

SfN-Sponsored Socials

Sunday, October 18, 6:45–8:45 p.m.

Cajal Club Social

SOCIAL WITH BRIEF PRESENTATION

Chair: Christopher A. Walsh, MD, PhD

Co-chair: Arturo Alvarez-Buylla, PhD

Guests: B. Chen, U. Muller

McCormick Place: N228

Join us for informal socializing and the presentations of the Krieg Cortical Kudos Awards and the Max Cowan Award in Developmental Neuroscience (sponsored by the *Journal of Comparative Neurology*, presented by Patrick Hof). Bin Chen and Ulrich Mueller will each give a short, informal presentation on the question of heterogeneity of cortical progenitors, followed by an interactive discussion.

Cell Death and Cell Stress Social

SOCIAL WITH BRIEF PRESENTATION

Chair: Benjamin Wolozin, MD, PhD

Co-chair: Judith A. Hirsch, PhD

Guests: T. Dawson, V. Dawson, J. Nye, L. Petrucelli, T. Südhof, J. Surmier

McCormick Place: N140

Come to the Cell Death Social, where we will be “dying” to have a good time! Socialize while examining novel concepts in neurodegeneration, which pathways occur across multiple diseases, and how to translate basic mechanisms to clinical research for collaborative projects. Also, try to match amusing stories with the names of some of our distinguished colleagues. Scientists confirmed to attend are from academia, industry, and basic and clinical neuroscience.

Clinical Neuroscience Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Allan I. Levey, MD, PhD

Co-chair: David M. Holtzman, MD

McCormick Place: N226

A social occasion to meet and greet fellow clinician scientists and those interested in clinical neuroscience.

Hearing and Balance Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Anna Lysakowski, PhD

Co-chair: Lizabeth M. Romanski, PhD

Guests: L. H. Carney, Y. E. Cohen, S. G. Lomber, G. D. Paige, C. Petkov, L. C. Populin, J. P. Rauschecker

H. Read, M. Sutter

McCormick Place: N139

This is a purely social gathering for all who are interested in questions of hearing and balance. It is an opportunity to meet and greet old friends and make new ones. Postdoctoral fellows and students are especially welcome. Bring your friends and mingle with others interested in acoustics, audition, communication, speech, language, and more!

Neuroethology/Invertebrate Neurobiology Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Wolfgang Stein, PhD

McCormick Place: N138

This is a purely social gathering celebrating neuroethology and invertebrate neuroscience research, and the role of the nervous system in producing behavior. Stop by to meet old friends and make new ones. Postdocs and students are encouraged to drop in for socializing and networking.

Neuroinformatics Social

SOCIAL WITH BRIEF PRESENTATION

Chair: David Kennedy, PhD

Guests: S. L. Hill, T. R. Insel

McCormick Place: N229

Are you interested in how common tools, standards, and collaboration can boost your research? Join us to get introduced to the BRAIN Initiative, Human Brain Project, and Brain/MINDS project, and the community resources that they will result in. This social will have a few short presentations and plenty of time for socializing and networking. Don't miss this opportunity to get acquainted with representatives from these projects and related organizations, and scientists in the neuroinformatics field.

Pain Neuroscience Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Michael P. Jankowski, PhD

Co-chair: Benedict J. Kolber, PhD

McCormick Place: N135

Join your fellow pain neuroscientists in a relaxing setting to wind down from the annual meeting. This is a purely social gathering that provides a common meeting place for all

neuroscientists interested in pain research, whether you are actively doing pain work or are just interested in it. This forum will also provide networking opportunities for investigators at all levels of their careers

Spinal Cord Injury Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Carlos B. Mantilla, MD, PhD

McCormick Place: N231

Get ready for an evening of informal socializing, along with an exciting game of trivia. Put on your thinking caps! Get those young and old neurons firing while networking with colleagues from around the world. Awards will be presented to well-informed participants. Students, fellows, and neuroscientists at all career stages are invited. Join your colleagues in a relaxed and social atmosphere.

Synapses and Excitatory Amino Acids Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Thomas A. Blanpied, PhD

Co-chair: Seema Bhatnagar, PhD

Guests: T. Biederer, P. De Koninck, D. A DiGregorio, K. M. Harris, Y. Hayashi, R. L. Huganir, J. W. Johnson, S. D. Meriney, R. A. Nicoll, I. Perez-Otano, K. W. Roche, T. A. Ryan, S. M. Thompson, G. Turrigiano, R. S. Zukin

McCormick Place: N137

Stop actin' like a sap: Release your inhibitions and don't adhere to recycled traditions! Join 95 other monks as we toast our developing insights to the body's most plastic stable structure. Contact old friends and get a grip on prime new ones at this dynamic social. Throughout the evening, the bravest of our special guests will amaze the crowd with a favorite slide from their past, chosen for its meaning, mystery, or mirth. Come hear their stories as you plan your evening's revels.

Monday, October 19, 6:45–8:45 p.m.

Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Chad Dickey, PhD

Co-chair: Brian Kraemer, PhD

Guest: S. E. Gandy

McCormick Place: N136



This purely social event is an opportunity for old friends to come together to discuss the fine cuisine of Chicago, the current state of Cubs baseball, and maybe work in some of the latest breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research.

Behavioral Neuroendocrinology Social **SOCIAL WITH BRIEF PRESENTATION**

Chair: Elizabeth Adkins-Regan, PhD

Guest: J. French

McCormick Place: N231

At this social, come meet and speak with friendly colleagues interested in hormones, brain, and behavior. Whether you are new to the field or an old-timer, this is a fun opportunity to socialize with others studying these oh-so-powerful molecules. The winners of the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology's 2015 Frank A. Beach and W.C. Young Awards will be announced.

Developmental Neurobiology Social **PURELY SOCIAL**

Chair: Raj Awatramani, PhD

Co-chair: Shubha Tole, PhD

McCormick Place: N137

This social is for scientists interested in the development of the nervous system, including neurogenesis, migration, neuron fate determination, and establishment of circuitry.

Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience (FUN) Social

SOCIAL WITH BRIEF PRESENTATION

Chair: Jeffrey S. Smith, PhD

Guests: L. A. Gabel, A. Stavnezer

McCormick Place: N228

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 the Educator of the Year Award will be presented. See the

FUN website for travel award information and registration for poster presentations at the FUN Social (funfaculty.org).

Hippocampus Social **SOCIAL WITH BRIEF PRESENTATION**

Chair: Kate Jeffery, PhD

Co-chair: Dori Derdikman, PhD

McCormick Place: N138

This social is an opportunity for hippocampal researchers to meet and mingle. To start, there will be a short nonscientific presentation, followed by a speed-dating event allowing junior researchers to have a short "ask-me-anything" conversation with senior scientists.

Ingestive Behavior Social **PURELY SOCIAL**

Chair: Alan G. Watts, PhD

Co-chair: Alexxai V. Kravitz, PhD

Guest: J. W. Young

McCormick Place: N135

Socialize, network, and take a break with friends and colleagues from the hectic SfN annual meeting. We expect a wide range of internationally established investigators from academia and industry, students, and postdoctoral fellows working in ingestive behavior and allied fields of obesity, diabetes, and eating disorders. Please plan to attend, for a few hours or a few minutes, to mix and mingle.

Music Social **PURELY SOCIAL**

Chair: William J. Pearce, PhD

Co-chair: Joseph C. LaManna, PhD

Guest: C. Ammonis

McCormick Place: N427

SfN member musicians will provide an evening of music. All musical types from rock to country to opera are welcome, with an emphasis on variety and enthusiasm. Accompaniment is

available given at least two weeks advance notice. The program fills quickly, and there are no walk-ons, so contact us as soon as possible to get a place on the program. Each performance is typically allotted 10 minutes. Please join us for another informal and fun evening of neuroscientists enjoying music.

Neural Control of Autonomic and Respiratory Function Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Thomas E. Dick, PhD

McCormick Place: N226

This purely social event is a gathering of scientists interested in autonomic and/or respiratory functions in health, disease and social functions at international meetings. The intent of this social is to facilitate uninterrupted, commercial-free interaction amongst colleagues at each and every career level. We will attempt to have a very informal event.

Psychopharmacology Social **PURELY SOCIAL**

Chair: Stan B. Floresco, PhD

Co-chair: Jared W. Young, PhD

Guests: A. Abi-Dargham, K. C. Berridge, B. A.

Carlezon, K. A. Cunningham, H. DeWit, B. J. Everitt,

A. Frazer, P. H. Janak, J. D. Jentsch

McCormick Place: N139

Please join us for an informal evening socializing with psychopharmacologists — people who know a thing or two about mind-altering substances. Catch up with friends and colleagues, meet others in the field, loosen up with a refreshing beverage with your well-dressed hosts after a hard day of science while grooving to a psychopharmacologically inspired playlist. Intermingling between more senior investigators and trainees is strongly encouraged, and all are welcome.

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Vision Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Ione Fine, PhD

Guests: M. Bedny, J. A. Hirsch

McCormick Place: N140

Join us for the 2015 Vision Social quiz night. Create a team of your eight most learned colleagues or come along and be assigned to a team led by an eminent visionary in your area. The top team will not only win glory but signed copies of very boring vision books.

Tuesday, October 20, 6:45–8:45 p.m.

Cognitive Neuroscience Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Kalanit Grill-Spector, PhD

Co-chair: Jesse Gomez

McCormick Place: N140

This is the most inclusive of all socials! If you are interested in behavior, cognition, and the brain, we want you. Swing by and mingle over drinks with the best, the brightest, or just the most boisterous of the cognitive neuroscience field. It is thought that a majority of the human cortex evolved for social interaction; come put it to good use!

Computational Neuroscience Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Viola Priesemann, PhD

Co-chair: Timothy O'Leary, PhD

Guests: J. Beggs, S. Ganguli, M. Geffen, J. Gjorgjieva, M. S. Goldman, G. J. Gutierrez, A. E. Lazar, W. Maass, E. E. Marder, C. O'Donnell, A. B. Stepanyants,

J. D. Victor, F. Wolf

McCormick Place: N139

Join us for an evening with elegant models, great spirits, networking theories, and billions of action potentials! Reunite with old friends, make new ones, mingle with top researchers and special guests, and learn about upcoming CompNeuro events. Everyone is welcome!

Epilepsy Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Mark Beenhakker, PhD

Guests: C. Dulla, L. Isom, A. Kriegstein, E. Krook-Magnuson, K. Staley, K. Wilcox

McCormick Place: N138

Roughly one in 26 people in the United States will develop epilepsy in their lifetime. Meet the

researchers who work hard to find cures for this major neurological disorder. At this social, you will find both pioneers in the field of epilepsy, as well as junior faculty who are moving the field in exciting new directions. Also, representatives from NIH, Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy (CURE), and other agencies will be in attendance. Come enjoy fun conversation and networking — everyone with an interest in epilepsy is invited!

Eye Movement and Vestibular System Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Sascha du Lac, PhD

Co-chair: Martha W. Bagnall, PhD

McCormick Place: N137

Join us for a purely social evening and a chance to catch up with all your colleagues in vestibular and oculomotor systems. Come have a drink, meet new friends and old, and chat about the best-functioning circuits in the brain.

Neuroendocrinology Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Rebecca M. Shansky, PhD

Co-chair: Matthew Hill, PhD

Guests: S. Bhatnagar, L. A. Galea, K. M. Lenz, M. M. McCarthy, J. M. Schwarz, V. G. Viau

McCormick Place: N226

It's time for Neuroendocrine Family Feud! Watch as the descendants of neuroendocrinology's matriarchs and patriarchs battle it out — which lineage is most in touch with the random opinions of other neuroendocrinologists? McEwen? McCarthy? Dallman? Guillemin?

Neuroethics Social

SOCIAL WITH BRIEF PRESENTATION

Chair: Barbara J. Sahakian, PhD

Co-chair: Verity J. Brown, PhD

Guests: H. DeWit, J. Grant, J. Illes, G. F. Koob, B. J. Mason, D. Nutt, A. Phillips, T. W. Robbins

McCormick Place: N229

In this neuroethics panel, we will have experts defining the top ethical issues in their area of behavioural and drug addiction research and treatment and why they think it is important. Come and join in the discussion on ethical considerations of neuroscience research and the effects of neuroscience research on society.

Neuron-Glia Interactions Social

SOCIAL WITH BRIEF PRESENTATION

Chair: Douglas Fields, PhD

McCormick Place: N136

The social will begin with brief talks on the history of glia and pioneers in glial research, followed by a purely social interaction. Helmut Kettenmann will give a brief account of the origin of the word "glia." Alfonso Araque will discuss Ramón y Cajal's pioneering studies of glia. Douglas Fields will recount the discovery of myelin structure. Bruce Ransom will lead a discussion with the panel and audience. Akiko Nishiyama will take the role of facilitator in the informal social. All are welcome to attend! Meet the field's current and future leaders!

Optogenetics Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Nicolas Tritsch, PhD

Co-chair: Yevgenia Kozorovitskiy, PhD

Guests: E. S. Boyden, R. M. Costa, K. Deisseroth, M. Hausser, J. Isaac, R. H. Kramer, A. V. Kravitz, R. C. Malenka, G. Miesenbock, B. L. Sabatini, G. M. G. Shepherd, G. D. Stuber, K. Tye

McCormick Place: N231

Put some spark in your SfN experience with the Optogenetics Social! Whether you started the field, would like to implement optogenetics in your favorite system, or are simply looking for a place to kick back and have a drink, this purely social event is perfect for you! Come see old friends and make new ones.

Sensorimotor Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Rachael D. Seidler, PhD

Guests: D. Corcos, S. H. Scott

McCormick Place: N135

This is a purely social gathering for all members of the sensorimotor research community. Come to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Songbird Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Sarah C. Woolley, PhD

Co-chair: Jon T. Sakata, PhD

McCormick Place: N132

This is a purely social gathering for people interested in songbirds.