

SfN-Sponsored Socials

All SfN-Sponsored Socials will be held in the Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina.

These events are open to all registered annual meeting attendees.

Sunday, November 13, 6:45–8:45 p.m.

Cajal Club Social

SOCIAL WITH BRIEF PRESENTATION

Chair: Christopher Walsh, MD, PhD

Co-Chair: Arturo Alvarez-Buylla, PhD

Guests: K. Baldwin; M.J. McConnell

Marriott Grand Ballroom 8

Informal socializing with presentations of a few awards to neuroscientists at senior, mid, and early career stages. This will be followed by two short, informal presentations on the question of genomic variability and instability in neurons by Kristin Baldwin and Michael McConnell, two leading scientists in this area. An interactive discussion will follow.

Cell Death and Cell Stress Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Santosh D'Mello, PhD

Co-Chair: Shirley ShiDu Yan, MD

Guests: L. Dugan; W.J. Friedman; L. Greene; S.J.

Hewett; D. Merry; D. Praticò; R.R. Ratan; E. M.

Sigurdsson; E. Thomas; K. Tieu; C.M. Troy; L.-H Tsai;

W.E. Van Nostrand; B.L. Wolozin

Marriott Grand Ballroom 11

"Dying" to have a good time after a tiring day at talks and posters? Come have a drink and relax at this Cell Death Social. Reunite with old friends and make new ones. Mingle with top researchers and special guests with a common interest in cell death mechanisms. Everyone is welcome!

Clinical Neuroscience Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Samuel E. Gandy, MD, PhD

Co-Chair: Stella M. Papa, MD

Rancho Santa Fe 1 and 2

Invitations are extended to investigators at all levels and in all fields related to clinical neurosciences. Students, postdoctoral fellows, clinical fellows, faculty, administration, and NIH staff are all encouraged to attend. Colleagues, mentors, and mentees have an opportunity to re-engage in a relaxed setting during the annual meeting.

Cognitive Neuroscience Social

SOCIAL WITH BRIEF PRESENTATION

Chair: Daniela Schiller, PhD

Co-Chair: Paula L. Croxson, PhD

Marriott Grand Ballroom 12

"The Art of Storytelling"

This year's Cognitive Neuroscience Social will celebrate the art of storytelling, featuring true stories by scientists sharing their unique perspective on science. Everyone has a story to tell, whether it's about starting out in science, a challenge, an exciting discovery or an epic failure. Come listen to — and be inspired by — the stories of four scientists who are also storytellers: Wendy Suzuki, Stuart Firestein, Rebecca Brachmann, and André Fenton. Join us for drinks and snacks, and share your own stories with your colleagues.

Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience Social

SOCIAL WITH BRIEF PRESENTATION

Chair: Lisa Gabel, PhD

Guests: L.A. Chase; A.J. Stavnezer

Marriott Grand Ballroom 5, 6, and 7

Socialize and exchange ideas with others interested in undergraduate neuroscience research and education. Undergraduates will present their research. Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience (FUN) Student Travel Awards and Educator of the Year Awards will also be presented. See the FUN website (funfaculty.org) for travel award information, and register for poster presentations at the FUN Social.

Hearing and Balance Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chairs: Eike Budinger, PhD; Lisa V. Goodrich, PhD

Guests: M. Brosch; B. Englitz; T. Hackett; P. Kanold;

S.G. Lomber; D.H. Sanes

Marriott Grand Ballroom 10

If you are interested in any topic related to the auditory and vestibular system, join us for a purely social evening. Come have a drink, meet your colleagues and old friends, and make new ones. Postdoctoral fellows and students are especially welcome.

Itch Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Earl E. Carstens, PhD

Torrey Pines 1 and 2

"Scratching the Itch"

This purely social event brings together neuroscientists with a common interest in itch research. The itch is the least understood of the somatic senses, but recent work has identified novel transduction molecules, spinal circuitry, ascending pathways, and a matrix of brain areas active during itch. The aim of this inaugural Itch Social is to provide an opportunity for researchers to meet old and new colleagues with a common interest in itch and pain, and to network and learn about other itch-related organizations and funding opportunities.

Neuroethology/Invertebrate Neurobiology Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Wolfgang Stein, PhD

Co-Chair: Carola Staedele

Presidio 1 and 2

This is a social gathering to celebrate neuroethology and the role of the nervous system in producing behavior. All members of the neuroscience community are welcome — in particular those who work on the neural basis of natural behaviors. Come by to meet old friends and make new ones. Postdocs and students are encouraged to drop in for socializing and networking.

Neuroinformatics Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Georgio A. Ascoli, PhD

Guests: A.-S. Chiang, P.P. Mitra, J.L. Olds, O. Sporns,

A.W. Toga, A.S. Tolias, J. Kim, J.T. Vogelstein,

D.C. Van Essen, H. Zeng

Marriott Grand Ballroom 13

A WEB OF INTERCONNECTING CONNECTOMES! Interested in macro-, meso-, or micro-connectivity? Synaptomes and projectomes might not be scale-free networks, but it's still a small-world: from electron microscopy to resting state fMRI, neuroinformatics can help! Join us for a pleasant



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evening to find and recommend the latest resources, tools, datasets, and standards. Don't miss this opportunity to network with connectomics leaders, connect with network experts, and start new collaborations!

Pain Neuroscience Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Steve Davidson, PhD

Co-Chair: Michael P. Jankowski, PhD

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Join fellow pain neuroscientists in a relaxing setting to wind down from the meeting events of the day. This is a purely social gathering for all neuroscientists interested in pain research and a meeting place for networking opportunities for early career investigators and scientists at all levels.

Spinal Cord Injury Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Carlos B. Mantilla, MD, PhD

Marriott Grand Ballroom 1 and 2

Join us for the annual Spinal Cord Injury Social. 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 to well-informed participants will be presented. Students, fellows, and neuroscientists at all career stages are invited. Join your colleagues in a relaxed and social atmosphere.

Monday, November 14, 6:45–8:45 p.m.

Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Brian C. Kraemer, PhD

Marriott Grand Ballroom 12

This is a social event to catch up with other dementia researchers, network, and unwind.

Behavioral Neuroendocrinology Social

SOCIAL WITH BRIEF PRESENTATION

Chair: Elizabeth Adkins-Regan, PhD

Marriott Grand Ballroom 11

Come meet and speak with friendly colleagues interested in hormones, brain, and behavior. Whether you are new to the field or a seasoned veteran, this is a fun opportunity to socialize with others who share your interest. This is a social occasion at which the winners of the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology's 2016 Daniel S. Lehrman, Frank A. Beach and W. C. Young Awards will be announced.

Developmental Neurobiology Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Rajeshwar Awatramani, PhD

Co-Chair: Shubha P. Tole, PhD

Guests: L. Cancedda; T. Shimogori

Marriott Grand Ballroom 10

This social is for scientists interested in the development of the nervous system, including neurogenesis, migration, neuron fate determination, and establishment of circuitry. We will also host three short talks on "Cool New Techniques in Molecular and Developmental Neuroscience," and play a fun trivia game.

Hippocampus Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Charan Ranganath, PhD

Guests: T. Abel, E.A. Buffalo, R.D. Burwell, G. Buzsaki, H.B. Eichenbaum, P.W. Frankland, J.J. Knierim, M.-B.

Moser, E.A. Murray, A.R. Preston, C.E.L. Stark, B.J.

Wiltgen, M.P. Witter

Rancho Santa Fe 1 and 2

Time and Place or a Memory Space? GPS or BIC? Come together and battle it out over drinks and a Hippocampo-centric soundtrack. To enter your favorite song for the playlist, tweet @CharanRanganath and use hashtag #HippSocial2016

Ingestive Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Patricia S. Grigson, PhD

Torrey Pines 1 and 2

A social bringing together faculty and student scientists interested in the study of ingestive behavior.

Music Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: William J. Pearce, PhD

Co-Chair: Joseph C. LaManna, PhD

Bayside Pavilion

Join us for an evening of music provided by SfN member musicians. All musical types, from rock to country to opera, are welcome, with 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 casual, informal and fun evening of neuroscientists enjoying music.

Neural Control of Autonomic and Respiratory Function Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Gary C. Sieck, PhD

Marriott Grand Ballroom 13

This social provides an opportunity for investigators in the broad area of neural control of autonomic and respiratory function to get together, socialize and discuss current research. It provides an excellent opportunity for trainees and young investigators to network with more established investigators in the field.

Psychopharmacology Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Jared W. Young, PhD

Co-Chair: Stan B. Floresco, PhD

Guests: A. Abi-Dargham; T.J. Bussey; J.T. Coyle; J. Neill; M. Picciotto; J.D. Salamone; B. Setlow; Y. Shaham; N.R. Swerdlow; R.J. Valentino

Marriott Grand Ballroom 5

"Your Brain on Drugs"

Come join another Stan and Jared Psychopharm party exploring your brain on drugs. This social will be both salubrious and stimulating. There are some crack Psychopharms-By-Day attending – to find out who their alter-egos are by night, you will have to attend! So come dial down those inhibitions, turn socializing up to 11, relax, and "network" with both senior and junior researchers with our psychopharmacologically-inspired playlist. All are welcome!

Vision Social

SOCIAL WITH BRIEF PRESENTATION

Chair: Franco Pestilli, PhD

Co-Chair: Sam Ling, PhD

Guests: J.L. Gardner

Marriott Grand Ballroom 8

In addition to providing small snacks and cash bar, this event will organize a series of short presentations and trivia questions. Leaders in the field of vision science will be invited to moderate groups of participants. Vision social participants will be invited to join a group to discuss and prepare answers to trivia questions, which will be provided by the organizers. Questions will cover the history of vision science, neuroscience, and current topics.

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Tuesday, November 15, 6:45–8:45 p.m.

Computational Neuroscience Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Timothy O'Leary, PhD

Co-Chair: Gabrielle Jacqueline Gutierrez, PhD

Guests: S. Druckmann; A.L. Fairhall; K. Harris; A. Hermundstad; P. E. Latham; K. Miller; J.W. Pillow; T.O. Sharpee; M. Stern; M. van Rossum; X.-J. Wang
Marriott Grand Ballroom 8

This SfN social welcomes all attendees, particularly experimentalists and newcomers to the field. This is a purely social/networking event in a relaxed venue for people to chat, have a drink with friends and colleagues, and meet leading computational and theoretical neuroscientists. As in previous years, we will have a number of special guests; we particularly encourage senior researchers to mingle with students, postdocs, and newcomers.

Epilepsy Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Mark Beenhakker, PhD

Guests: T.Z. Baram; C. Bernard; P. Buckmaster B.W. Connors; I. Mody; P. Golshani; C.R. Houser;
Marriott Grand Ballroom 12

Epilepsy research is a dynamic and diverse field. Meet and hang out with some of the field's pioneers, as well as junior investigators who are moving the field in exciting new directions. Representatives from NIH, Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy, and other funding agencies will also be in attendance. Everyone with an interest in epilepsy is invited. Whether you are an undergraduate or coined the phrase "seizures beget seizures," come enjoy a few hours of fun conversation and networking.

Eye Movement and Vestibular System Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Neeraj J. Gandhi, PhD

Presidio 1 and 2

Has stimulus overload at SfN taken you over the threshold yet? Come relax at the oculomotor and vestibular systems social, and tell your colleagues about the science that has you spinning dizzy. It's a no-brainer!

Neuroendocrinology Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Jaclyn M. Schwarz, PhD

Co-Chair: Kathryn M. Lenz, PhD

Marriott Grand Ballroom 5

"Drawing on Your Experiences with Hormones"
Are you interested in the topics of sex, love, stress, rhythm, food, and drink? Who isn't? Come enjoy an evening with your friends in the field of neuroendocrinology. Trainees are especially encouraged to drop in for socialization and networking. The evening will feature a lively game of neuroendocrine pictionary that you can play with your friends. Do you think you could draw a picture of lordosis or maybe the PVN? Winners will receive coveted prizes and short term bragging rights.

Neuroethics Social

SOCIAL WITH BRIEF PRESENTATION

Chair: Judy Illes, PhD

Co-Chair: Julie M. Robillard, PhD

Guest: M.J. Farah, PhD

Marriott Grand Ballroom 13

It's been said that film provides a window and mirror to our dreams, hopes, and fears; modern film presents the possibilities and problems of current and future brain science. Join neuroethics experts such as Judy Illes, Martha Farah, Julie Robillard, and James Giordano, colleagues, and friends for a social evening of brief film screenings and engaging discussion about contemporary neuroethical topics, issues, meanings, and effects as depicted in and by modern film and other media.

Neuron-Glia Interactions Social

SOCIAL WITH BRIEF PRESENTATION

Chair: Bruce R. Ranson, PhD

Guests: A. Araque, R.D. Fields,

H.O. Kettenmann, A. Nishiyama

Marriott Grand Ballroom 11

The social will begin with a brief panel discussion. Specifically, the panel of glial experts will address the question: What's the next 'Big Thing' in glial research. Bruce Ranson will lead a discussion with the panel and audience. Bring your best 2–3 minute-long definition of a particular glial cell (no images allowed but be poetic). The audience will choose

the winner who will receive a priceless glial token. All are welcome to attend! Meet the field's current and future leaders!

Optogenetics Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Jeremiah Y. Cohen, PhD

Marriott Grand Ballroom 10

Join us for an informal social for those interested in using photons and genetic manipulations to study the nervous system. We hope to have strong interactions between junior and senior scientists.

Sensorimotor Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Brett W. Fling, PhD

Guests: L. Cohen; R. Ivry; F.B. Horak; R. Seidler; K. Zackowski

Torrey Pines 2 and 3

A social event to connect with old friends and make new ones within the broad field of sensorimotor control. Activities to test your sensorimotor control and balance will be available.

Songbird Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: C. Daniel Meliza, PhD

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You don't need a neocortex to be social! This is a gathering for people interested in songbirds (and other avians).

Synapses and Excitatory

Amino Acids Social

PURELY SOCIAL

Chair: Kasper B. Hansen, PhD

Guests: P.E. Castillo; J.S. Diamond; C.J. McBain; S.F. Traynelis; K.M. Zito

Rancho Santa Fe 1 and 2

Come by this exciting social and mingle with your fellow neuroscientists. If you are looking for an opportunity to discuss interesting concepts in synapses and excitatory amino acids and/or are simply looking to relax with a drink, this social is for you. Students, postdocs, junior, and senior researchers are all welcome to attend!