

# SPR 2000 Conference Highlights

## PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Richard Davidson, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
*The Emotional Brain*

## INVITED SPEAKERS

Janice Kiecolt-Glaser, Ohio State University  
*Stress, Personal Relationships, and Immune Function: Translating Social Support into Health*

Neal Swerdlow, University of California-San Diego  
*Prepulse Inhibition and Models of Deficient Sensorimotor Gating:  
What We Know, What We Think We Know, and What We Hope to Know Soon*

Vilayanur Ramachandran, University of California-San Diego & Salk Institute  
*Phantoms in the Brain: What Neurology can Tell Us about Human Nature and the Meaning of Art*

## SCHEDULE

The SPR 2000 meeting begins on Wednesday, October 18 with a Preconference workshop, and an evening reception from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the Pavilion Ballroom. Registration will be located in the Garden Room foyer, and will be open from 4:00pm to 8:00pm on Wednesday and from 8:00am to 11:30am on Thursday. The scientific program begins at 9:00am on Thursday, October 19, and concludes at noon on Sunday, October 22. The program includes invited addresses, symposia, poster sessions, special interest lunches and dinners, and extends into the evening on Thursday and Saturday.

## PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOP

A Preconference Workshop on Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging, will be held on October 18 from 8am to 5:30pm in the Crystal Ballroom. Speakers will include Peter Bandettini (NIH), Rick Buxton (UCSD), Robert Savoy (Rowland Institute), and Thomas Zeffiro (Georgetown), and will cover topics from NMR physics to experimental design and data analysis. For more information see enclosed flyer.

## SYMPOSIA

A variety of symposia addressing contemporary topics in basic and applied psychophysiology will be offered. Details of these events will become available later this summer, and will be posted on SPR's web site (<http://www.sprweb.org>).

## SPECIAL INTEREST LUNCHEAS AND DINNERS

As in previous years, small-group lunch and dinner sessions will be arranged to provide an informal setting for people to meet and share common interests. Information on topics, hosts, dates, and times for each lunch and dinner will be included in the packet of materials sent to SPR members during the summer and will be posted on SPR's web site (<http://www.sprweb.org>). If you would like to host a lunch or dinner, please contact Patricia Deldin ([pdeldin@wjh.harvard.edu](mailto:pdeldin@wjh.harvard.edu)).

## MEETING SITE

San Diego is the birthplace of California. Portuguese explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo landed in what is now San Diego Bay and claimed the area for Spain 458 years ago in 1542. In 1769, Father Junipero Serra established the Mission San Diego de Alcalá, a primary link in his chain of 21 missions that later extended to Northern California. Originally populated by Native Americans, the area has been governed by the Spanish, Mexicans, and (since 1846) the United States.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

A recent restoration has preserved the US Grant Hotel's legendary beauty and superb craftsmanship. The Hotel is located in the heart of downtown San Diego. We have secured a discounted room rate of \$160 for single and \$180 for double plus tax per night. Triple and quadruple occupancy are available upon request: Members (especially students) are encouraged to make use of the Message Board on the SPR web site (<http://www.sprweb.org>) to arrange for roommates for the conference. This special rate is effective from October 14 through 25 for those of you who wish to extend your stay in San Diego.

The rate is available only until September 8, 2000, so make your reservations without delay! Reservations made after that date will be made on a space and rate available basis only. (If the block of rooms reserved for SPR sells out, then there is no space available). To make your hotel reservations, please complete the enclosed hotel form and return it directly to the US Grant (*do not send it to the SPR office*). Or, if you prefer to make your reservation by telephone, please call 1-619-232-3121, and be sure to identify yourself as an SPR meeting attendee.

## REGISTRATION

You must register for the convention in order to receive your badge which is required for admittance to all sessions and events. To preregister, please complete and return the enclosed preregistration form to SPR, Department 129, Washington, DC, USA 20005-4907. Or, if you are paying via credit card, you may fax your completed registration form to 202-783-2083. Individuals who register before September 8 will qualify for the reduced advance registration fees; late or on-site registrants will pay slightly higher fees. Registration questions should be directed to Erika Davis of the SPR Office at 202-393-4810 or [spr@aps.washington.us](mailto:spr@aps.washington.us)

### San Diego and Vicinity Information

For more information on area attractions and activities, please contact:

The San Diego Convention & Visitors Bureau

401 'B' Street, Suite 1400

San Diego CA 92101

619- 236-1212 Mon-Fri; 8:30am-5:00pm

## TRAVEL

### AIR

Most attendees will fly into San Diego International Airport, located five minutes from the downtown area. Ground transportation can be accessed on the ground level of the main terminal. Attendees may take the complimentary shuttle bus to the hotel.

Cabs are also available at the airport on the ground level of the main terminal. The approximate cost is \$8 one-way.



### CAR

SPR has arranged with Hertz to provide discounted rental car rates to individuals attending the conference in San Diego. To reserve a rental car, you can call Hertz at 1-800-654-2240. Specify reference #02BH0002.

#### **Driving directions from San Diego International Airport**

When leaving the airport keep in the right hand lane; Exit Downtown/Harbor Drive; continue onto Harbor Drive to Broadway. Turn left onto Broadway; go ten blocks to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue; turn left onto 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. U.S. Grant Hotel is on the right. Turn right into the hotel entrance.

\*Parking at the US Grant is available at a rate of \$17 per day.

## TRAIN

Trains arrive at the Amtrak Station located at 1050 Kettner Blvd. For Amtrak schedules, call 1-800-872-7245.

### RESERVATION ASSISTANCE

Passport Executive Travel (1-800-222-9800 or 1-202-337-7718) is the official travel agency for the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research. They guarantee the lowest fares available at the time reservations are made.

For best availability and prices, book early.

# THINGS TO DO WHILE VISITING SAN DIEGO

## ATTRACTIONS:

**THE SAN DIEGO ZOO:** houses more than 3,900 animals of nearly 800 species in its 100 acres. The zoo is now home to a pair of giant pandas on loan from the People's Republic of China. Recognized as one of the world's best zoos, the Zoological Society of San Diego is accredited as a museum (only five other U.S. zoos have achieved this status). Renovated habitats, like Gorilla Tropics, Sun Bear Forest, Tiger River, Hippo Beach, and Polar Bear Plunge. Work continues to rebuild and reorganize the world famous zoo into 10 distinct climate zones with animals and plants grouped accordingly. Guided bus tours wind through the zoo's garden-like grounds and a Children's Zoo features a zoo nursery and petting kraal. Hours: The San Diego Zoo is open 365 days a year. Hours are in effect: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (grounds close at 6 p.m.) Admission Prices: General Admission: Adults \$18, Child (age 3-11) \$8. Prices and hours are subject to change without notice.

## THE SAN DIEGO WILD ANIMAL PARK,

also operated by the Zoological Society of San Diego, is a 2,200-acre nature preserve located 30

miles north of downtown San Diego. More than 3,000 wild animals, representing many endangered species, roam free over expanses resembling their native habitats in Africa and Asia.

Hours: The Wild Animal Park is open 365 days a year. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (grounds close at 5 p.m.)

Admission Prices: General admission: Adults (ages 12 and over) \$21.95, Child (3-11) \$14.95. Children 2 and under are free. Prices and hours subject to change without notice.



**SEAWORLD SAN DIEGO**, located on Mission Bay, is a 150-acre marine park featuring trained killer whales, seals, dolphins, sea lions, sea otters, and penguins. Entertaining shows with performing animals are staged throughout the day at outdoor and indoor auditoriums. Shamu Stadium, one of the largest and most technologically advanced facilities of its kind, seats 5,000 people and features a tank holding more than seven million gallons of salt water.



PHONE: For more information, call 619-226-3901.

Prices - Adult: \$40.00

Child (Ages 3 - 11): \$30.00

**LEGOLAND, CA** Carlsbad, CA, (Half an hour north of Sea World in San Diego)

LEGOLAND California is a 128-acre park geared specifically towards youngsters ages two through 12. With rides, shows and building projects in all six themed "blocks," LEGOLAND Park will mix education, adventure and fun in this first park of its kind in the United States. LEGOLAND California combines 40 "hands-on," interactive attractions, family rides and shows with restaurants, shopping and landscape features. Unique LEGO® theming dominates the entire park. Thirty million LEGO bricks are used to create 5,000 LEGO models which decorate the Park setting, adding to its charm and delight.

2000 Park Hours: Sep 5 - Oct 29 10am - 6pm  
\$34 for adults \$27 for children 3 through 16; Ask at the gate for our special discount for Seniors 60+ (Prices are subject to change without notice)

## MUSEUMS

### MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART-DOWNTOWN

1001 Kettner Blvd.

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 234-1001 (during business hours)

FAX (619) 234-1070

Tuesday-Saturday 10a.m.-5p.m.; Sunday 12noon-5p.m.  
Adults \$2 (La Jolla), Students/Military/Seniors \$1,  
Special Three-Day/Two-Museum Pass \$4, MCA  
members and children under 12, free, First Tuesday  
and Sunday of the month **FREE** to all.

Parking at MCA Downtown is safely and conveniently  
located underground at America Plaza. The garage  
can be easily accessed from B Street between  
Kettner and India Street. Be sure to get your ticket  
validated at the front desk or Museum Store for  
the special rate of \$2.

### SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART

Collections include Renaissance and Baroque paintings,  
American art, 19th century European paintings,  
Asian art treasures and 20th century paintings/  
sculptures. The museum is open Tuesday through  
Sunday from 10:00am to 4:30pm.

Museum hours may vary for special exhibitions.

Museum members Free; Adults \$8.00 Seniors (age  
65 & over) \$6.00 Young Adults (ages 18-24) \$6.00  
Students (with ID) \$6.00 Military (with ID) \$6.00  
Students (ages 6-17) \$3.00 Children (age 5 and  
under) Free

### THE REUBEN H. FLEET SCIENCE CENTER

Houses the world's first OMNIMAX Dome theater,  
which shows films that surround audiences creating  
a "you are there" sensation. Five interactive exhibit  
galleries. Sci-tours, motion simulator ride.

1875 El Prado Balboa Park

San Diego, CA

Phone Information:

(619) 238-1233

Fax (619) 685-5771

Hours: Mon & Tues 9:30 a.m. -  
5:00 p.m., Wednesday, Thurs and  
Sun 9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Fri &  
Sat 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### SAN DIEGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619) 232-3821, ext. 210

FAX (619) 232-0248

The San Diego Natural History Museum is dedicated  
to interpreting the natural world through research,  
education, and exhibits; to promoting understanding  
of the evolution and diversity of Southern California  
and the peninsula of Baja California; and to inspiring  
in all people respect for the environment.

Museum Hours and Prices: Open every day 9:30 a.m.  
to 4:30 p.m. (Visitors in the Museum may remain  
until 5:00 p.m.)

Adults \$7.00 Seniors, active military, college stu-  
dents \$6.00 Children (3 -17) \$5.00 Children 2 and  
under FREE and members FREE, as always!

### SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF MAN

Explore the mystery, beauty and excitement of San  
Diego's only anthropological museum. One of the  
nation's great collections of artifacts, folk art, and  
archaeological finds is located here. These treasures  
help to unfold stories of the past — of hunters  
creating the first spears and arrows, potters molding  
fragile ceramic vessels, weavers patterning vibrantly  
colored textiles, and artisans blending forms and  
symbols. We invite you to share the adventure and  
excitement in discovering the heritage of mankind.

Open daily from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m

Closed Christmas, New Year's and Thanksgiving. 1350  
El Prado Balboa Park

Admission: \$6 for adults; \$3 for children 6 to 17;  
children under 6, free \$5 for seniors. Members are  
FREE. For more information, call (619) 239-2001

## SHOPPING



**HORTON PLAZA** is 7 city blocks of shopping, dining, entertainment and award-winning architecture. 140 stores including, Nordstrom, Planet Hollywood, Macy's, and a 14-screen theatre. Located between Broadway and G Street, and First and Fourth Aves., next to the historic Gaslamp Quarter, in the center of San Diego's downtown. Start out going North on BROADWAY CIR towards BROADWAY by turning left. Turn RIGHT onto BROADWAY.