

# SfN-Sponsored Socials

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**Sunday, Oct. 18**  
**6:45–8:45 p.m.**

## Auditory Signal Processing Social

### *Purely Social*

McCormick Place: Room N132

*Chair:* Paul A. Fuchs

You are enthusiastically invited to a purely social reception to meet auditory and vestibular neuroscientists, mingle with old friends, and make new ones. A brief update on recent and upcoming issues, like funding, legislation, gossip, etc., will be made. Remarks from attendees are welcome.

## Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience Social

### *Purely Social*

McCormick Place: Room N229

*Chair:* Kenneth Norman

*Guests:* D. Barch, M. Baxter, T. Braver, S. Bunge, L. Davachi, A. Ghazanfar, S. Kastner, B. Murray, K. Ochsner, R. Poldrack, B. Postle, C. Ranganath, S. Thompson-Schill  
Zombies and neuroscientists both love brains! Therefore, in a spirit of kinship with the undead (and fun), come share your brains with your behavioral and cognitive neuroscience colleagues. If you're still hungry, you can sample those of our special guests! Conventional refreshments also will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

## Cajal Club Social

### *Social with Panel Discussion*

McCormick Place: Room N228

*Chair:* John L. Rubenstein

*Guests:* L. Puelles, P. Hof, G. Striedter, G. Shepherd, C. Saper

The Cajal Club social will be celebrating the 200th birthday of Charles Darwin and honoring the 75th anniversary of Cajal's death. A panel of experts will lead a discussion of the evolution of the cerebral cortex. Prior to the panel, there will be informal socializing and the presentation of the prestigious Krieg Cortical Kudos awards and the W. Maxwell Cowan Award for Developmental Neuroscience.

## Cell Death Social

### *Purely Social*

McCormick Place: Room N133

*Chairs:* Lloyd Greene, Carol M. Troy

*Guests:* J. Chen, M. Desmukh, R. Freeman, W. Friedman, C. Henderson, K. Herrup, S. Lipton, D. Kaplan, F. Miller, R. Morrison, D. Park, R. Ratan  
If you've ever uttered the word "apoptosis," and even if you haven't but want to meet a cool group of folks, we cordially invite you to come to the "Cell Death Social" at this year's SfN meeting. All topics are open for lively discussion, except bad puns based on the concept of death (all of which have already been exhausted by reviews on the subject). To spice up the evening, a group of distinguished neuron death gurus have agreed to appear at the social.

## Clinical Neuroscience Social

### *Social with Brief Presentation*

McCormick Place: Room N138

*Chair:* Mark P. Goldberg

This social is a great opportunity for residents, postdoctoral, graduate, and medical students considering careers in clinical and translational aspects of neuroscience. Meet successful basic and clinical scientists from diverse settings, including government, academic, nonprofit, and industry. Guest experts will provide a brief overview of their own career paths to help provide a framework for others. Join us to share your questions and open discussion.

## Excitatory Amino Acids Social

### *Purely Social*

McCormick Place: Room N135

*Chair:* Jean Christophe Poncet

*Guests:* D. Choquet, M.D. Ehlers, J.A. Esteban, R.L. Huganir, R.C. Malenka, C.J. McBain, R.A. McKinney, S.M. Thompson, G.G. Turrigiano, R.S. Zukin  
Everything you always wanted to know about excitation but were afraid to ask: receptor dynamics and traffic, synaptic plasticity, network activities, and more. This year's social will be eclectic: excitation of inhibitory neurons, excitatory effects of inhibitory amino-acids, everyone's welcome! Come join us and discuss the latest research with experts in the field, or simply have a drink and chat with old friends.

## Neuroethology/Invertebrate Neurobiology Social

### *Purely Social*

McCormick Place: Room N134

*Chair:* Farzan Nadim

This purely social event is a gathering to celebrate the ever-strong invertebrate research in neuroscience, meet old friends, and make new ones. All are welcome: squishies, crunchies, and vertebrates. Postdoctoral and graduate students are especially encouraged to drop by.

## Neuroinformatics Social

### *Social with Brief Presentation*

McCormick Place: Room N140

*Chairs:* Daniel Gardner, Gwen A. Jacobs

*Guests:* D.L. Glanzman, K.M. Harris,

G.M. Shepherd, R.W. Williams

*Special Guests:* G. Ascoli, E.G. Jones,

D.M. Kennedy, Y. Liu

Our 2009 theme is Neuroinformatics' Greatest Hits. In a social and collegial session, four very short presentations will highlight successes in the field, and the good things that happened because of tools or databases. We'll also hear about funding opportunities to select and nurture Neuroinformatics' Next Great Hit.

## Neuroscience Education Outreach Social

### *Social with Brief Presentation*

McCormick Place: Room N139

*Chairs:* Kyle Lynn Gobrogge,

Katie Northcutt

Please join us for the second annual neuroscience education outreach social! Come share ideas, network, and become inspired by the actions of others in neuroscience education. A number of established outreach groups, as well as neuroscientists, will present brief discussions about their programs and experiences in neuroscience civic engagement. The remainder of the social will be for followup discussions, building collaborations, and forming friendships. All are welcome!

## Spinal Cord Injury Social

### *Social with Brief Presentation*

McCormick Place: Room N230

*Chair:* Wilfredo Mellado

We propose that a clear understanding of the sequence of events triggered by traumatic injury to the cord requires multiple approaches and extensive collaboration among the groups. It is the goal of this social to identify some of the problems and encourage collaborations.

**Monday, Oct. 19**  
**6:45–8:45 p.m.**

## Alzheimer's Disease Social

### *Social with Brief Presentation*

McCormick Place: Room N139

*Chair:* David G. Morgan

Awards from AlzForum Neuro-version of “Wait Wait Don’t Tell Me” and “Brain Talk” with the Synapse brothers Ispy and Espy.

## Behavioral Neuroendocrinology Social

### *Social with Brief Presentation*

McCormick Place: Room N228

*Chair:* Gregory E. Demas

Organized by the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology, an interdisciplinary scientific organization dedicated to the study of hormonal processes and neuroendocrine systems that regulate behavior. There will be a social gathering along with a presentation honoring the recipient of the 2009 Frank A. Beach Award.

## Developmental Neurobiology Social

### *Purely Social*

McCormick Place: Room N136

*Chair:* Greg J. Bashaw

*Guests:* Yishi Jin, Liqun Luo, Li Huei

Tsai; Carol Mason; Joe LoTurco;

Ole Kiehn; Ricardo Dolmetsch

An informal social to meet with friends and colleagues interested in the development of the nervous system.

Looking for other  
events not sponsored  
by SfN? See Satellite  
Events on pages 27-31.

## Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience (FUN) Social

### *Social with Poster Session and Award Presentations*

McCormick Place: Room N227

*Chair:* Bruce R. Johnson

*Guests:* C.A. Korey, J.R. Yates

Socialize and exchange ideas with others interested in undergraduate neuroscience research and education. Undergraduates will present posters of their research, and FUN Student Travel Awards and Educator of the Year Award will be presented. SOMAS awardees and their students will be introduced (see [www.somasprogram.org](http://www.somasprogram.org)). See the FUN Web site for travel award information and registration for poster presentations at the FUN Social ([www.funfaculty.org](http://www.funfaculty.org)).

## Hippocampus Social

### *Purely Social*

McCormick Place: Room N133

*Chairs:* Jeffrey S. Taube, James J. Knierim

*Guests:* G. Buzsaki, N.J. Cohen, M.E.

Hasselmo, R.P. Kesner, J.J. Knierim, J.C.

Lacaille, C.J. McBain, S.J. Mizumori, E.I.

Moser, M.B. Moser, R.U. Muller, P.R. Rapp,

J.D. Sweatt, J.S. Taube, C.S. Woolley

Tired of poster sessions and talks? Then

engage your cognitive map — use your

place, head direction, and grid cells to

guide yourself over to the Hippocampus

Social. Meet leading researchers in the

fields of hippocampal anatomy, physiol-

ogy, plasticity, and behavior. Discuss

current topics in the field over a beer

or a glass of wine. All welcome!

## Ingestive Behavior Social

### *Purely Social*

McCormick Place: Room N134

*Chair:* Kathleen S. Curtis

*Guests:* L.M. Flanagan-Cato, P.S. Grigson,

B.S. McEwen, T.H. Moran, L. Rinaman

“One of the very nicest things about life is

the way we must regularly stop whatever

it is we are doing and devote our atten-

tion to eating.” — Luciano Pavarotti and

William Wright. And even better is to eat

and drink while talking about eating and

drinking! So stop whatever you’re doing

and join friends and colleagues for salty

snacks, drink, and conversation about

appetite, hunger, and thirst, and their

sensory, hormonal, cognitive, and auto-

nomous controls in this purely social event.

## Music Social

### *Purely Social*

McCormick Place: Room S504

*Chairs:* Daniel Tranel, William J. Pearce

*Guests:* William Pearce, PhD;

Joe LaManna, PhD

An evening of music will be provided by SfN member musicians. All musical types are welcome, ranging from solo acts to full bands, with the emphasis on enthusiasm and fun. Accompaniment is available with sufficient advance notice. The Program fills quickly, so please contact us soon for a spot. Each performer will have about 10 minutes. The event is casual and informal. Please join us for an evening of music with brain scientists who have a side gig: MUSIC.

## Neural Control of Autonomic and Respiratory Function Social: The RTN/pFRG

### *Social with Brief Presentation*

McCormick Place: Room N226

*Chair:* Gregory D. Funk

*Guests:* J. L. Feldman, P. Guyenet

This social provides an opportunity for those interested in cardiorespiratory control and autonomic neuroscience to meet and exchange new ideas in a relaxed and friendly environment. The event will be highlighted by brief presentations by two of the field’s luminaries who will discuss their views on the role(s) of the retrotrapezoid nucleus/parafacial respiratory group in cardiorespiratory control.

## Oculomotor and Vestibular Systems Social

### *Purely Social*

McCormick Place: Room N129

*Chair:* Daniel M. Merfeld

*Guests:* D.E. Angelaki, K.E. Cullen,

R.A. Eatock, J.M. Goldberg,

M.E. Goldberg, A. Houmam,

S.G. Lisberger, L.B. Minor, C. Platt

“It was the best of times, it was the worst

of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was

the age of foolishness, it was the epoch

of belief, it was the epoch of incredu-

lity, it was the season of Light, it was the

season of Darkness ...” This opening

to *A Tale of Two Cities* seems appropri-

ate this year. Come discuss science and

these interesting times with friends and

colleagues. Students and postdoctoral

students should note that guests have

been asked to make themselves available

to you for part of the social. All welcome.

## Pavlovian Society Social: Not Just Spit and Twitches

### *Purely Social*

McCormick Place: Room N130

*Chair:* Peter C. Holland

A purely social opportunity to meet and mingle with other scientists interested in the neurobiology of learning, memory, and emotion.

## Psychopharmacology Social

### *Purely Social*

McCormick Place: Room N135

*Chair:* Sara R. Jones

*Guests:* R.M. Carelli, H.C. Becker, M.A. Ungless, K.A. Miczek, M.R. Picciotto, P. O'Donnell, L.J. Porrino, D.C.S. Roberts, R.M. Wightman  
Locomote on over to the Psychopharmacology Social, get social with some psychos and alter your pharmacology! Stimulate your reward pathways with a beer or some wine and chat with our fabulous line-up of invited guests.

## Vision Social: Mind Over Matter

### *Social with Brief Presentation*

McCormick Place: Room N128

*Chair:* Zoe Kourtzi

*Guests:* Alessandra Angelucci, Ed Connor, Jon Kaas, Bill Geisler, Brian Wandell  
An informal debate addressing the contributions of anatomical and functional work to visual neuroscience. Modern neuroscience is historically and empirically grounded on a neuroanatomical roadmap. Yet, recent work increasingly concentrates on functional circuits and computations. Does precise anatomical localization matter for understanding function and behavior? Join us and debate the strengths and limitations of current approaches, and offer new perspectives to the study of brain structure and function.

# Tuesday, Oct. 20 6:45–8:45 p.m.

## Computational Neuroscience Social: Not an Oxymoron!

### *Social with Brief Presentation*

McCormick Place: Room N228

*Chair:* Astrid A. Prinz

*Guests:* L. Abbott, G. Ascoli, V. Booth, C. Canavier, S. Crook, E. De Schutter, W. Holmes, R. Jung, N. Kopell, C. Linster, F. Skinner, I. Soltesz, G. Turrigiano  
Join us for the increasingly popular Computational Neuroscience Social! Information on computational neuroscience conferences, summer schools, publications, and Web resources will be provided, but mainly we will just socialize and network and enjoy each other's company in an informal setting. Everybody is welcome!

## Functional Imaging Social

### *Purely Social*

McCormick Place: Room N137

*Chair:* Rasmus M. Birn, Peter A. Bandettini

*Guests:* R. Buckner, B.J. Casey, P. Fox, S.-G. Kim, D. Leopold, A. Martin, L.G. Ungerleider

Functional imaging brings together people from a variety of scientific backgrounds who use a range of powerful technologies to image brain function — from cellular techniques to EEG, MEG, PET, optical imaging, and fMRI. Please join us for a purely social event to unwind after a long day at the conference, chat with colleagues, explore new networks, and take advantage of an opportunity to discuss the latest advances and ideas. Come for a fun and enlightening evening of drinks and discussion.

## Neuroendocrinology Social: Sex Si Bon!

### *Social with Brief Presentation*

McCormick Place: Room N136

*Chair:* Robert L. Meisel

*Guests:* K. L. Olsen, Moderator

Neuroendocrine researchers have known for decades what the FDA and NIH have only recently discovered: sex matters. This social will bring together a cohort of scientists who study sex differences in the nervous system, to pay a formal and serious tribute to the model systems that have enriched this field. The main event, a parade of model systems, will be followed by social interaction and camaraderie.

## Neuroethics Social

### *Social with Brief Presentation*

McCormick Place: Room N139

*Chair:* Martha J. Farah

*Guests:* J.T. Cacioppo, J.D. Haynes, J. Illes, S. Laureys, H.S. Mayberg, E.A. Phelps, R.A. Poldrack  
Interested in the ethical, legal, or policy implications of neuroscience? Come to the neuroethics social hour and meet others with the same interests. And don't miss the short but spirited debate, between two leading neuroimaging researchers, on the proposition that "brain imaging is already capable of (something worthy of the term) 'mind reading.'"

## Sensorimotor Integration and Motor Control Social

### *Purely Social*

McCormick Place: Room N129

*Chair:* Randy D. Trumbower

Please join us for a social gathering among friends. There will be plenty of Wii Fit competitions, so take this opportunity to have a few drinks while your colleagues showcase their motor skills.

## Songbird Social

### *Purely Social*

McCormick Place: Room N128

*Chair:* Sarah M. Woolley

Please join us for this purely social event open to all neuroscientists interested in songbird research. Come test the effects of alcohol on your vocal production, perception, and learning circuits.

## Synapses Social

### *Purely Social*

McCormick Place: Room N135

*Chair:* Gilbert Di Paolo

*Guests:* O. Arancio, N. Brose, P. De Camilli, R. H. Edwards, Y. Goda, S. Halpain, D. Lipscombe, M. R. Picciotto, B. L. Sabatini, P. Scheiffele, D. J. Surmeier  
If you want to put a face on a name, put a name on a face, mingle with your reviewers, run away from posters, find a job, or simply have a drink with friends and colleagues in the field, consider attending the Synapses Social and its casual atmosphere this year. Don't push anybody's buttons, go through the right channels, and rinse your siphon with beverages of your choice (but stop before the reflex). Our guests will be honored by your presence.