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CPDD President's Column

Setting the Agenda

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President

My first action as President of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) was to consult the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), which states that my first new responsibility is to set the agenda. In my first President's Column of our newly invigorated newsletter (thanks to Dave Wessinger and the entire Newsletter subcommittee including Rebecca Craft, Rich De La Garza, Kenzie Preston and Sandra Welch), I would like to share the themes of my agenda.

The CPDD is a membership organization with its leadership elected by its members. As such it is a democracy and to my way of thinking a democracy is supported by the twin pillars of openness and inclusion. Thus, Openness and Inclusion will be two key themes of my agenda.

Openness

The CPDD benefits in innumerable ways when its members are informed of the issues confronting us. One important way is in our sheer brainpower; the College membership includes the world's top scientists in addiction and there is no telling what novel innovative solution(s) they may provide for a challenge facing the CPDD. Another benefit is that an informed membership is prepared to discuss, address or share information about the College with regard to issues of importance. Lastly, an informed membership allows us to confront and change perceptions about the College. I

know that some consider the CPDD to be an "Old Boys Club." Although I do not believe this perception about the College to be accurate, I recognize that this view can flourish when little information about the College and its activities are shared, except at the Annual Meeting.

The first step in the aim of openness is to reinvigorate our newsletter. The newsletter is the vehicle for informing our members. The newsletter will appear three times a year following the two meetings of the Executive Committee (fall and spring) and after the Interim Board Meeting in December, at which the College representation addresses challenges and initiates new objectives. As such the newsletter should permit greater openness about the College, the directions its leadership has taken, and the activities of its committees. In this regard, results of the survey of meeting participants conducted by Margaret Ensminger, (thanks Peg!), are reported in this newsletter [*see page 4*].

Inclusion

The College, in my opinion, has been exceptional in its efforts to develop and support new scientists. Be it through the Travel Awardees, the Brunch with Champions, or Trainee Socials, the College has let its members know that the participation of trainees and young scientists is highly valued. These are all worthy and important activities that, in my view, the College should continue.

However, the College can make further inroads in including individuals in its

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Incoming President Warren Bickel presents a plaque recognizing the many contributions of CPDD President Chris-Ellyn Johanson.

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 programs and its activities. Let me tell you about two new actions that CPDD has initiated this year. First, in-training and associate members will be included in most Committees of the College. This is an important new initiative that will allow the voice of our junior members to be heard and to impact the governance and future of our College. Second, the College has supported an initiative by the Under-Represented Populations Committee (Carl Hart, Chair) to establish minority travel awards. These travel awards will increase the presence and

participation of a more diverse group of attendees in the activities of the College. For information about the CPDD Minority Travel Awards Program, and about other Travel Award opportunities, see [page 10](#) of Newsline, or visit the CPDD website at <http://www.cpdd.org>.

So the agenda has been set and initial steps have been taken. But there is more to be done and you can help. Email me (wbickel@uams.edu) with your suggestions and thoughts for other ways to provide greater openness and facilitate inclusion in the activities of the College.

RECAP of the 66th Annual Scientific Meeting in San Juan, June 12-17, 2004

The 66th Annual Scientific Meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence was held June 12-17, 2004, in San Juan at the Caribe Hilton Hotel. There was a record attendance of 1375 registrants, an increase of almost 100 over 2003. Of these, 228 registrants were from outside the United States, representing 46 other countries or territories. The number of abstracts submitted and presented by the 1302 scientific registrants was also record setting — 850 made it into the final program. We had 18 symposia (10 full; 8 mini), 28 oral communication sessions, 4 poster sessions, and 13 workshops. In addition, there were 12 short presentations in the ever-popular *speed-data-ing* session — Late-Breaking Research News.

For program details and searchable abstracts visit http://www.cpdd.vcu.edu/pages/search_past.html.

The opening reception took place on the Caribe Hilton beach. Unlike CPDD 2000, when a sudden downpour forced us to seek shelter and dessert indoors, the weather cooperated fully to make it a lovely evening. President Chris-Ellyn Johanson opened Sunday morning's plenary session, which began with a report from NIDA Director Nora Volkow. CPDD-award presentations began with the Media Award to Peter Reuter followed by the J. Michael Morrison Award to Ronald Brady. The Joseph Cochin Young Investigator Award went to Sandra Comer and the Mentorship

Award to E. (Eddie) Leong Way. James Woods was the recipient of the coveted Nathan B. Eddy Award and he presented an entertaining lecture entitled, "Monkeys, Michigan, Me, and Mu". The President's Lecture, "Stress and Alcoholic Phenotype", was presented by Kathleen Grant.

Monday afternoon, the 3rd annual Marian W. Fischman Memorial Lecture was given by awardee Nancy K. Mello. At the Early Career Investigator Awards Luncheon 20 winners of 2004 CPDD travel awards were recognized. Other travel awardees included 28 recipients (out of 56 applicants) of the NIDA Director's Travel Award, 37 recipients (out of 55 applicants) of the NIDA-sponsored Women & Gender Junior Investigator Travel Award, and 30 recipients (of 204 applicants!) of CSAT's travel awards to treatment providers. Congratulations to all!

Information about CPDD Awards for Excellence, and about Travel Award opportunities to attend the 2005 Annual Scientific Meeting, can be found starting on [page 10](#) of this issue of Newsline, or visit the CPDD website, <http://www.cpdd.org>.

The Atkins- & South Beach-friendly breakfast poster sessions held in the Expo Center across the street from the hotel were lively (thanks to lots of Puerto Rican coffee) and well attended. At the CPDD Business Meeting on Wednesday

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Science is hotly debated at the Opening Reception on the Caribe Hilton beach.

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 evening, plaques were presented to retiring officers and members of the Board. Steve Holtzman was recognized for 5 years of service as Treasurer, as was Scott Lukas for his 5 years as chair of the Program Committee. Outgoing Board Members Ivy Carroll, Peg Ensminger, Lisa Gold and Steve Higgins were recognized for their completed terms. Incoming President Warren Bickel presented a plaque to outgoing President Chris-Ellyn Johanson. At the close of the meeting elections were held for representatives to the Nominating Committee. In the tight elections, Fellows elected Steve Holtzman and Linda Dykstra; Regular Members elected Kathleen Brady and Sandra Comer.

Wednesday evening's dinner-dance soiree was held in the San Geronimo Ballroom. Buffet lines were outside; conga lines inside. Arpeggio, the same musical entertainment enjoyed at our 2000 meeting, did not disappoint and neither did the CPDD attendees who filled the dance floor as it grew in size once the tables were cleared.

Thursday, at the annual Brunch with Champions, students and junior investigators met to discuss careers and science with senior mentors Roger Spealman, Linda Dykstra, Chris-Ellyn Johanson, David Shurtleff, Roland Griffiths, and Warren Bickel. Other special events targeting students and junior investigators included a NIDA tutorial, a CPDD-sponsored Student Mixer, the Training Grant Mixer, workshops by NIDA staff on funding and career development, and the ever popular Grant-Writing Workshop.

Following the last session on Thursday afternoon, those who remained "to the bitter end" were treated to an entertaining sweepstakes drawing hosted by the irrepressible Scott Lukas. Prizes included many hotel comps for present and future stays, airline tickets, CPDD dues and meeting registration for next year, and an assortment of items of somewhat lesser value. This year's variation of the

sweepstakes, however, carried a performance price tag to qualify for one of the better prizes. Performance highlights included Linda Dykstra's rendition of "I Did It My Way", the subjection of Bob Schuster to a sobriety test, Warren Bickel to the Heimlich maneuver, and George Woody to a "Lukasized" version of the Addiction Research Center Inventory. Thanks to all of the entertaining participants and congratulations to all the winners.

Pre- and post-meeting satellite sessions included the International Study Group Investigating Drugs as Reinforcers (ISGIDAR), the 9th Annual NIDA International Meeting on Building International Research on Drug Abuse: Progress through Collaboration, the CSAT 4th Annual Meeting, From Science to Services: The Identification and Adoption of Effective Practices for Substance Abuse Treatment, Comparing the San Juan and New York City HIV/AIDS Epidemics among Puerto Rican Drug Users: Evidence of a Public Health Emergency in Puerto Rico, and the Society for Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Effectiveness (SASATE).

For a more complete meeting summary with additional photos, go to <http://www.cpdd.org>.

Plan to attend the 67th Annual Scientific Meeting in Orlando, June 18-23.

Whether or not you took part in the fun in Puerto Rico, it's time to start planning for CPDD '05 in Orlando (June 18-23) at the Wyndham Palace Resort & Spa. It is conveniently located across the street from Downtown Disney, an entertainment complex of restaurants, nightclubs, movies and the Cirque du Soleil. The Wyndham Palace is a great location for families, so think about bringing them along. There are complimentary shuttles to the Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney-MGM Studios and Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park. The Wyndham is a large hotel that should be able to accommodate all attendees, but early registration is recommended. Check out the CPDD web site for more meeting information (<http://www.cpdd.org>).

— Contributed by Ellen B. Geller



Dinner and dancing, Wednesday night, at the San Geronimo Ballroom. Music by Arpeggio got the crowd moving.



The irrepressible Scott Lukas lays down some harmony to Linda Dykstra's rendition of "I Did it My Way".

Abstracts are due January 15, 2005.

Visit the CPDD website for more meeting information <http://www.cpdd.org>

See you in Orlando!!!

CPDD Meeting Questionnaire Results

A survey evaluating the June CPDD meeting was emailed to all 1255 members and nonmember attendees. There was a 43% (542) response rate; less than 1% declined; 12% of the email messages were undeliverable; 44% did not respond. About 53% of responses were from nonmembers; 8% from Fellows; 25% from Regular Members; 8% from Associates; 3% from In-training Members; 4% from Student Members.

member categories. All member categories were more likely to list behavioral pharmacology than were nonmembers. Other frequently mentioned categories included: epidemiology (81), pharmacology (80), and neurobiology (72). About 68% of those who responded had presented at the meeting. This did not differ by member status.

Over 90% attended a scientific session (symposia, oral presentations, or a poster session); 67% attended the plenary session and 46% attended a workshop. Overall, the quality of these was rated highly. On a 5-point scale (with 5 being superior) the mean ratings ranged between 3.7 and 4.0. Membership status did not affect the ratings.

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Jim Woods (center) was presented the Eddy Award by Kenner Rice (right) and CPDD President Chris-Ellyn Johanson (left).

We asked which two areas respondents were most affiliated with using the area descriptors from the CPDD membership application. Treatment (195) and behavioral pharmacology (148) were most frequently cited. Nonmembers were more likely to list treatment than were other

Drug and Alcohol Dependence: New Developments

In June 2004, the CPDD-sponsored journal *Drug and Alcohol Dependence* (DAD) began accepting online submissions using the Elsevier Editorial System (EES) software. Prospective authors can upload their submissions as word processed files. EES generates automatic emails acknowledging the submission and informing the editors. Reviewers are then contacted by email enclosing an abstract of the submission, and if they accept the assignment, are directed to a website where they can access an Adobe pdf file of the full manuscript. Reviews are also submitted using the website, and all correspondence with the corresponding author is via email. Accepted papers are instantly transmitted to Elsevier for publishing. Corrected proofs of the paper become available online to journal subscribers within a month or two of acceptance. Since June, DAD has experienced about a 50% increase in submission rates, probably attributable to this online submission capability. Beginning November 1, mailed submis-

sions are no longer accepted, with authors being directed to the online submission site (<http://www.ees.elsevier.com/dad/>). The editors hope that authors and reviewers will embrace this new online/email based manuscript processing and help us out by following the instructions for submission and responding promptly to emails concerning review invitations.

As a counterpoint to this good news about the journal, we received the sad news that Ian Stolerman has resigned as Co-Editor. Ian has functioned independently as a co-editor fielding all submissions from areas of the world other than the Americas. He has served an editorial capacity for the journal since 1992, working initially with Chris-Ellyn Johanson who was editor-in-chief at that time. Ian was indispensable to me as I assumed the editor position in 1998, especially in helping me learn the ropes and in working closely with me on all important decisions about the journal.

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CPDD membership includes a subscription to Drug and Alcohol Dependence, ranked among the most cited drug abuse research journals.

A Note from The Program Committee

The 2004 Annual Scientific Meeting proved to be the largest in the College's history with the greatest number of attendees and the greatest number of scientific presentations. This is evidence that the College itself and interest in its annual conference continues to grow. The program this past year was quite full with poster sessions starting early in the mornings, sessions throughout the days, and workshops capping off the evenings. The Program Committee was pleased to note that despite the numerous offerings, the meeting rooms were typically full and even the late night workshops were well attended.

I want to use this opportunity to reflect on some common issues that are raised by members regarding the selection and structure of the conference program. One common misconception is that abstracts chosen for oral communications are somehow viewed as better or more important than those chosen for the poster sessions. In fact, oral communication sessions are designed by the Program Committee members to 1) be thematically-linked together, 2) complement the symposia (which have been selected earlier in the year) and 3) ensure that the broad range of topics which are of interest to the membership are covered. Moreover, there is limited space for meeting rooms and there are always fewer slots for talks than for posters.

Therefore, the decisions regarding assignment of abstracts are largely based upon these pragmatic issues. With respect to the symposia, the feedback that the Committee has received indicates that multi-disciplinary sessions (e.g., covering one topic from bench to clinic) are well received, informative, and reflect the unique characteristics of the College membership. Moreover, the mini-symposia are endorsed highly and they will continue to be part of the program. A final note is related to the rejection of abstracts. The Committee reviews each and every abstract submitted to ensure that it meets the requirements described in the Program Announcement. Although only a handful of abstracts are rejected each year, we know that this is very disappointing to the authors. The most common reason for rejection is a failure to include data/findings in the abstract (for those abstracts submitted as "original research"). I encourage everyone to read the instructions and submit only studies for which data are available so that we can accept 100% of the abstracts this year.

We are looking forward to a fantastic meeting in Orlando in June 2005 and anticipate that the program will be even bigger and better than the last.

– Contributed by Sharon Walsh,
Chair of the Program Committee



Chris-Ellyn Johanson presents a plaque to Scott Lukas in appreciation for his 5 years service as Chair of the Program Committee.

What's Up with the Electronics Committee?

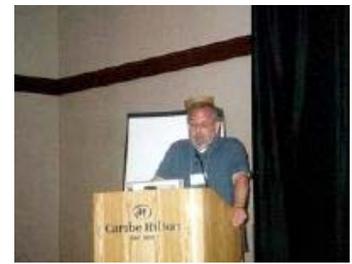
How did we do in 2004?

CPDD recently conducted a survey on the 2004 meeting. That survey indicated that more than 80% of responders felt comfortable with the submission and presentation process. We are aware of some problems with the submission process that we hope will be corrected in the new version of the E-Abstract submission program and by changes in the email system at the Executive Office. The presentation process was better this year, and we hope to improve this process even further in the coming year.

What's new for 2005?

Now, I would like you to know a little about our work in progress. For the upcoming year, the electronic submission process will be the only way of submitting an abstract. Alternative arrangements will be made for those without computer/internet access only under special circumstances by contacting the Executive Office. The E-Abstract program has been upgraded to add more features and to make it more reliable and intuitive. We now will have a server in

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Richard Eisenberg gives a report from the Electronics Committee at the CPDD annual business meeting.

Annual Meeting Questionnaire Results — *Continued from page 4*

In terms of program content, between 45-60% of respondents rated each of the four areas — basic science, treatment-clinical research, epidemiologic research, and policy issues — as 4 or 5, the top two categories. When asked about the importance of having a variety of topics relevant to drug dependence, over 63% responded it was very important (5) and almost 90% responded it was one of the top two categories (4 or 5).

About 45% of respondents rated the social activities in one of the top two categories. Over 80% of respondents rated their informal interactions very highly.

Over 50% of respondents rated pre-meeting procedures either 4 or 5. Comments about pre-meeting procedures indicated that a number of attendees had difficulties with the abstract submissions. A number also complained about

the slide submission procedures.

In terms of the site, the mean rating for the questions on Puerto Rico (PR) as a site, ease of travel, hotel accommodations, meeting rooms and poster sites ranged from 3.4-3.6. There was no variation in these ratings by member status. There were consistent comments (by a minority of respondents) about several issues: the small size and lack of comfort of the poster space, and the cold temperatures in the hotel, the unattractiveness of the hotels. A minority made negative comments about PR as a meeting site.

In summary, CPDD members and meeting attendees responded to the questionnaire in fairly high numbers. Overall, the meeting was rated relatively positively.

— *Contributed by Margaret E. Ensminger*

A response from the Executive Office:

While we were quite pleased that the overall response to the hotel and the meeting site was favorable, we are always striving to find ways to improve the annual meeting. A number of issues raised in the survey were obvious to our staff, and we had already taken steps to correct them before our next meeting in San Juan in 2008. For example, the Hilton is already in the process of installing new thermostats in the meeting rooms and will let us choose room temperatures. New partitions are being installed in the meeting rooms to better control noise transfer. By 2008, all the sleeping rooms will have been newly renovated and the exhibit hall will have new carpet and better lighting.

Several issues came up in the survey for which there was little consensus. Just to give a few examples, some people love Puerto Rico as a meeting venue, others hate it; some people love the beach, others hate the humidity, etc. We con-

tinually strive for variety in our meeting sites while simultaneously satisfying numerous, sometimes conflicting goals. We have to be very cost conscious when selecting sites; yet we know everyone appreciates nice places. One way to achieve this is to select prime locations in the off-season. The growth of the CPDD as a member organization and the increasing popularity of its annual scientific meetings are generally beneficial to the membership. Among the costs of this growth, however, is the shrinking number of venues that can accommodate our needs. As a general strategy, we look for large hotels with nearby smaller hotels for overflow, plentiful meeting space, and good airline access. We have tried to avoid convention centers because of increased costs and decreased opportunities for interactions among attendees. We are currently searching for an ideal meeting venue on the West Coast; if anyone has any suggestions, we would be happy to explore them.

The annual scientific meeting... serves as a forum for scholarly exchange among preclinical and clinical investigators from academia, government, the pharmaceutical industry, and colleagues in government regulatory and policy-making positions.

Capitol Associates – Washington Update Funding Prospects for Drug Abuse Research

From 1998 to 2003, when Congress doubled funding for the National Institutes of Health, the National Institute on Drug Abuse enjoyed double-digit increases in its annual budget. A variety of factors – projected budget surpluses replaced by huge budget deficits, \$200 billion for the war in Iraq with a \$4 billion monthly price tag, nearly \$2 trillion in tax cuts, the 9/11 attacks and their impact on the U.S. economy – have imposed new pressing budgetary restraints in Washington, D.C. Those budgetary pressures have resulted in strict restraints on what we in our nation’s Capitol refer to as the non-defense, non-homeland security portion of the federal budget – more specifically, that part of the budget that includes funding for the National Institutes of Health.

Take current discussions on the FY 2005 budget for NIH. In February of this year, the President proposed a 2.6% increase for NIH. That’s a non-trivial increase, but less than the biomedical research inflation rate and significantly less than the increases enjoyed by NIH during the doubling heyday. On September 9, the U.S. House of Representatives accepted the President’s recommendations for NIH, along with his proposed 2.8% increase for NIDA. The House and President’s figure for NIDA was \$1.019 billion.

The Senate, led by Senators Arlen Specter (R-Pennsylvania) and Tom Harkin (D-Iowa), the last remaining champions of NIH in the Congress, found additional resources through a number of budgetary “fixes” to increase the overall allocation for their subcommittee. And with this budgetary largess the Senate increased NIH’s total budget by \$1 billion, or 4.1%, raising NIH’s total to \$28.572 billion. The Senate increased NIDA’s figure as well, to \$1.026 billion, for a 3.5% increase.

By the time this article is published, Congress will have left Washington to campaign for the upcoming November

elections and the new fiscal year will have already begun (as of October 1). But Congress will have to complete action on the Labor, Health and Human Services spending bill, and along with it the FY 2005 budget for NIH. When Congress returns in mid-November, in a likely “lame duck” session, one of the unresolved spending matters is the Senate’s higher spending levels for the LaborHHS bill, specifically the Senate’s budgetary “fix” that enabled it to increase spending for NIH over the amount proposed by the President and the House. At this point, the House Leadership is adamant in their opposition to the Senate spending levels. Should the House win, spending for NIH will likely return to the lower levels proposed by the House and the White House.

Finally, as Congress debates the FY 2005 bills, the NIH and Department of Health and Human Services are now working on their FY 2006 budgets. And if we think the FY 2005 budget picture looks bad, just listen to what we’re hearing about FY 2006. Specifically, NIH has been given instructions by HHS to restrict its spending to a less than 2% increase. That’s possibly a high point for the White House, which according to some Congressional sources may impose an actual cut for NIH from FY 2005 to 06. We will keep you informed of the progress on this budgetary front in the months ahead.

What is to be done? It’s critical in the face of these severe budgetary realities for the research community at large, and drug abuse researchers in particular, to write Members of Congress in support of the Senate NIH and NIDA levels for FY 2005. In the long term, the nascent Friends of NIDA needs to continue its efforts to educate Congress about the importance of drug abuse research.

– Capitol Associates is a Washington DC firm retained by CPDD to provide advice and to serve as the official liaison between The College and the federal government. Ed Long and Roxanne Burnham contributed this column.

CPDD has been in existence since 1929 and is the longest standing group in the United States concerned with research on problems of drug dependence

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the Executive Office to handle submissions directly, rather than working through Temple University. With this server, there will be a different mailing system. Submissions (incoming emails) will be dumped directly to the mailer so there is not a backlog on the server, particularly at the submission deadline. The electronic submission is important because it enables the Executive Office to efficiently build an abstract database. This database is used by the Program Committee. It allows for office communications with submitters and facilitates the printing of the Meeting Program and the Abstract Book.

For the 2005 presentation procedure we will adopt a system that has now become mainstream at many meetings. Each session venue will have a Macintosh and a Windows platform PC. Each presenter will be responsible for bringing his/her presentation to the venue at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the session. An AV monitor will load the presentation on to the appropriate computer (in

much the same way that slides were preloaded into carousels). We will require that presenters use USB flash drives, or secondarily, CDs (formatted ISO9660). Bringing both would be a good backup policy. With this new format, there will be no need for presubmission and review, and no preloading at the Speaker-Ready room. We will continue to provide a pair of computers and a projector in the Speaker-Ready room for those wishing to preview their material. However, we are not planning to provide any PowerPoint technical support.

Lastly, I would like to comment on our website. We have added members to the Electronics Committee who have design experience and it is our hope that both the attractiveness and the functionality will be improved.

We on the Committee look forward to your comments.

– Submitted by Rich Eisenberg
Chair, Electronics Committee

At the 2005 Annual Scientific Meeting each session venue will have a Macintosh and a Windows platform PC. Presenters will bring USB flash drives or CDs.

CPDD Awards for Excellence Nominations for Awards

Nathan B. Eddy Memorial Award

The Nathan B. Eddy Memorial Award was established in memory of one of the pioneers in the field of drug dependence following his death in 1973. The award acknowledges outstanding research efforts that have advanced our knowledge of drug dependence. Nominations may come from any nation and are selected by the Awards Committee. Awardees receive \$10,000, a plaque and gold medal, and travel expenses to the annual meeting. The award winner will also be invited to make a major address at the CPDD annual meeting. To nominate an individual, submit a packet containing a letter outlining his/her major accomplishments along with a curriculum vitae, two letters of support (extra letters will not be considered) and a list of publications to *Dr. Charles P. O'Brien, University of Pennsylvania/VA Medical Center, Psychiatry, 3900 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6178, by February 1, 2005*. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.



Richard Foltin presents Nancy Mello with the Marian W. Fischman Lectureship Award.

Marian W. Fischman Lectureship Award

This award in memory of Marian W. Fischman, a much admired leader in drug abuse research and an excellent scientist, was established in 2001 to recognize the contributions of an outstanding woman scientist in drug abuse research. The awardee will give a lecture at the CPDD annual scientific meeting and will receive \$1500, travel expenses, and an inscribed plaque. To nominate an individual, submit a packet containing a letter outlining her major accomplishments along with a curriculum vitae, 2

letters of support (extra letters will not be considered) and a list of publications to *Dr. Charles P. O'Brien, University of Pennsylvania/VA Medical Center, Psychiatry, 3900 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6178, by February 1, 2005*. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

CPDD Mentorship Award

This award is given yearly to a member of CPDD who has been an exemplary mentor to developing researchers in the field of drug dependence. Awardees will receive \$1500, an inscribed plaque, and travel expenses to attend the annual CPDD meeting where the award will be given. Individuals should be nominated by a former (or current) trainee. To nominate an individual, submit a letter outlining his/her accomplishments in training and mentorship, a curriculum vitae, a list of individuals who have been mentored by the nominee, and two letters of support from past trainees or individuals who are familiar with the training and mentorship activities of the nominee (extra letters will not be considered). Please send materials to *Dr. Charles P. O'Brien, University of Pennsylvania/VA Medical Center, Psychiatry, 3900 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6178 by February 1, 2005*. Only complete applications will be reviewed.



Horace Loh presented the Mentorship Award to E. Leong (Eddie) Way (center); Chris-Ellyn Johanson is on the left

J. Michael Morrison Award

As a memorial to this well-liked and respected administrator at NIDA, an award is given every other year for outstanding contributions in the area of scientific administration related to drugs of abuse. The awardee will receive \$1500, an inscribed plaque and travel expenses to attend the annual meeting. To nominate an individual, submit a packet containing a letter outlining his/her outstanding accomplishments in scientific administration, a curriculum vitae, two letters of support (extra letters will not be considered) to *Dr. Charles P. O'Brien, University of Pennsylvania/VA Medical Center, Psychiatry, 3900 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6178, by February 1, 2005*. Only complete applications will be reviewed.

Joseph Cochin Young Investigator Award

This award, in memory of a highly esteemed leader in drug abuse research and a former Chairman and Executive Secretary of CPDD, was established in 1986 to recognize research contributions in any facet of the field of drug abuse. It is given annually to an investigator who has not attained his/her 40th birthday by July 1 in the year of the award. The awardee will receive \$1500, an inscribed plaque and travel expenses to attend the annual meeting. To nominate an individual, submit a packet containing a letter outlining his/her major accomplishments along with a curriculum vitae and two letters of support (extra letters will not be considered) to *Dr. Charles P. O'Brien, University of Pennsylvania/VA Medical Center, Psychiatry, 3900 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6178 by February 1, 2005*. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.



Herbert Kleber presented the Joseph Cochin Young Investigator Award to Sandra D. Comer.

CPDD Media Award

This award is given to a member of the media who has made major contributions to the public understanding of scientific issues concerning drug use disorders. Awardees will receive \$1500, an inscribed plaque and travel expenses to attend the yearly meeting where the award will be given. To nominate an individual or organization, please submit a letter outlining major accomplishments and a curriculum vitae to *Wallace Pickworth, Ph.D., NIDA Intramural Research Program, 5500 Nathan Shock Drive, Baltimore, MD 21224*. Nominations must be received by February 1, 2005.

One hundred fifteen travel awards were presented for the 2004 CPDD Annual Scientific Meeting.

Travel Award Opportunities

CPDD Early Career Investigator Awards

CPDD will award a number of competitive travel fellowships to attend the 2005 Annual Meeting (registration and up to \$750 travel expenses). Winners of the previous CPDD Travel Awards are not eligible. Postdoctoral Awards are available to scientists who are not more than five years beyond their doctorate (Ph.D.) or residency (M.D., D.V.M., etc.). There are also a limited number of awards for foreign scientists spending not more than 2 years in the United States. Predoctoral Awards are available for individuals in Ph.D. programs at institutions with little or no NIH support. Individuals currently supported by NIDA/NIH training grants or individual Predoctoral National Research Service Awards (F31) are not eligible for Predoctoral Awards. Application instructions: Only 1 individual from any laboratory or administrative group can apply for each category of award. To apply, please submit 5 copies of the following: (1) a recent copy of your curriculum vitae including publications, presentations and previous travel fellowships; (2) a brief letter stating the type of award for which you are applying, why it is needed, and your reasons for attending the meeting; and (3) a letter of recommendation from your mentor. Applications must be postmarked on or before *January 15, 2005*. Application materials should be sent to *Chair, CPDD Travel Awards Committee, Dr. Donald Calsyn, UW Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute, 1107 NE 45th Street, Ste 120, Seattle, WA 98105*. A luncheon at the Annual Meeting is planned for all 2005 CPDD Early Career Investigator Awardees and recipients of Awards in 2002, 2003, or 2004.

Minority Travel Awards Program

The preferred candidate for this award is a graduate student with a demonstrated commitment to research and/or teaching in substance abuse. At a minimum, a candidate must have an avowed interest in a career in substance abuse. Applicants are required to be enrolled in a graduate program and to be citizens of the United States or permanent visa residents. In addition, applicants must be members of an ethnic minority group underrepresented in substance abuse research (including, but not limited to, African Americans, Hispanics, and Native Americans). Previous awardees and individuals currently supported by NIDA/NIH training grants or individual Predoctoral National Research Service Awards (F31) are not eligible for this award. To apply, applicants should submit five collated sets of the following information: (1) an up-to-date curriculum vitae listing publications, presentations, and previous travel fellowships; (2) a one-page personal statement describing her/his career directions and goals, which includes short-term and long-term career goals; and (3) a letter of recommendation from her/his mentor. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications must be postmarked on or before *January 15, 2005*. Application materials should be sent to *Chair, CPDD Underrepresented Populations (URPOP) Committee, Dr. Carl Hart, Columbia University/NYSPI, 1051 Riverside Drive, Unit #120, New York, NY 10032*.

CSAT Travel Awards

The Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is expected to sponsor 30 Travel Awards for substance abuse treatment practitioners to attend the 2005 CPDD meeting. To be eligible, candidates must hold full-time employment as a director or clinical supervisor in a substance abuse treatment program and not be an employee of the federal government. Only one award will be given to any specific program. Previous CSAT travel award recipients are not eligible to apply. To apply, send five copies of the following: 1) a letter stating interest in receiving an award and a statement (not to exceed one page) as to how this conference will benefit your work in your current position; 2) a letter of support from your direct supervisor, should you be selected, stating that you will be allowed to attend; 3) a complete resume/vita of your work and academic experiences. Deadline for applications is *December 15, 2004*. Applicants will

be expected to arrive prior to 4:30 PM on June 17, 2005, attend a networking session sponsored by CSAT on June 17, the CSAT-sponsored satellite session June 18, a breakfast sponsored by CPDD for the awardees, and remain for the entire CPDD meeting. *Materials should be mailed to Donald Calsyn, Ph.D., UW Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute, 1107 NE 45th Street, Ste. 120, Seattle, WA 98105.*

NIDA Travel Awards

NIDA will again sponsor presentations by a number of fellows and trainees. It is anticipated that funds will be available to support approximately 30 attendees with Travel Awards. For further information, *contact Suman Rao, Ph.D., Office of Science Policy and Communications, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institute of Health, 6001 Executive Blvd., Ste. 5230, MSC 9591, Bethesda, MD 20892, (telephone) 301-443-6071, (Fax) 301-480-2485, (email) sr234c@nih.gov or visit the NIDA website at www.drugabuse.gov*

Women & Gender Junior Investigator Travel Awards

There is accumulating evidence that the antecedents, consequences, and mechanisms of drug abuse and dependence are not identical in males and females and that gender may be an important variable in treatment and prevention outcomes. To foster research on women and gender differences in all areas of drug abuse research, both human and animal, NIDA encourages the submission of abstracts on this topic for the 2005 annual meeting of the CPDD.

Special NIDA travel awards of up to \$750 will be available to 30 junior investigators whose CPDD abstract on women or gender differences is accepted for either a poster or oral session at the 2005 annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, June 18-23.

Eligibility:

- Graduate and medical students, post-doctoral students, medical residents, and investigators who are no more than five years past the doctoral degree or residency are eligible.
- Applicant must be first author on the CPDD abstract.
- Minority investigators and male investigators are especially encouraged to apply.
- Federal employees are ineligible.
- Priority may be given to those who have not previously received this award.

Application Procedures:

Follow the CPDD instructions for abstract submission. Then mail a copy of the full abstract form that you submitted to CPDD to: *Dr. Cora Lee Wetherington, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Room 4282, MSC 9555, Bethesda, MD 20892-9555 (For overnight mail: Rockville, MD 20852)*

- Include your curriculum vitae.
- Include a cover letter indicating your eligibility and your interest in pursuing research on women and/or gender differences.
- Please do not fold your application materials.
- Applications for this award must be postmarked by *January 18, 2005*.

For additional information about this annual award, contact: *Dr. Cora Lee Wetherington at 301-435-1319 or at wetherington@nih.gov. National Institutes of Health - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

WHO/NIDA/CPDD International Traveling Fellowships

CPDD, WHO, and NIDA will sponsor International Traveling Fellowships to support the attendance of drug abuse scientists from developing countries at the CPDD 2005 meeting. Applications are due by *January 15, 2005*. For further information, *contact Gabriele Fischer, MD, Ph.D., University of Vienna, Department of Psychiatry, Waehringerguertel 18-20, 1090 Wien, Austria, (telephone) 431-40400-3600; (fax) 431-40400-3500; gabriele.fischer@univie.ac.at.*

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Ian has been especially attentive to ethical matters related to publishing and worked closely with me and the publisher in moving to online submission. Indeed, he has just assumed the Presidency of the International Society of Addiction Journal Editors. Ian has agreed to take over as Chair of the University of London Institute of Psychiatry's Addictions Interdisciplinary Research Group, which significantly increases his workload and necessitates him making time available for these additional responsibilities. Ian is willing to continue to receive new manuscripts for the first 6 months of 2005, and to advise on the selection of a new co-editor as well as the editing structure, if necessary. We have agreed to take the oc-

casional of Ian's planned departure from editing responsibilities to take a fresh look at the editorial structure for the journal, especially in light of the increase in submissions. Ian has kindly agreed to help us with this assessment, which will also involve the CPDD Publications Committee (Nicholas Goeders, Chair) and the Editorial Board for the journal. The ultimate responsibility for changing the editorial structure and for the selection of an editor or editors to replace Ian lies with the publisher, Elsevier Science. We welcome suggestions about the editorial structure for DAD and for suggestions for new editor(s).

– Robert Balster, Editor-in-Chief
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Program

The program will be mailed in advance to those who register prior to May 11, 2005. Please bring the program with you to the meeting.

Abstract Submission

Go to <http://www.cpdd.org> and press the "Abstract Submission" icon to obtain information about Submitted Papers, Subject Matter, Procedures for Submission and to enter your abstract electronically. Anyone who does not have access to the Internet should contact the CPDD Executive Office for further instructions.

Registration Form & Fees

For complete information about CPDD

meeting registration, including deadlines, fees and other details, go to http://www.cpdd.vcu.edu/pages/register_2005.html.

Meeting Site & Hotel Accommodations

The headquarters hotel will be the Wyndham Palace, in Lake Buena Vista (Orlando), Florida. All scientific sessions will be held there. Rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, and we recommend that you make your reservations early, using the electronic reservation form <https://www.sailairtravel.com/cpdd05/cpdd.php>. Send hotel reservations and meeting registrations to SAILAIR/CPDD 2005, 102 Woodmont Boulevard, Suite 130, Nashville, TN 37205-2212.