2003 SPR Annual Meeting Highlights

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

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INVITED SPEAKERS

Methodological Issues in Neuroimaging Studies of Skilled Reading and Reading Disability: Establishing Brain/Behavior Links
Kenneth Pugh, Yale University School of Medicine

Neural Components of Executive Processing
John Jonides, University of Michigan

Speech Encoding and Neural Plasticity, Ramifications for Learning Problems
Nina Kraus, Northwestern University

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

This year’s meeting will offer a pre-conference workshop entitled “Optical Imaging in Psychophysiology: Physiology, Methods, and Results” on Wednesday October 29, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Non invasive imaging of intrinsic functional optical changes occurring in the brain may have a profound impact on our understanding of how the brain works. Optical methods allow us to study a variety of brain phenomena, from neuronal function to hemodynamic changes. They also combine spatial and temporal resolution, are flexible and portable, and can be easily coupled with other brain imaging methods. In this workshop we will review the physiological basis, methods of data collection and analysis, as well as experimental results obtained with optical methods from animal to human studies.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

2003 SPR Meeting Begins
Wednesday, October 29, with a full day pre-conference workshop and an opening reception in the evening. The scientific program will begin on Thursday, October 30, and will conclude by noon on Sunday, November 2. The program will include invited speakers, symposia, and poster sessions, as well as social events and time to visit Chicago.

Conference Registration Desk
Hours: 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Thursday, October 30, Friday, October 31 and Saturday, November 1. Registration will also be open from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, October 29.

Other Schedule Information
Small-group lunch and dinner sessions will be held to provide an informal setting for people to meet and share common interests. If you would like to host a special lunch or dinner, please contact Chuck Hillman via e-mail (chhillma@uiuc.edu).

Further details about these and other conference events will be posted on the SPR website (www.sprweb.org) as they become available.
HOTEL

The Hyatt Regency Chicago on the Riverwalk, our host hotel for the SPR Annual Meeting, is located in the heart of downtown Chicago. All hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel by September 26, 2003. Requests for hotel reservation after that date will be made on a first-come, first-served basis and prevailing standard hotel room rates, which are higher than the negotiated, discounted SPR rates, may apply.

Reservation Methods:
Telephone: Please call the Hyatt Regency Chicago at 1-800-233-1234 or 1-312-565-1234. When you call the Hyatt Regency Chicago, please identify yourself as an SPR participant, and inform the agent that you are registering for the Society for Psychophysiological Research 43rd Annual Meeting. If you do not identify yourself as an SPR participant, you may not receive the negotiated discount rate.

Fax: Fax your completed form, with credit card information to 1-312-616-6838.

Mail: Send your completed form, with a first night’s deposit, to Hyatt Regency Chicago Reservations, 151 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60601, USA.

TRAVEL

United Airline:
United Airlines is the official airline of the SPR 43rd Annual Meeting. If you or your travel agent call United’s toll-free number at 1-800-521-4041 to book your reservation, you will receive a 5% discount off the lowest applicable discount fare, including First Class, or a 10% discount off mid-week coach fare, purchased 7 days in advance. An additional 5% discount will apply when tickets are purchased at least 30 days in advance of your travel date. Discounts also apply to the best fares and schedule information. Make sure you refer to Meeting ID Number “516BG”. Dedicated reservations agents are on duty 7 days a week from 8:00AM to 10:00PM (Eastern Standard Time).

Trains: Chicago is known as the “hub” of all Amtrak transportation. Amtrak’s main station is located downtown in Union Station at 210 South Canal Street. Seven suburban stations are also in operation. Cabs, the suggested means of transportation to hotels, are available on the lower level of Union Station at Adams and Canal Streets, or upstairs (in the middle of the block) at 222 South Riverside Plaza. A cab ride from Union Station to any downtown area runs between 10-15 minutes and costs approximately $10.

AIRPORTS

O’Hare International Airport:
O’Hare International Airport is located 40 minutes from downtown Chicago. The three domestic terminals are linked to allow passengers quick and easy access between them. The new Airport Transit System offers the fastest transfer between the domestic terminals, the International Terminal and economy parking lots.

For visitors needing information or directions, airport information booths are located on the lower levels of the domestic terminals and on the upper and lower levels of the International Terminal.

Midway Airport:
Midway Airport is located 20 minutes from downtown Chicago. The one-building airport is divided into three terminals: A, B, and C. The main lobby area at the center entrance of the airport is where the information booth and all vehicle pick-up services are available.

Ground Transportation Options:
Shuttle Services:
From O’Hare - Look for vans and ticket counters at Doors 1-E and 3-E. Fares are $20 per person, one-way and $37 per person, round-trip.

From Midway - Look for vans and ticket counter at Door LL3 (Lower level). Fares are $15 per person, one-way and $28 per person, round-trip.

For more information, please call 1-800-654-7871 or visit www.airportexpress.com

Chicago Transit Authority (CTA): CTA’s rapid transit train between downtown and O’Hare is easy, quick (just 40 minutes) and costs only $1.50. Trains leave from inside the terminal on the lower level every 5-10 minutes 24 hours daily. CTA’s train ride between downtown Chicago and Midway Airport takes 30 minutes and costs $1.50. Trains leave 24 hours daily from a station connected to the east side of the Midway airport.

All trains go downtown with free connections to all other trains.

Taxi Service: A ride from O’Hare to downtown Chicago takes approximately 30 minutes and costs between $30-$35. The O’Hare taxi counter is located on the lower level of each terminal. A cab ride from Midway Airport to downtown costs between $20-$25 and takes 20-30 minutes. The Midway taxi counter is located in front of the main terminal.
SPR 43rd Annual Meeting Registration Form

Fax or Mail form with payment to: SPR, P.O. Box 92280, Washington, DC 20090-2280, USA
or 1010 Vermont Avenue, NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005-4907, USA
Tel: 1-202-393-4810 / Fax: 1-202-783-2083

Personal Information

☐ Ms. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Mr. ☐ Dr.

First Name               Middle Initial              Last Name

Institution/Department

Address

City           State/Province    Zip/Postal Code         Country

Phone (Please include area and/or country codes)

Fax (Please include area and/or country codes)

E-Mail

Special Needs (Vegetarian meal, wheelchair access, assisted listening devices, etc.)

Name Badge

Please print your name as you would like it to appear on your badge

Please print your affiliation

Method of Payment

☐ Check* or money order enclosed. (Make check payable to Society for Psychophysiological Research. All checks must be made in U.S. funds draw on a U.S. Bank.)

* Checks that are returned by the bank as “Uncollected” will be charged a non-refundable processing fee of $25.

If paying by credit card, please complete the following:

☐ American Express ☐ Master Card ☐ Visa

Name (as it appears on the card)

Credit Card Number

Expiration Date

Signature

Advance Registration Fees

Advance registration must be postmarked or faxed by 11:59PM (Eastern Standard Time) on September 26, 2003. After September 26, bring this form with you for on-site registration at the meeting.

SPR Preconference Workshop

☐ SPR Member                      $100.
☐ SPR Student Member              $40.
☐ Nonmember                      $150.
☐ Student Nonmember              $60.
☐ Add $10 for registration AFTER September 26, 2003

SPR Conference

☐ SPR Member                      $180.
☐ SPR Student Member              $80.
☐ Nonmember                      $290.
☐ Student Nonmember              $155.
☐ Accompanying Person Fee        $55.

Optional fee for guests of meeting participants who DO NOT study or work in a field related to psychophysiology (Fee includes Saturday Lunch.)

Guest Name:

☐ Deduct $10 from your registration fee if you will NOT be attending the Saturday Luncheon and Business Meeting

☐ Add $20 for registration AFTER September 26, 2003

Contribution to the Student Travel Award

A contribution of $25 is recommended, but any amount will be appreciated.

Total of all fees and contribution $_______

Note: To register for the meeting at the member rates, you must be a member for the 2003 calendar year. If you do not wish to renew your membership for 2003, you must register as a non-member. All presenters must register for the meeting.

Refund Policy: Refunds must be requested in writing prior to September 26, 2003. No refunds will be granted after that date.

Registration Deadline: September 26, 2003
CHICAGO ATTRACTIONS

Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum
Mon.-Fri., 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM; Sat.-Sun., 9 AM – 4:30 PM; 312-922-STAR or www.adlerplanetarium.org
The first planetarium in the Western Hemisphere, the Adler remains on the cutting edge of technology with the StarRider™ Theater, the world’s first interactive computer graphics theater presentation. Stellar attractions include the dazzling Sky Pavilion and the landmark 1930s building, hosting one of the finest collections of early astronomical instruments in the world.

The Art Institute of Chicago
Mon.-Wed. thru Fri, 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM; Tues., 10:30 am – 8:00 PM; Weekend, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM; 312-443-3600; www.artic.edu
Admissions: $6. - $10. Tuesday is free. Enjoy one of the premier French Impressionist painting collections in the world. And don’t miss the popular Thorne Miniature Rooms – 68 small-scale European and American rooms elaborately furnished to the last tiny detail; and the famous Arthur Rubloff Collection of 1,000 glass paperweights.

Shedd Aquarium
Open daily, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM and Weekend, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM; 312-939-2438; www.shedd aquarium.org
The world’s largest indoor aquarium, the Shedd Aquarium offers experiences from awe-inspiring whales, frolicking sea otters and lively penguins, to streamlined sharks, exotic eels and more than 8,000 amazing animals representing 650 species.

The Field Museum
Open daily, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM; 312-922-9410; www.fmnh.org
Admissions: $5. - $10.
The world-renowned Field Museum is an unforgettable experience for visitors of all ages. Meet Sue, the largest, most complete Tyrannosaurus rex ever found...explore an ancient Egyptian tomb...and much more. You’ll discover the astonishing diversity of life on earth and connect with cultures from every corner of the globe.

Museum of Science and Industry
Weekdays, 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM and Weekend, 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM; 773-684-1414; www.msichicago.org
Admissions: $5. - $15.
The Museum of Science and Industry invites visitors to experience a wonderland of interactive exhibits and extraordinary artifacts relating to science, technology and industry. It is the place to step into the action – hands-on, minds-on fun for everyone! A real-to-life coal mine, WWII submarine, virtual reality, Omnimax® films on our five-story wrap-around screen...and MORE!

The Hancock Observatory
Open daily, 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM; 312-751-3681; www.hancock-observatory.com
Admissions: $6. - $9.50
Experience Chicago’s best views spanning up to 80 miles and four states from The Hancock Observatory! Located on the 94th floor of the world-renown John Hancock Center, the observatory is in the heart of Chicago’s premier shopping and entertainment district – The Magnificent Mile. An open-air viewing deck, walking audio tours, talking telescopes, interactive and historical exhibits, daring photo ops and more!

Buckingham Fountain
Buckingham Fountain located in Grant Park, just west of Lakeshore Drive, east of Michigan Avenue, and north of the Museum Campus at Congress Avenue. This is the largest ornamental fountain in the world, and a definite must-see for locals and visitors alike! Visitors can enjoy a dazzling music, light and water show which runs from dusk to 11:00 PM; every hour on the hour and lasts for 20 minutes. (Operates spring through early fall)

Navy Pier
Open daily; 800-595-7437; www.navypier.com
600 East Grand Avenue, Chicago
A Chicago landmark, the Navy Pier offers over 50 acres of parks, gardens, shops, restaurants and attractions of every kind. Enjoy the Museum, Skyline Stage and Joe’s Be-Bop Café and Jazz Emporium. The 3,000 foot pier was the only one of several proposed commercial pier in the 1909 Burnham Plan which was actually constructed. Since it was built in 1916, and commercial, and after a multimillion dollar refurbishment it stands today as one of Chicago’s premiere entertainment and convention destinations.

Riverwalk Gateway
400 E. Wacker Drive, along the river
Chicago’s largest work of public art to date, Riverwalk Gateway by Ellen Lanyon tells the history of Chicago and its river. The magnificent 336-foot long wall installation consists of sixteen narrative panels and twelve decorative panels. Riverwalk Gateway is a history lesson worth seeking out and studying.
The Hyatt Regency Chicago welcomes you! We request that you guarantee your reservation by enclosing a check, money order or credit card information for the first night’s stay.

The Hyatt Regency Chicago regrets that we cannot confirm your reservation unless you have enclosed payment. Deposits will be refunded only if reservations are cancelled at least 72 hours prior to your arrival.

**Group Name:** Society for Psychophysiological Research - 43rd Annual Meeting

**Guest Name:**

**Address:**

**City, State, Zip:**

**Daytime Phone:**

**Fax:**

**E-mail:**

**Arrival Date:**

**Time:**

**Departure Date:**

Guests will be asked to verify their departure date upon check-in. Once departure date has been verified, a $100 early departure fee will apply, should guests check-out earlier than the agreed upon departure date.

**Additional guests sharing one room** (only one reservation request per room is required):

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**Group Rates (Please check):**

- Single Occupancy (1 person) $200.00 per night
- Double Occupancy (2 people) $215.00 per night
- Triple Occupancy (3 people) $230.00 per night
- Quad Occupancy (4 people) $245.00 per night

Request Room Type:

- One king bed
- Two double beds
- No preference

Non-Smoking room preferred:

- Yes
- No

Special requests/accommodations:

**Deposit Information (all reservations require one night’s deposit):**

- Enclosed is a check or money order for $ 
- American Express
- Master Card
- Visa Card
- Others

Credit card number: 

Expiration Date:

Print name as it appears on the card: 

Signature:

These rates are valid from October 25 - November 5, 2003 and are subject to availability. A limited number of rooms are available at these rates. Once this limit is reached, the group rate is no longer available. Reservation requests and rates are based on availability.

**Registration Deadline: September 26, 2003**