be for the Meeting.

What’s the absolutely best thing in the Latin Quarter? Hard to say, but on the rue Moufettard are some of the neatest shops (open early in the day, except Monday). We recommend several walks up and down this market street, at different times. You can go directly from AGRO a block down to the base of La Mouffe, and see the church where the King of France posted a sign ordering that there “should be no more miracles in this place” and walk up through the shops to Place de la Contrescarpe, where Hemingway often had his libations. You might pick up a huge crepe with cheese, or bananas and chocolate, or a sandwich with freshly made mayonnaise, fresh herbs, and roasted chicken, or stop in for lobster in puff pastry, or pick up souvenirs for the kiddies at home. We think the food shops are wonderful—several pastry, cheese, chocolate, or wine shops, and racks of chickens roasting on spits with the most fantastic potatoes basted below with those drippings. You can’t help loving the produce vendors, with their mountains of glorious fruits and vegetables extending out into the street, who ask if you will be serving the melon (better than any Californian cantaloupe by far) right away, or maybe for the evening meal (if later, then he would offer a different melon—they really care about food and sharing it, an important French attribute). Same for the cheese people—not only do they sell you the most fantastic cheeses, but they’ll tell you how to keep them optimally for the intended meal. I hope the chocolate shop with the warm fudge fountain in the middle is still there. It’s important to say “bonjour” when you go in, and “avoir”, or “merci” when you leave, or you might be considered rude.

Just around any corner you’ll find wonderful little restaurants. In July there will be tables on the sidewalk and musicians in the street. We were particularly fond of the rue du Pot-de-Fer, with the flautist who never got tired of playing the theme from Mozart’s Magic Flute, and we never tired of hearing it. On the corner of that street and rue Tournefort is a café that used to be the wine shop frequented by Dartagnion. They made a terrific onion soup.

After a day of talks and posters, you can walk in the Jardin du Luxembourg. Try to get there at dusk, when the light turns pale pink/lavender. Walk up rue Soufflot to the Pantheon (across the street from the City Hall, where we will have our reception). In the Pantheon you can visit the tomb of Marie Curie, or just sit on the steps and take in the superb view of the Eiffel Tower. We liked to go to those steps after dark, just on the hour there were strobe-sparkling lights on the Tower for 10 minutes.

Paris is a walking city. There are books with suggested walks; you might pick up “Memorable Walks in Paris”, before you go. We recommend walking along the Seine on Sunday when the booksellers are there with books and watercolors and all sorts of goodies. Another great walk is along the Champs Elysées from the Place de la Concorde to the Arc de Triomphe. You can go to the top of the Arc for a wonderful view of the city. Another great view is from the steps of Sacré Coeur—the white domed church on the top of Montmartre—go to the base of the Butte by Metro. Also go across the Seine to see the façade of Notre Dame, and go to Isle de la Cité, just behind the cathedral. This island in the midst of the Seine has just a few streets; look for Bertillon’s little ice cream vendor window, and be sure to get an ice cream cone – We recommend their Chocolate Noir.

We could go on and on, we’re just scratching the surface here. By all means go to the Meeting and experience the many charms of one of the loveliest cities on the planet.

Enjoy!

- Dorothy and Hank Gietzen
Hello Fellow New Investigators!

My name is Christa Patterson and I am the SSIB new investigator representative. I am currently a graduate student in Barry Levin’s lab at New Jersey Medical School studying the effects of post-weaning exercise on the development of obesity in obesity-prone rats. I wanted to take this opportunity not only to introduce myself but to invite you to contact me regarding any concerns or suggestions you may have about how we can make SSIB a more effective and beneficial organization for new investigators. As the future of SSIB, it is our duty to work together to improve SSIB and ensure its success. Please do not hesitate to contact me at pattercm@umdnj.edu if there is anything I can help you with or if there are any issues you would like to discuss.

In other news, you may have noticed that SSIB has recently launched a new website. Among the features new investigators may find particularly helpful are grant listings, jobs, and training opportunities posted mainly by SSIB members. You can find these items listed under SSIB resources on the homepage.

I would also like to bring to your attention some of the new investigator highlights for the 2008 annual SSIB meeting in Paris. Similar to previous years, New Investigator Travel Awards will be available for graduate students and post-docs based on scientific merit. These awards, which are made possible by diligent fundraising and donations by SSIB members, serve to allow more students to have the opportunity to participate in our annual meeting. Furthermore, select new investigators are chosen each year to present at a special plenary symposium. More information about applying for a New Investigator Travel Award can be found at: http://www.ssib.org/web/index.php?page=membership_awards and donations for these awards can be made online.

Last year in Steamboat, we initiated Professor-student lunches and this program was welcomed with great success. On behalf of all of the new investigators, I would like to thank the professors that participated last year and I sincerely hope you will plan to do so again. These lunches provide us with the rare opportunity to interact with our SSIB mentors in an informal setting and have proved to be a beneficial experience for professors and students alike. Sue Grigson has already recruited professors for this year’s lunches and you will soon be able to sign up online to participate.

This year we will be taking advantage of the beautiful scenery Paris has to offer by holding our annual New Investigator Social in the Jardin du Luxembourg where we will have a picnic lunch. This event is tentatively scheduled to be held during lunchtime on Wednesday July 16th and should be a great opportunity for us to meet and learn about our fellow grad students and post-docs. I will let you know more information regarding the exact details of the social as it becomes available.

Finally, I am sure many of you may be concerned about the price of lodging in Paris. For this reason, specified student housing has been organized for the meeting at a discounted rate. Student housing will be available at Cité Universitaire and Etap hotel Porte d’Italie and more details and pricing information for these accommodations can be found at http://ssib.deprina.fr/student.php. Since a limited number of rooms have been pre-booked until May 15, I encourage you to book your housing in a timely manner.

I sincerely hope that I will be able to see many of our new investigators at this year’s annual meeting and in the meantime I welcome all of you to contact me with any concerns or comments you may have regarding SSIB.

- Christa Patterson

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW INVESTIGATOR Awardeees!

Clemence Blouet
Albert Einstein
Advisor: Gary Schwartz

Megan Dailey
Johns-Hopkins University
Advisor: Tim Moran

Nicholas DiPatrizio
Drexel
Advisor: Kenny Simansky

Su Gao
University of Alberta
Advisor: Gary Lopaschuk

Matt Hayes
University of Pennsylvania
Advisor: Harvey Grill

Juliane Kampe
Monash University
Advisor: Brian Oldfield

Scott Kanoski
Purdue
Advisor: Terry Davidson

Nu-Chu Liang
Penn State University
Advisor: Ralph Norgren

Diana Pankevich
University of Pennsylvania
Advisor: Tracy Bale

Mathew Puhl
Penn State University
Advisor: Sue Grigson

Jennifer Teske
University of Minnesota
Advisor: Cathy Kotz

Brett Teubner
Georgia State University
Advisor: Tim Bartness

Yada Treesukosol
Florida State
Advisor: Alan Spector
serve SSIB in the midst of all of their other professional obligations. The society owes them a tremendous debt of gratitude, one that I hope will be repaid by members agreeing to serve in kind in the future.

Of course, the highlight of our year is the annual meeting, this year to be held in one of the world’s great capitals, Paris, France. It is only fitting that the SSIB meeting will be taking place in the same city where Claude Bernard conducted his pioneering work on homeostasis. Daniel Tomé is chairing the Local Organizing Committee. I would like to thank him and Agnès Marsset-Bagliéri, and the other committee members for their efforts in fund raising and establishing the conference web site as well as coordinating all of the local arrangements. The venue should be charming, the science stimulating, and the extracurricular events special. SSIB is committed to the practice of attempting to hold every fourth meeting, on average, outside North America. The Long Range Planning Committee, chaired by Wolfgang Langhans, is hard at work evaluating the suitability of potential future meeting sites. In 2009, the annual meeting will be held at the Benson Hotel in downtown Portland, OR. Kevin Grove has graciously agreed to serve as local host. The dates of the Portland meeting are July 27 – August 1, 2009. So mark your calendars!

The Program Committee, chaired by Tim Moran, has composed a very exciting line-up of symposia and speakers. You can obtain more details on the scientific program by visiting the SSIB web site. In an effort to more effectively serve our members given the breadth of their interests, the Board decided to establish thematic program tracks. This year we are starting with two: 1) Integrative Physiology, and 2) Social/Behavioral/Clinical. The Board plans to evaluate this system after the meeting, so please feel free to share your thoughts about this when the time comes.

Over the years, the Board has been keen on strengthening our relations with other scientific associations that have relevance to our mission. This year we have taken two positive steps in this direction. First, after discussions with the leadership of The Obesity Society (TOS; formerly called NAASO), we have agreed to hold a joint SSIB-TOS symposium at their annual meeting this Fall in Phoenix, AZ. We have also had informal discussions along similar lines with some senior members of the Association for Chemoreception Sciences (ACemS). Second, on the recommendation of Linda Rinaman, we launched an initiative to improve the representation of ingestive behavior-related programming at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience (SfN) by combining our efforts to nominate SSIB members to the SfN Program Committee. I would like to thank Linda Rinaman and Ralph Norgren for their willingness to accept nomination for this position. Regardless of the outcome of this specific action, I believe it would be beneficial to continue these efforts in the future.

Our current by-laws are, in many respects, sadly out of date. Accordingly, during the elections for officers and Board members this year, the ballot will also consist of several important proposed changes to our by-laws as recommended by the SSIB Board. I encourage you to take the time to consider the candidates and the motions, and to vote this year.

As you all know, the program at our annual meeting has become more and more ambitious over the years, and correspondingly more expensive. For the last 5 years we have enjoyed the benefit of NIH funding for a symposium and for new investigator travel support. Unfortunately, our grant has expired and NIH has altered the funding mechanisms we had used. After carefully exploring the options with the NIDDK program staff, it is clear that we will not have NIH funding for the foreseeable future.

On a brighter note, corporate support continues to be strong and grow. Our industry support helps SSIB in many different ways, but most importantly it helps guarantee that we will be able to maintain the very high quality of scientific programming at our annual meeting as well as to continue our tradition of providing travel aid for deserving students and postdocs.

SSIB needs your help in two significant ways. First and foremost, we need you to routinely pay your dues, even in years when you do not attend the annual meeting. We depend on this revenue to cover our administrative expenses. Second, we need you to get involved. When asked to vote, please vote. When asked to run, please run. When asked to serve, please serve. It is my great hope that through the selfless efforts of its members, SSIB can continue to aggressively pursue its scientific mission and maintain its efforts to promote and facilitate the research programs of the membership, leading to important discoveries that will ultimately benefit the public at large.

- Alan Spector

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### Book Announcements

**Title:** The Psychological Dieter: It’s Not All About the Calories  
**Author:** Gregory J. Privitera, Ph.D.  
**Editor:** Elliott M. Blass  
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The Psychological Dieter explores a variety of research topics in psychology to explain how diet is acquired and why it is so difficult to change. While many healthier diets on the market will work, few (if any) will provide long-term solutions to healthier dieting. The Psychological Dieter explores how factors such as metabolism, the brain, sensation, perception, learning, society, and culture all influence weight gain, food choice, meal size, and consumption.

This new book is concerned with overeating and its consequent obesity. It provides, for the first time in a single accessible volume, an integrated approach to both causes and mechanisms underlying obesity and offers principled steps toward prevention and fitness. Expert chapters are written by leaders in their respective fields.

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In Memoriam

Steven J. Cooper

Steven J. Cooper died at his home in Liverpool, UK on 21st December 2007 at the age of 61. He had been diagnosed with Motor Neuron Disease about nine months earlier. Steve faced the rapid and inevitable effects of his illness with a characteristic courage and determination, even in his last weeks, which deeply touched all who were in contact with him.

Steve gained his PhD from Birkbeck College, University of London in 1971, and after working in Oxford with Edmund Rolls on neural mechanisms of brain stimulation reward, he moved to Queen’s University Belfast to take up a lectureship in Psychology in 1972. Between 1978/9 he joined an illustrious group interested in eating behaviour at Sussex University, including Keith Oatley, Mic Burton and Bob Boakes. He was then appointed Lecturer in Psychology at the University of Birmingham, where he stayed until 1994, having been promoted to Professor in 1991. A move to become Head of Psychology at Durham University followed (1994-1998), after which he led the Department of Psychology at the University of Liverpool, establishing the Kissleff Laboratory for the study of human ingestive behaviour, before stepping down as Head in 2004 and retiring from the University in 2006.

Steve’s work on the psychopharmacology of ingestive behaviour was both prolific and influential. His rigorous approach to experimentation combined a thorough knowledge of pharmacology with a keen interest in the detailed study of behaviour. He was the first to formulate and test the hypothesis that benzodiazepine drugs alter food intake via changes in taste motivationally. His work on the effects of benzodiazepine agonists on feeding constitute the paradigmatic case for drug-induced enhancement of palatability-dependent appetite and his work on opioid modulation of eating behaviour is widely cited as evidence that opioids mediate the hedonic evaluation of foods. Other important contributions include the characterisation of the behavioural and pharmacological mechanisms underlying the effects of dopaminergic drugs on feeding and interactions between cholecystokinin and serotonin in the control of satiety. Much of this work was conducted in collaboration with the many students and postdoctoral colleagues who benefited from Steve’s generous and expert mentorship. He was also an energetic leader and administrator who contributed to the success of several academic departments, societies and journals. He served on the board of the SSIB was Editor-in-Chief of Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Reviews from 1994-2001 and was a long serving member of the Editorial Boards of many journals including Appetite and Physiology and Behavior. In acknowledgement of his many scientific contributions, he was honoured recently with Emeritus membership of SSIB.

Recently, Steve devoted more time to his interests in the history of physiology and neuroscience. In July 2007, he completed a review of the emergence of the concept of homeostasis, which was typically well informed and beautifully written. He was captivated by the history of ideas and read enthusiastically and widely. His interests included cinema and the visual arts, and he had a great talent for drawing and painting - all of which contributed to him being engaging and entertaining company. Steve will be greatly missed by many colleagues and friends, in the UK and internationally. He is survived by his wife Margaret, and daughters Tamsin and Jessica.

- Suzanne Higgs

Ann E. Kelley

Professor Ann E. Kelley, internationally renowned behavioral neuroscientist and loving mother of three, died on August 5, 2007 of metastatic colon cancer. At the time of her death, Dr. Kelley was at the peak of a highly regarded research career, authoring more than 130 articles, sustaining 20+ years of continuous NIH funding, and giving numerous prestigious invited lectures, including one at a Nobel Symposium in 2005. She held the Wisconsin Distinguished Neuroscience Professorship at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The main focus of Dr. Kelley's subsequent behavioral research was functional heterogeneity of the striatum, particularly with regard to appetitive motivational processes. One of her seminal contributions was to describe the distribution of amygdalar and hippocampal inputs to the striatum. This work helped to cement the idea that the ventral striatum, particularly the nucleus accumbens, represents a critical interface between the limbic system and motor output pathways. Much of Dr. Kelley's subsequent behavioral research was organized around the theme of determining how neuromodulators (particularly dopamine and opioid peptides) in functionally distinct striatal regions regulate incoming glutamate-coded information from areas such as the amygdala. In the course of these investigations, Dr. Kelley made several important discoveries relevant to the study of ingestive behavior. Of particular note is her work on striatal opioid modulation of gustatory reward and fat intake. This work has very important implications for understanding the neural control of ingestion driven purely by reward (rather than homeostatic influences), and could be relevant to understanding eating disorders and obesity. Dr. Kelley was also among the first to demonstrate functional differences between the anatomically distinct core and shell subterritories of the nucleus accumbens; among several differences is the highly selective control of feeding via a nucleus accumbens shell-lateral hypothalamus pathway. This work helped to revive interest in forebrain control over homeostatic circuits in the hypothalamus. Dr. Kelley was a passionate advocate of the responsible use of basic research findings for the alleviation of human disease and development of rational public health policy; and hoped that discoveries in behavioral neuroscience could assist the development of treatments for, as she often put it, "disorders of appetitive motivation."

Dr. Kelley also made seminal contributions to training the next generation of behavioral neuroscientists. Her trainees received not only a rigorous background in experimental design, critical thinking, and grantsmanship, but also invaluable lessons about living their lives. What made Dr. Kelley such a uniquely influential mentor was that she truly listened to her trainees, not defining their goals for them, but rather providing them with the fundamental tools that enabled them to achieve what they desired for success for themselves. She shared her own experiences candidly and had an unflagging dedication to the promotion of women in neuroscience. In recognition of this rare combination of outstanding research and mentorship, she was awarded Mika Salpeter Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society for Neuroscience in 2006. She created an environment that fostered women and supported their decision to combine a career in neuroscience with family responsibilities. The fact that Dr. Kelley herself lived this delicate balancing act successfully for the past 2 decades is perhaps the best example of her commitment to this issue. Her candor on professional as well as personal matters always characterized her relationships with her trainees---she opened up her life so that every day one could see how it was possible to simultaneously be a preeminent scientist and a successful mother. Dr. Kelley was one of the most gifted and dedicated neuroscientists and mentors of her generation, and will be missed by her friends and colleagues around the world.

- Brian Baldo and Vaishali Bakshi
Dr. Don Novin died in February 2008 after a 25-year battle with Parkinson’s Disease. Don’s career in the ingestive sciences spanned nearly forty years, with the last thirty-two in the Department of Psychology at UCLA. As a graduate student, he studied thirsty rats at Yale with Neil Miller and as a postdoc, he learned CNS electrophysiology in Stockholm with Bengt Andersson. Don’s early work as a faculty member at UCLA was also on thirst, culminating in his discovery (with Jeremy Peck) of osmoreceptors in the preoptic area of the brain that influenced the water intake of rabbits. In the early 1970’s, he switched focus from thirst to hunger and from the brain to the periphery, and he began what was to become an enduring and highly productive collaboration with Dennis VanderWeele. Together, Don, Denny and their students conducted trailblazing studies showing that the meal patterns of rabbits were influenced by nutrient infusions into either the duodenum or hepatic portal vein, and the route that was most effective at suppressing intake depended on whether the rabbits were fed or fasted. The UCLA group was among the early pioneers using vagotomy to isolate the viscera from the brain and using 2-deoxyglucose to identify glucosensitive receptors. They were also the first to show that glucagon influenced feeding through its action on the liver.

The idea that peripheral signals influence ingestion is now so well-accepted that it is difficult to understand how bitterly controversial these studies were at the time, but Don avoided the personal antipathies that marked the field of ingestive behavior in the 70’s and early 80’s. Partly because of this, and I suspect partly because UCLA was close to both the sea and the mountains, Don’s lab was a melting pot of international visiting scholars, including a succession of electrophysiologists from Japan (Adachi, Nijijima, Oomura, Shimazu), Mauricio Russek from Mexico, and Tony Sclafani from Brooklyn. Don also had close collaborations with LA locals Carlos Grijalva, Art Campfield, and Yvette Tache, and he attracted many postdocs and students. During my time in Don’s lab (1977-83), these included Paula Geiselman, Pat DiLorenzo, Mark Gunion, Gerlinda Hermann, Jim Martin, and Rick Rogers, who all went on to successful research careers.

Don enjoyed talking science with students in his office, a room on the top floor of Franz Hall that was pilled with so many books it was reputed to have been cited as an earthquake hazard. He ran the Department’s training grant for many years, and his approach to teaching students is not currently fashionable but it worked. He is in print as saying “I believe graduate students educate themselves or they don’t get educated” and, indeed, he meant it. He rarely ventured down to his lab, three floors underground. Lab methods and lore passed by osmosis from student-to-student. His “hands-off” approach gave us room to work at the problems we wanted to and, in the process, we made many mistakes. But we learned to accept the disappointments and redouble our efforts, and we learned the value of good friends. It was Don who taught us to make our own decisions and become independent scientists. I remember my time in Don’s lab with great fondness and, like the rest of his students and colleagues, I will always count myself as a proud Novinite.

- Mike Tordoff

Greetings SSIB Members!

It is my great pleasure to introduce myself as the new executive manager of the Society for the Study of Ingestive Behavior. As your project leader at SPLtrak, it is the proud duty of my team to ensure the smooth and efficient administrative management of your society. Our team brings years of experience in society management to your organization and we look forward to a successful relationship with the SSIB membership.

No doubt that you have already noticed a number of exciting changes such as the new society website and member services system. Over the next year we hope to introduce several additional features/services that will hopefully further increase the benefit of your SSIB membership.

We at SPLtrak pride ourselves on the individual service that we provide to each member of our management clients. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or for assistance with your SSIB membership. That’s why we are here! Also, please drop me a line if you have an idea for a service/feature that you believe that the SSIB membership may benefit from as a whole.

- Jamie Price

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Program Committee Report

New Structure for the Program Committee

In order to better serve the interests of our broad membership, the board voted to restructure the program committee, identifying distinct tracks for the programming of the annual meeting. The two tracks have been named: Integrative Physiology and Social/Behavioral/Clinical. Each track now has a track chair and subcommittee.

The current makeup of the program committee is:

Program Committee Chair: Tim Moran

Integrative Physiology

Track Chair: Harvey Grill
Members: Stephen Benoit Christine Feinle-Bisset
Michael Cowley

Social/Behavioral/Clinical

Track Chair: Michael Lowe Marc Pelchat
Members: Joanne Cecil Martin Yeomans

New Investigator Representative: Peter Wielinga

In Memoriam

Don Novin, circa 1982

Don Novin died in February 2008 after a 25-year battle with Parkinson’s Disease. Don’s career in the ingestive sciences spanned nearly forty years, with the last thirty-two in the Department of Psychology at UCLA. As a graduate student, he studied thirsty rats at Yale with Neil Miller and as a postdoc, he learned CNS electrophysiology in Stockholm with Bengt Andersson. Don’s early work as a faculty member at UCLA was also on thirst, culminating in his discovery (with Jeremy Peck) of osmoreceptors in the preoptic area of the brain that influenced the water intake of rabbits. In the early 1970’s, he switched focus from thirst to hunger and from the brain to the periphery, and he began what was to become an enduring and highly productive collaboration with Dennis VanderWeele. Together, Don, Denny and their students conducted trailblazing studies showing that the meal patterns of rabbits were influenced by nutrient infusions into either the duodenum or hepatic portal vein, and the route that was most effective at suppressing intake depended on whether the rabbits were fed or fasted. The UCLA group was among the early pioneers using vagotomy to isolate the viscera from the brain and using 2-deoxyglucose to identify glucosensitive receptors. They were also the first to show that glucagon influenced feeding through its action on the liver.

The idea that peripheral signals influence ingestion is now so well-accepted that it is difficult to understand how bitterly controversial these studies were at the time, but Don avoided the personal antipathies that marked the field of ingestive behavior in the 70’s and early 80’s. Partly because of this, and I suspect partly because UCLA was close to both the sea and the mountains, Don’s lab was a melting pot of international visiting scholars, including a succession of electrophysiologists from Japan (Adachi, Nijijima, Oomura, Shimazu), Mauricio Russek from Mexico, and Tony Sclafani from Brooklyn. Don also had close collaborations with LA locals Carlos Grijalva, Art Campfield, and Yvette Tache, and he attracted many postdocs and students. During my time in Don’s lab (1977-83), these included Paula Geiselman, Pat DiLorenzo, Mark Gunion, Gerlinda Hermann, Jim Martin, and Rick Rogers, who all went on to successful research careers.

Don enjoyed talking science with students in his office, a room on the top floor of Franz Hall that was pilled with so many books it was reputed to have been cited as an earthquake hazard. He ran the Department’s training grant for many years, and his approach to teaching students is not currently fashionable but it worked. He is in print as saying “I believe graduate students educate themselves or they don’t get educated” and, indeed, he meant it. He rarely ventured down to his lab, three floors underground. Lab methods and lore passed by osmosis from student-to-student. His “hands-off” approach gave us room to work at the problems we wanted to and, in the process, we made many mistakes. But we learned to accept the disappointments and redouble our efforts, and we learned the value of good friends. It was Don who taught us to make our own decisions and become independent scientists. I remember my time in Don’s lab with great fondness and, like the rest of his students and colleagues, I will always count myself as a proud Novinite.

- Mike Tordoff
SSIB 2008

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July 15-19, 2008
Paris, France

Preliminary program for the 2008 SSIB Meeting

Planning for the meeting program is advancing. The Mars’s Lectures (formerly called the Masterfood Lectures) and the Symposia are set (details below). The abstract submission is complete and over the next month oral and poster sessions will be decided. Stay tuned!

Mars Keynote Lectures

Kent Berridge: Limbic components in food reward: Liking, wanting, desire and dread
John Blundell: Satiety Phenotypes: Individual variability in the control of overconsumption
Graham Dockray: The versatility of the vagus
Stephen O’Rahilly: My genes made me eat that

Symposia

Learning and environmental cues in feeding
Martin Yeomans
Jeff Brunstrom
Peter Holland
Sabrina Diano

Gut peptides and Energy Balance
Rachel Batterham
Carel Le Roux
Christine Feinle Bissett
Jim Peters

Nutrients and Appetite Control
Margriet Westerterp
Daniel Tome
Dave Mela
Barbara Rolls

Signal Processing in the Gustatory System
Dennis Drayna
Scott Herness
Stephen Roper
Sue Travers

Nutrient and Energy Sensing
Wolfgang Langhans
Jens Bruning
Su Gao
Karen Teff

Feeding and Reward
Michel Lowe
Eric Stice
Diane Latteman
Hans-Rudi Berthoud

Future SSIB Meeting Dates

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The Benson Hotel
Portland, OR

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Sheraton Station Square Hotel
Pittsburgh, PA

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March 25-27, 2008; Maastricht, The Netherlands

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