

Welcome to the Fifteenth Semi-Annual SPR Student Newsletter

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This newsletter is created by the SPR committee to Promote Student Interests and is sent to current and recent student members.

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I. PORTLAND, OREGON: UPCOMING ANNUAL SPR CONFERENCE

This fall, SPR will be held in Portland, Oregon from September 29 - October 3, 2010 at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront. We look forward to seeing you all there! Please take the time to read though information about the upcoming meeting and some of the exciting things that we are working on bringing to this year's meeting.

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SPR award/grant opportunities that students are potentially eligible for include:

Calling all exciting student research! Submit your abstracts for the Tursky Poster Award! - Be sure to submit your abstracts so you can be eligible for a Tursky Poster Award. These awards are based on merit, judged at the conference and winners are announced at the SPR Business Luncheon. What a great opportunity to boost your CV and get the recognition you deserve. Make sure you check the appropriate boxes when submitting your abstract to make sure you are entered into the competition! Students must be first author on an accepted poster submission.

Apply for the SPR Student Travel Award program - The SPR Student Travel Award program will again be in place this year. The intent of the SPR Student Travel Awards is to assist students without other means of travel support to attend and present research at the SPR annual meeting. For the 2010 meeting in Portland, 30 awards will be available for student members presenting at the SPR meeting. Among these 30 awards, 15 will be reserved for North American members (\$500) and 15 for non-North American members (\$1000). These awards are determined through a lottery drawing from all eligible entrants. To be included

in the lottery for one of these awards, simply complete the brief online application on the SPR website at the time of abstract submission. This application is embedded within the abstract submission page. [Click here for more details.](#)

Any student member who lives further than 500 miles from Portland and is the first author on a poster or paper accepted for presentation at the SPR annual meeting is potentially eligible (see details for additional restrictions). Current SPR members must be up to date with dues, but prospective members that apply and pay dues by the time of poster or paper submission deadline will be eligible. Questions about the Student Travel Awards can be sent to Rebecca Houston (rhouston@ria.buffalo.edu).

Travel grants for psychophysicologists from Latin America, Asia, and Eastern Europe

Psychophysicologists (including students!) from these geographical areas who are first authors on an accepted submission are eligible to apply for these special travel grants. The aim of the SPR travel grant program is to help psychophysicologists from developing countries in Latin America, Asia, and Eastern Europe become members of the SPR and participate actively in its annual meetings. The awards include travel funds, free registration for the 2010 conference, and free SPR membership for 2010. A large number of grants are available, but applications are evaluated competitively based on merit, geographical distribution and other factors. Information will be posted on the SPR website as it becomes available.

SPR will be sponsoring the SPR Research Fellowship Training Award for the third year. These awards allow students, postdocs, or faculty to obtain mentorship/training in psychophysiological assessment/analysis with experts in the field, which they could not get at their home institution or could be used for the purchase of some necessary equipment to supplement a student/postdoc's training or to enhance a faculty member's capability for training others in psychophysiological techniques (especially those at primarily undergraduate institutions). [Read more here.](#)

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Opportunities to Meet and Mingle

Don't forget that there are plenty of opportunities to meet and mingle with other SPR students and members. Here is just a brief sampling of some of the special interest lunches, dinners, and meetings in the works:

The Student Social - A "can't miss"! Time and location will be finalized as the meeting draws near.

The Open Dinner Meeting with the Committee to Promote Student Interests - The Committee to Promote Student Interests hosts an annual dinner at every SPR meeting. All SPR student members are welcome to attend. Do you have suggestions for improvements in student outreach? Looking to bolster your CV with service to our organization? Would you like to work with one of our many subcommittees on issues relevant to your research? Please come with your appetite and opinions! Time, date, and location will be announced as we get closer to the meeting.

Special Interest Lunches & Dinners - These events are a wonderful way to connect with others who share your research interests. Typically, the events are organized on an ongoing basis and are announced in various ways (over email, on the website, and posted on the message board at the conference), so keep checking back for topics that pique your special interest. Remember, these are typically no-host meals, which means bring your own funds.

Women in Science and Education (W.I.S.E.) Lunch Box Discussion

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The Committee to Promote Student Interests plans to have the 5th annual Women in Science luncheon at the Portland 2010 meeting. Previous lunches have been big successes and past topics have included: coordinating dual careers in academia, negotiation, and women in leadership.

If you would like to join this committee, and/or have ideas for this year's luncheon theme, please contact Stacie Warren at swarren3@illinois.edu.

If you would like to join the W.I.S.E. listserv, please email John Hofmann (jhofmann@reesgroupinc.com) of SPR's management group with the subject "Subscribe SPR-WISE." Once you have signed up, you can share your ideas regarding how SPR might best serve its female members and participate in engaging email discussions covering a wide range of topics (e.g., career development, quality of life, mentoring, diversity, etc.).

Early Career Conversation Hour

The Early Career committee will be holding the annual Early Career Conversation hour once again at this year's meeting in Portland. The conversation hour (really 2 hours!) is a great way for students of all stages, post-docs, and junior faculty to discuss questions about career development with some of SPR's leading scientists. The panel typically includes about 8 faculty members representing various types of institutions, including graduate and predominantly undergraduate institutions, as well as US and non-US institutions. During the first hour the entire panel is available for questions from the group. During the second hour we will split into three groups to allow for more specific questions based on your career stage. A casual dinner will be served. Advance registration is requested, so please register when more detailed information about this year's SPR program is sent out. If you have suggestions or questions regarding this event, please contact Catherine Norris (catherine.j.norris@dartmouth.edu) or Chris Larson (larsoncl@uwm.edu).

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Preconference Workshops and Roundtable Discussions - watch the SPR conference website for updated information on these opportunities to expand your training and learn more at the 2010 meeting! Most of these require pre-registration, so keep your eyes peeled for more info.

Things to do in Portland

The Meeting Events subcommittee is working on ensuring that the Portland meeting is as successful as Berlin 2009-look for more details in the Fall newsletter. In the meantime, here are a few things we're looking forward to in Portland:

Voodoo Doughnut: As seen on No Reservations and Man v. Food, Voodoo Doughnut is an independently owned donut shop that is the home of the Portland Crème (the official donut of the city of Portland), the Bacon Maple bar, and numerous other original creations. Open 24 hours!

McMenamins: McMenamins converts old buildings to pubs and movie theaters. There is one such converted theater about 1.5 miles from the hotel, called "Mission Theatre." Previously a Swedish Evangelical Mission and the Longshoreman's Union, it now serves beer and wine and pub food and shows films for only \$3.

Stumptown Coffee: They 'take coffee very seriously,' but they're not mean about it. The downtown location also has beer and wine and is about a mile from the hotel.

Powell's City of Books: One full city block, Powell's is home to more than a million books, as well as a coffee shop and an art gallery.

The Saturday Market: Housed under the Burnside bridge every Saturday and Sunday, the market is home to hundreds of vendors selling handmade goods or peddling food in the international food court. Look (or look out) for buskers, jugglers and mimes wandering the aisles.

Forest Park: With more than 5,000 acres, 50 miles of trails, and 30 miles of bikeways, Portland

boasts the single largest city park in the United States. Go for a run, stay because you can't find your way out again.

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Roommate Matching

Looking to save some money at the meeting by sharing a room with another student? The Committee to Promote Student Interests provides roommate matching where possible. If interested, please email Robin Nusslock (nusslock@gmail.com).

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II. UPDATE FROM THE INTERVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

The interview subcommittee [interviewed Carien van Reekum](#) for the spring newsletter. Carien recently started a faculty position at the University of Reading, UK. She obtained her PhD with Klaus Scherer at the University of Geneva, Switzerland, and spent a postdoc with Richard Davidson at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. We invited Carien to share her experience on research in international settings.

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III. UPDATE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

The International Students Subcommittee has developed a substantial growth of activity in the past year and always welcomes new members. If interested, please contact Stefan Schulz (schulz@psychologie.uni-wuerzburg.de) or Rebecca Houston (rhouston@ria.buffalo.edu).

In 2009, the International Students Subcommittee introduced the "Forum to Facilitate International Lab Exchange and Collaboration" for the first time. At the 49th Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research (SPR) in Berlin, 10 universities took advantage of this opportunity to advertise their research, unique local resources, job-opportunities, and potential for international collaboration within this special interest poster session. Due to positive feedback from presenters and attendees, we will be holding a similar event at the 50th Annual Meeting held in Portland, Oregon (Sept. 29 - Oct. 3, 2010). If interested in participating or helping to organize this event, please contact Stefan Schulz (schulz@psychologie.uni-wuerzburg.de). Watch for the Fall issue of the newsletter and the SPR website for more details.

SURVEY OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

A survey created to assess the needs of international SPR student members is still open at http://www.unipark.de/uc/HH_UniHamburg_Petersen/7e10/. Please take the time to let us know what the SPR International Students Subcommittee can do for you!

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IV. UPDATE FROM THE CLINICAL PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE

Are you interested in research that integrates psychophysiology and clinical science? Do you conduct basic psychophysiology or fMRI research that has clinical applications? Do you employ psychophysiology or fMRI methods to study clinical populations? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you should consider joining the Clinical Psychophysiology Subcommittee. The aims of this committee are to create networking opportunities among clinical psychophysiolgists, to facilitate discussions about clinical applications of psychophysiology and fMRI research, and to stimulate collaborations among clinical psychophysiolgists across the globe. If you are interested in joining the Clinical Psychophysiology Subcommittee, please contact Julie Hall (halljl@umich.edu)!

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V. MEMBERS OF THE SPR COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE STUDENT INTERESTS

Are your needs being met? Please feel free to contact members of the committee with suggestions, questions, comments, or to bond with a fellow psychophysiolgist, click below.

<http://www.sprweb.org/student/contact/index.cfm>

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