

Neuroscientists share a drive to uncover the deep mysteries of how the brain works. The 2008 Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting will showcase the dynamism and diversity of the field, and offer a unique opportunity for scientists, clinicians, and advocates to explore emerging discoveries in a rapidly expanding discipline.

## A Wide-Ranging Scientific Program

The scientific program showcases new studies on how circuits in the brain are organized and offers the rich array that attendees have come to expect each year. Session topics range from signal transduction and ion channels to behavioral studies on clinical populations. Courses will be similarly wide-ranging, with a Neurobiology of Disease Workshop on traumatic brain injury and an expansion of short course offerings. Overall, the program displays the extent to which fundamental scientific inquiry informs understanding of neurological and psychiatric disease and treatment, often in unexpected and exciting ways.

Additionally, much of the most exciting and newest findings will come from you. Participants from around the globe submitted nearly 16,000 abstracts, maintaining the world's largest venue for emerging discoveries about the brain.

## Science in a Social and Global Context

Innovative and renowned choreographer Mark Morris will deliver the Dialogues between Neuroscience and Society lecture. People have long been fascinated by the brain's control and understanding of movement, rhythm, and their visual impact, as demonstrated by the best dancers and choreographers. Separately, Morris and members of his dance company will discuss their experiences teaching dance to people with Parkinson's disease, exemplifying the principle that the pursuit of science and art can help ameliorate human suffering and improve well-being.

In a world profoundly enriched, and challenged, by creations of the human mind, Neuroscience 2008 will also address larger social questions. How can we improve global access to high-tech advances for studying and treating disease? How can individual scientists partner with institutions to support research, and colleagues, facing violence from animal activists? What impact will the upcoming 2008 U.S. elections have on science funding and policy?

## Professional Development

Finally, we offer a special welcome to those considering attending for the first time. In addition to scientific content, Neuroscience 2008 offers sessions for CME credit, job resources, networking, and socializing for participants at all professional stages. We hope you will exploit the rich Neuroscience 2008 program and look forward to seeing you in Washington!



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