



SPR Newsletter: Welcoming 2020!

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A Message from Bruce Bartholow, President of SPR

Dear Fellow SPR Member:

I am honored to write to you as SPR President with the traditional mid-winter Presidential Letter. As we start a new year—and, depending on your perspective, a new decade—I am excited to share information on a number of initiatives that, I think, will strengthen SPR and improve your experience as a member and conference attendee.



Plans are well underway for the 60th Annual Meeting of SPR, which will take place October 7-11, 2020, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Vancouver, BC, Canada. In addition to the usual scientific program, this year's meeting will include a celebration to mark the 60th anniversary of the Society. This event will be held at the [TELUS World of Science](#) in Vancouver on the evening of Wednesday, October 7. Several options for transportation between the conference hotel and the World of Science will be available. Please plan to join us in celebrating 60 years of SPR!

This year, the annual meeting program will feature invited addresses from three prominent scholars whose research spans a wide range of topics of interest to SPR members. [Dr. John Foxe](#), Professor of Neuroscience at the University of Rochester, studies the basic neurophysiology of schizophrenia and autism, with an emphasis on identification of endophenotypic markers in childhood. [Dr. Roshan Cools](#), Professor of Cognitive Neuropsychiatry....

[Read the Full Letter](#)

SPR Deadlines for Annual Meeting & Awards

- **February 1** Applications due for the [Research Travel Award](#)
- **February 10** Deadline for [Symposia & Structured Panel Discussion Submissions](#)
- **February 10** Deadline for [Big Idea abstract submissions](#)
- **March 1** Commenting period ends for [proposed SPR Bylaws Change](#)
- **March 6** [Nominations due](#) for Board of Directors and President-Elect positions
- **TBD** Keep an eye out for the 2020 SPR Family Care Grant application
- **April 10** Deadline for Posters, Opens March 10
- **May 15** Deadline for Student Travel Award Applications
- **June 1** Deadline for Late Breaking Student Poster Submissions, Opens May 1 (First author must currently be an undergraduate student or have graduated in the 2020

(TELUS World of Science, Vancouver, site for the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of SPR)



2020 Annual Meeting Update



60TH ANNIVERSARY SPR 2020 • Vancouver • October 7-11

Mark Your Calendars: 2020 SPR Annual Meeting, October 7- 11, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Deadlines: See the top of the newsletter for all deadlines for abstract and poster submissions.

SPR 2020 will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Society! The Annual Meeting will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, on October 7-11. Below are some meeting highlights:

- This year's program features keynote addresses by Drs. **Roshan Cools** (Radboud University, Netherlands), **John Foxe** (University of Rochester), and **David Amodio** (New York University).
- The Presidential Symposium will feature a lineup of leading scientists in the field of **Developmental Psychophysiology**.
- Also, we will be featuring three "**Big Ideas**" symposia:
 - Psychophysiology & Health (spanning physical and mental health);
 - Psychophysiology across the Lifespan (spanning early development to aging); and
 - Interpersonal Psychophysiology (including social psychophysiology and research on dyads/groups).
- Planned **pre-conference workshops** will cover ERP methodology, digital signal processing, and statistical power analyses.

Stay tuned for more details!

Submitted by Dan Foti, 2020 Program Chair

2019 Annual Meeting Recap



We had a wonderful annual meeting in Washington, DC, where perfect September weather welcomed attendees and invited guests. Some highlights included:

- Learning from invited speaker, Mara Mather, how a program of increased oscillatory breathing can induce neural changes and emotion regulation ([read here](#) for a featured interview with Dr. Mather).
- A talk by Thalia Wheatley on how patterns of neural activity during emotion and problem-solving tasks are synchronized among individuals who spend more time together.

- A special tribute to Manny Donchin for his contributions to what we now know as cognitive neuroscience.
- “Big Ideas” symposia that encouraged the audience to re-think how we can advance methodological integration, use neuroimaging by going beyond mapping isolated regions, and systematize our understanding of inter-individual variability to understand psychopathology.

[View More 2019 SPR Meeting Photos!](#)

Congratulations to All 2019 SPR Award Winners!

Distinguished Contribution Award Winners

[Monica Fabiani](#) & [Gabriele Gratton](#)



In a heartfelt presentation, the individual and joint contributions of Monica Fabiani and Gabriele Gratton to psychophysiology, neuroscience, and, more broadly, science, were presented, revealing that the whole can be more than the sum of its parts.

Early Career Award Winners

[Julian Koenig](#) & [Lauren Bylsma](#)



Pictured: Terry Blumenthal presenting the Early Career Award to Julian Koenig (above) and Lauren Bylsma (below).

2019 Student Travel Award Winners

Yuri Pavlov
Matthias Sperl
Philipp Ziebell
Anna-Lena Tebbe
Thayane Lemos
Andreas Behrje
Nieves Fuentes
Martina D'Agostini
Katie Garrison
Mara Demuth
Kaylie Carbine
Marissa DiGirolamo
Amanda Levinson
Xiaoqian Yu
Mona El-Hout
Anthony Bocchine
Whitney Allen
Noah Wolkowicz
Felicitas Huber



2019 Research Training Grant Recipients

Michelle Thai
University of Minnesota, USA

Yuri Pavlov
University of Teubingen, Germany

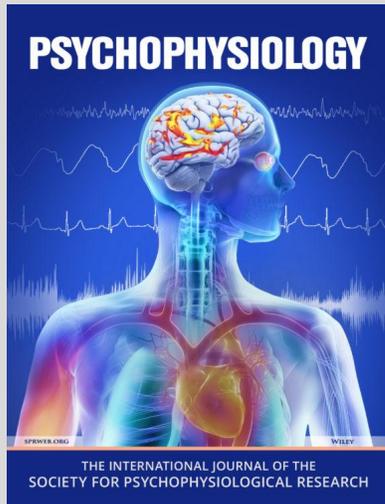
Enes Avcu
University of Delaware, USA

David Cole
Utah State University, USA

2019 Student Poster Award Winners

Katie Hoemann, Anika Guha, Kaylin Hill, Maeve Boylan, Clara Freeman, Caroline Diehl, Zachary Levy, James Yancey, Torge Dellert, Sherry Zhou





The impact factor for our journal (as of 2018) is 3.378. Continue to support this high-quality product by submitting your best work! We also very much appreciate all the SPR members who have been gracious reviewers, including our wonderful associate and consulting editors.

Special Issue!

A special issue of *Psychophysiology* has been published:

[Psychophysiological approaches to understanding the impact of trauma exposure](#)

Volume 57, Issue 1 is now available.

We would like to thank the editors, Brigitte Rockstroh, University of Konstanz, and Lisa McTeague, Medical University of South Carolina, for their extensive work on this special issue.

[Access and Read the Special Issue Now!](#)

President's Pick *Psychophysiology* Paper Award:

Paige Ethridge. [Neural responses to social and monetary reward in early adolescence and emerging adulthood](#). Ethridge, P., Kujawa A., Dirks, M.A., Arfer, K.B., Kessel, E.M., Klein, D.N., Weinberg, A (2017). *Psychophysiology*, 54, 1786-1799.

About Psychophysiology!

Psychophysiology is an interdisciplinary science at the interface of brain, body, and behavior.

Embarking on the journey:

Read our [featured SPRweb article](#) about setting up a psychophysiology laboratory.

About the article: For research in general and psychophysiology in particular, the lab is where it all happens. For new PIs, and even for experienced ones, setting up a new lab might look like an insurmountable challenge. For this reason, we have talked to researcher and SPR member André Schulz to come up with some useful guidelines regarding location, equipment, potential problems, and many other aspects of building up your own psychophysiology lab.

Endless learning:

Last year, SPR offered its first-ever webinar series, hosted by Dr. Kara Federmeier and Dr. Brennan Payne. Keep an eye out for upcoming webinars!

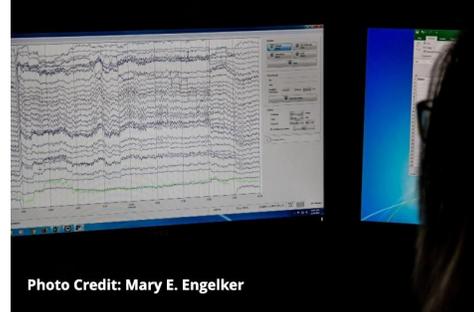


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Making an Impact

At the 2019 Annual Meeting, several SPR members had the opportunity to meet with Juliane Baron, Executive Director of the [Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences](#) (FABBS). FABBS is based in Washington, DC, and, on behalf of many professional societies (including SPR), advocates to Congress for the behavioral sciences.

What is one outreach step you can take in the New Year?

- Regularly check our [new advocacy page on the SPR website](#), run by our AAAS liaison, Frances Gabbay, who will keep us up-to-date on news and advocacy opportunities!
- Publish that article, then tweet about it! [@TheRealSPR](#)
- Reach out to get interviewed by one of the [SPRweb associate editors!](#)
- Update your website and/or signature file with your status as an SPR member!
- Contact your congress person to ask how they are advocating for science!
- Washington, DC, revisited? If you live in or near the DC area, or will be visiting, Juliane would be happy to arrange a visit for you on the hill. Contact our SPR FABBS Liaison, [Scott Vrana](#).

Student/Trainee Connection

[Apply for a Research Fellowship Training Award!](#) Applications are due **February 1, 2020.** This is a joint effort of the Education and Training Committee and the Committee to Promote Student Interests. These awards allow students or postdocs to obtain mentorship/training in psychophysiological assessment and analysis with experts in the field, which they could not get at their home institution. Contact [Philip Gable](#), Chair of the Education and Training Committee, if you have questions.

Refer to the [Committee to Promote Student Interests \(CPSI\) newsletter](#) for events for students and trainees!

[More Info on Grants & Awards](#)

SPR Related News and Updates

- [Subscribe NOW](#) to the new **SPR Listserv!**
- Registration for an ERP Boot Camp hosted by "ERP Info" is being held in San Diego, California from June 22 - July 1, 2020. [Find more information here.](#)
- Many thanks go out to our ad-hoc Website Committee Chair, Dr. Jens Foell, and the terrific team of student/post-doc SPRweb Associate Editors: Alex Faunce, Kaylin Hill, Annika Lutz, and Aislinn Sandre. We are developing a pipeline of associate editors; this role comes with a \$500 stipend for a 12-month term. It is a **great opportunity** for aspiring contributors and the Society! If you are interested or have an advanced student you would like to recommend, please contact [Dr. Foell](#).
- SPR members know that psychophysiology is an interdisciplinary science at the interface of brain, body, and behavior. But do your colleagues and students realize all the things that "Psychophys(iology) is"?

Psychophys IS cognitive/social/affective neuroscience.

Psychophys IS neuroimaging.

Psychophys IS child and lifespan development.

Psychophys IS the study of emotion, cognition, decision-making, behavior, and implicit attitudes.

Psychophys IS basic, applied, and clinical sciences.

To help people draw connections between their research, psychophysiology, and SPR, consider the prompt "Psychophys IS" to see how it connects for you!

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Got News? For articles, announcements, and other SPR-related news that you'd like considered in future newsletters, please contact SPR PR Committee Chair, [Nicole Roberts](#).



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