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PLAN AHEAD FOR ANNUAL MEETING: JUNE 8-13, VILLASIMIUS, SARDINIA, ITALY By Paolo Follesa & Giovanni Biggio on behalf of the Local Organizing Committee

The 2010 Annual Meeting includes an invited Presidential lecture, 2 poster sessions, 3 keynote, 3 oral sessions, 10 symposia, a grant workshop, and Meet the Professionals lunches, as well as two pre-meeting events: a Special Satellite and a Presidential Symposium. We advise attendees to plan a few extra days before or after the meeting to enjoy the area.

GENERAL INFO: Sardinia (in English \sär- di-nē-ə\ or \sär-di-nyə\; and in Italian, *Sardegna*, \sär- dā-nyä\) is the second-largest Mediterranean island after Sicily at 24,090 km² (9,301 mi²). The nearest land masses are the French island of Corsica (North), the Italian peninsula (East), Tunisia (South), and the Spanish Balearic Islands (West). Spoken languages include Italian and Sardinian, but in tourist areas, hotels and resorts, most personnel also speak English.

Average temperature in June is 21.3 °C (70 °F) with a range from 16.1-26.6 °C (61-80 °F), and there are an average of 9.6 hours of sun/day and 2 days of rain/month. Sardinia is part of Italy but has regional autonomy, which gives the right to create laws and carry out administrative functions. The total population in 2008 was 1,670,219 with a density of 69.3/km² (179.6 mi²).

The currency is the € (Euro), which is stronger than the US dollar (USD) and Canadian dollar (CAD). Exchange rates are about 1.33 and 1.36, respectively,

so the nightly rate of €99/€137 for double/single occupancy at the all-inclusive Tanka Village Resort is the equivalent of USD \$132/\$182 or CAD \$135/\$184.

GETTING THERE: The conference hotel is the Tanka Village Resort in Villasimius: www.atahotels.it/en/schede/atahotel_tanka.html.

Reservations must be made by May 13 using the Hotel Accommodation Form (download from the bottom of the Annual Meeting webpage: www.ibnshomepage.org/annualmeeting10.htm). For airfare and car rental discounts, see: www.ibnshomepage.org/travel_discounts_IBNS.htm



Sardinia has three international airports: Cagliari-Elmas (55 km/34 mi from Villasimius), Alghero (260 km/162 mi), and Olbia-Costa Smeralda (320 km/199 mi). All three are connected with mainland Italian cities and many European destinations in the UK,

Scandinavia, Spain, France and Germany. Flights between Sardinian airports are limited to one daily Cagliari-Olbia flight. From the USA and Canada, the best way to reach Cagliari is though a mainland Italian International Airport. Another option is to take a ferry to Cagliari from mainland Italy, France, or Spain, which is less expensive, but takes longer. A shuttle bus between Cagliari Airport and the Tanka Village Resort will be provided (prices on Annual Meeting webpage). **To use the shuttle service, you must submit a Transportation Form and payment by May 13** (download from Annual Meeting webpage).

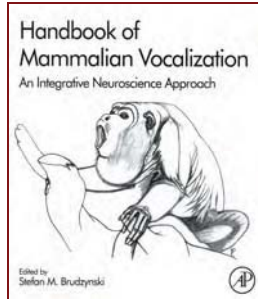
FOOD: The resort is all-inclusive, meaning that the daily charge covers room and board (breakfast, lunch and dinner buffet). Oasys Restaurant offers a wide variety of dishes from traditional Mediterranean and Italian to particular Sardinian specialties, accompanied by wine and beer. Other à la carte menu

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MEMBER NEWS

Robert Adamec, Ph.D. is the recipient of the IBNS Outstanding Achievement Award for 2010. This Award recognizes Bob's enormous and long-reaching impact on the field of behavioural neuroscience. It also recognizes his long-standing support of our Society.



Stefan Brudzynski, Ph.D., who is the Treasurer of IBNS, recently edited the "Handbook of Mammalian Vocalization: An Integrative Neuroscience Approach", which will be published in 2010 by Academic Press/Elsevier. The book represents a major resource in vocalization research with extensive references, 46 chapters organized in 11 sections, and a total of 78 contributors from 13 countries, including Drs. Myron Hofer, John D. Newman, John G. Nyby, and Gillian Sales. Many IBNS members also contributed, including **Drs. Robert J. Blanchard, Jaak Panksepp, Alan Siegel, and Steven W. Porges.** More information is available at: www.elsevier.com/wps/find/bookdescription.careers/719106/description#description.

Jacqueline N. Crawley, Ph.D. is currently serving as the President of the International Behavioural and Neural Genetics Society (IBANGS), which will hold its Annual Meeting in May, 2010 at

Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Jacki served as the President of IBNS in 2000 and is the Chief of the Laboratory of Behavioral Neuroscience at the Intramural Research Program at NIMH, where she studies behavioral phenotypes of genetic mouse models of autism. Her laboratory recently published an article in *Neuropsychopharmacology* (Silverman et al., 2010; 35:976-989) showing that their mouse model of autism can be used to evaluate potential treatments. It is entitled, "Repetitive self-grooming behavior in the BTBR mouse model of autism is blocked by the mGluR5 antagonist MPEP".

On Nov. 23, 2009, **Cheryl Frye, Ph.D.** was honored with the Distinguished Alumna Award from Boston



Latin School, the first and oldest high school in the country, on the occasion of their 375th anniversary. Cheryl is the first woman, first scientist, and youngest recipient of this prestigious award. She was recognized with this award due to her contributions to basic and clinical research on novel actions, sources and mechanisms of steroids and for her years of dedication to various educational neuroscience programs. Previously recipients include businessman Joseph Kennedy, composer/conductor Leonard Bernstein, and conductor Arthur Fiedler. Cheryl is a Professor at The University of Albany, SUNY in NY.

Nancy Ostrowski, Ph.D. underwent open-heart valve replacement surgery in February 2010. An IBNS Fellow who has attended 12 of the 18 IBNS meetings to date, Nancy hopes to be back on her feet for the 2010

meeting in Sardinia. She is the Coordinator of Global Patient Safety at Eli Lilly and Company.

Nicholas W. Gilpin, Ph.D. is authoring a new website devoted to describing the neurobiology of addiction to alcohol, opiates, psycho-stimulants, cannabis, and nicotine. The target audience will be people around the world that work in the field of addiction, but may not have a deep understanding of the way drugs affect the brain. Nick is a Senior Research Fellow in the laboratory of IBNS member **Dr. George Koob** at The Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, CA. He has been working on this project with NIDA, Medical Directions, Inc. (in Tucson, AZ), and the UCLA Laboratory of Neuroimaging. The site should be available by June 1 at: www.drugabuseresearchtraining.org.



Allan Kalueff, Ph.D. has been named Fellow of Newcomb College Institute. In the past year, he published 5 edited books, including "Experimental Animal Models in Neurobehavioral Research" (NOVA Science), "Experimental Models in Serotonin Transporter Research" (Cambridge University Press), "Transgenic and Mutant Tools to Model Brain Disorders" (Humana Press), "Neurobiology of Grooming Behavior" (Cambridge University Press), and "Translational Neuroscience in Animal Research: Advancements, Challenges, and Research Ethics" (NOVA Science). His two other edited



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books are currently in press with Humana Press and will be published later this year: "Zebrafish Neurobehavioral Protocols" and "Zebrafish Models in Neurobehavioral Research". In May 2010, Allan will chair the 14th International Stress and Behavior Conference. He also serves a Guest Co-Editor of the special 2010 Issue of Progress in Neuropsychopharmacology and Biological Psychiatry, dedicated to new experimental paradigms and concepts in biological psychiatry. Allan is an Assistant Professor of Pharmacology at Tulane University Medical School in New Orleans, LA.

Congratulations to the new IBNS Fellows: **Henry Szechman, Ph.D.** and **Mikhail Pletnikov, Ph.D.**

Congratulations to **Donald Stein, Ph.D.** and his wife on their upcoming 50th anniversary!

Stephen Kent, Ph.D. has been named Acting Head of the School of Psychological Science at La Trobe University in Melbourne, Australia, where he is an Associate Professor. Steve was also part of the organizing committee for a one-day Behavioural Neuroscience meeting held in Melbourne on July 10, 2009 that featured 22 talks and 31 posters. A total of 130 scientists from across Melbourne attended. Most were from the University of Melbourne, but some were from the Howard Florey Institute, Monash University, La Trobe University and Swinburne Institute of Technology. Steve recently completed a term as the Australasian Councilor to IBNS (2006-2009) and has been



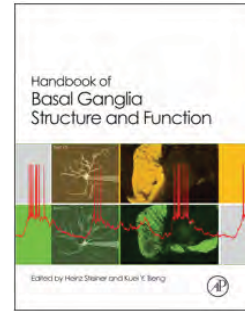
especially helpful with the IBNS Newsletter for his editing skills.

Matz Larsson, M.D., Ph.D. recently published an article in Fish and Fisheries (Larsson, 2009; 10: 344-355), a leading journal in the field, in which he suggested 3 new hypotheses of the evolution of schooling behavior in fish: (I) auditory masking of pressure waves emitted during group locomotion, and (II-III) confusing predators due to overlapping pressure waves and blurring of predators' electro-sensory perception. The article is entitled, "Possible functions of the octavolateralis system in fish schooling" and suggests that similar "acoustical advantages" may have influenced the evolution and behavior in birds and dolphins. Matz works at Lungkliniken Örebro University Hospital in Sweden and will present his findings in May, 2010 at Evolutionary, Ecology and Ethology of Fishes (EEEF) in Vancouver, Canada and in June, 2010 at IBNS.



Oz Malkesman, Ph.D., M.B.A. recently had a paper accepted to Biological Psychiatry (Malkesman et al., 2009; in press), entitled: "The female urine sniffing test: A novel approach for assessing reward-seeking behavior in rodents". The paper demonstrates that sniffing of estrus female urine by male mice is sensitive to behavioral and genetic manipulation and to SSRI treatment. Ultrasonic vocalizations, helplessness, sweet solution preference, and accumbens dopamine release were also assessed. Oz is a Research Assistant Professor at the Center for Neuroscience & Regenerative Medicine, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in

Bethesda, MD. Oz is a new member of IBNS, and one of his co-authors on the paper is IBNS member **Jacki Crawley, Ph.D.**



Heinz Steiner, Ph.D. recently edited the "Handbook of Basal Ganglia Structure and Function", together with Kuei Tseng, M.D., Ph.D. It was released in February 2010 and is volume 20 of Elsevier's "Handbook of Behavioral Neuroscience" series. The Series Editor is IBNS past-president **Joseph Huston, Ph.D.** Heinz is an Associate Professor at The Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in North Chicago, IL. More information is available at: www.elsevier.com/wps/find/bookdescription.cws_home/720714/description#description.

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