

Welcome to the Fourteenth Semi-Annual SPR Student Newsletter

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This newsletter is created by the SPR Committee to Promote Student Interests and is sent to current and recent student and full SPR members.

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I. ANNUAL SPR CONFERENCE: BERLIN, GERMANY!

This year, SPR will be held in Berlin, Germany from October 21-24, 2009 at the Berliner Congress Center. We look forward to seeing you all there! Please take the time to read through some of the exciting things that we are working on bringing to this year's meeting.

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Special Announcements for Students

The SPR Student Travel Award program is designed to assist students without other means of travel support to attend and present research at the SPR annual meeting. For the 2009 meeting in Berlin, 30 awards were presented. Among these 30 awards, 15 were reserved for European members and 15 for non-European members. Here are the recipients of the SPR Student Travel Award for the 2009 annual meeting.

European

Susan Burkhardt, University of Basel
Naima Covassin, University of Padova
Silvia Dalvit, Birkbeck college
Marlen Figueroa-Varela, University of Granada
Armita Golkar, Karolinska Institute
Ana María González Roldán, University of Balearic Islands
Katarina Gospic, Karolinska Institute
Yordan Hodzhev, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
Nuri Karabay, Dokuz Eylul University
Tina Lonsdorf, Karolinska Institute
Isabel Orenes, University of La Laguna

Noemí Sánchez-Nácher, University of Balearic Islands
Anders Sand, Stockholm University
Vladimir Sashkov, Russian Academy of Education
Catarina Silva, ISCTE-IUL

Non-European

Sakinah Alhadad, University of Queensland
Ben Allen, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Scott Bonnette, Wheeling Jesuit University
Scott Burwell, University of Minnesota
Rafaela Campagnoli, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro
Joseph Franklin, UNC Chapel Hill
Laura Gravens, Texas A&M
Julie Hall, University of Michigan
Shun Itagaki, The University of Tokyo
Sasha Jaquez, Oklahoma State University
John Meixner, Northwestern University
Risa Misaka, Fukuyama University
Maital Neta, Dartmouth College
Vaughn Steele, University of Minnesota
Laura Zambrano-Vasquez, University of Texas at El Paso

**SPR Research Fellowship Training Award - Deadline extended!
Due September 25, 2009, for funding to begin October 24, 2009**

The Committee to Promote Student Interests and the Education and Training Committee are pleased to announce that SPR will provide up to three Research Fellowship Training Awards. The award will allow students, postdocs, or faculty to obtain mentorship/training in psychophysiological assessment/analysis with experts in the field, which they could not get at their home institution. This could involve travel to a remote site or travel expenses for a remote mentor to visit the applicant's lab, as well as the purchase of some necessary equipment. Students at any level of training and faculty from primarily undergraduate institutions are especially encouraged to apply, as the award is designed to enhance student training in psychophysiology. Applications must be received via email by Sept 25, 2009. Applications are short (3-5 pages), have a budget of up to \$5000, and funds will be available approximately 1 month following the application due date. Winners will be announced at the Saturday Business Luncheon at the annual meeting in Berlin.

For more information, please visit the SPR website page at
<http://www.sprweb.org/meeting/2009/resfell.cfm>

Pre-Conference Workshop Information

Three pre-conference workshops will be offered at the 2009 SPR Annual Meeting. All pre-conference sessions will be held on Wednesday, October 21, at the Berlin Conference Center (available for an additional fee). Register for a pre-conference when you register for the 2009 SPR annual meeting.

Pre-Conference #1 - Heart Rate Variability

Pre-Conference #2 - Introduction to Time-Frequency Analysis

Pre-Conference #3 - Advanced fMRI Signal Processing Using Statistical Parametric Mapping (SPM)

Don't forget that there are plenty of opportunities to meet and mingle with other SPR students and members. Here is just a brief sampling of some of the special interest lunches, dinners, and meetings in the works:

Student Social - A "Can't Miss"! It will be on Friday night at 10:30 pm. The location is still being finalized so be on the lookout for updates as the meeting draws near.

The Open Dinner Meeting with the Committee to Promote Student Interests - The Committee to Promote Student Interests hosts an annual dinner at every SPR meeting and we are always looking for new members. All interested students are welcome to attend. Do you have suggestions for improvements in student outreach? Looking to bolster your CV with service to our organization? Would you like to work with one of our many subcommittees on issues relevant to your research? Please come with your appetite and opinions! This year the dinner meeting will be Friday, October 23, 6:15pm. The meeting will be held at Basil, about 0.8 km (0.5 mile) from the conference hotel (<http://www.basilberlin.de/>). This dinner is no-host, which means bring your own funds!

Location: basi'l GmbH
Marcus Mayer
Dircksenstr.47
10178 Berlin

Early Career Conversation Hour - Thursday, October 22, 8-10 PM

Don't miss this opportunity to discuss early career issues with some of SPR's leading scientists! During the first hour the entire panel will be available for questions. During the second hour we will split into three groups to allow for more specific questions based on career phase. As the meeting is in Berlin this year a bigger emphasis will be placed on early career issues that students, post-docs, and junior faculty in non-US institutions may face. Thus, the panel will consist of faculty from a variety of institutions, but with strong representation from non-US institutions. Panelists will include Andreas Keil, Frank Wilhelm, Carien van Reekum, and Tatjana Aue, along with four additional panelists yet to be determined. A casual dinner will be provided. Advance registration is requested, so please register by contacting Catherine Norris (catherine.j.norris@dartmouth.edu).

Roundtable Discussions - This year, there will once again be the opportunity to participate in the Roundtable Discussions. Each topic will be led by one or more leaders in their respective fields. To register, please contact Drew Nelesen at dnelesen@reesgroupinc.com. For questions on a particular roundtable, please contact Heather Urry at heather.urry@tufts.edu or Greg Hajcak at hajcak@gmail.com. Attendance is limited to 14 people at each roundtable. Confirm your attendance prior to October 1! (Each roundtable discussion still has open seats so contact Drew Nelesen at dnelesen@reesgroupinc.com to register.)

- Clinical Psychophysiology and Neuroimaging (Julie Hall and Greg Siegle)
- Developmental Psychophysiology (Sid Segalowitz and John Richards)
- EEG Asymmetry (Jenny Stewart and Eddie Harmon-Jones)
- Heart Rate Variability (Dick Jennings and Julian Thayer)
- Learning and Fear Conditioning (John Curtin and Ottmar Lipp)
- Setting up a Psychophysiology Laboratory (Wendy Heller and Greg Miller)

Special Interest Lunches & Dinners - These events are a wonderful way to connect with others who share your research interests. Typically, the events are organized on an ongoing basis and are announced in various ways (over email, on the website, and posted on the message board at the conference), so keep checking back for topics that pique your special interest. Remember, these are typically no-host meals, which means bring your own funds.

Women in Science and Education Lunch Box Discussion - W.I.S.E. - The Committee to Promote Student Interests will be hosting a luncheon focused on Women in Science and Education. Please join us for the Fourth Annual Women in Science Lunch Box Discussion on Friday, 10/23/09 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Our theme this year will broadly focus on Navigating Academia as a Dual Career Academic Couple. Panelists so far include Monica Fabiani, Gabriele Gratton, Carien van Reekum, Sid Segalowitz,

and Jane Dywan. All SPR members, including men, are invited to attend. If you would like to attend the luncheon, have suggestions for this event, and/or if you are interested in participating in the W.I.S.E. committee, please contact Stacie Warren at swarren3@illinois.edu.

If you would like to join the W.I.S.E. listserv, please email John Hofmann (jhofmann@reesgroupinc.com) of SPR's management group with the subject "Subscribe SPR-WISE." Once you have signed up, you can share your ideas regarding how SPR might best serve its female members and participate in engaging email discussions covering a wide range of topics (e.g., career development, quality of life, mentoring, diversity, etc.).

Roommate Matching - Looking to save some money at the meeting by sharing a room with another student? The Committee to Promote Student Interests provides roommate matching where possible. If interested, please email Robin Nusslock (nusslock@gmail.com) and will try to facilitate contact between potential roommates.

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II. BERLIN, HERE WE COME! SIGHTS TO SEE, THINGS TO DO!

The Meeting Events Subcommittee have created a list of things to do in Berlin. This list includes: Restaurant, Bars/Pubs, Theaters, Museums, and other interesting Berlin destinations. [See the attached file for a list of things to do in Berlin.](#)

III. UPDATE FROM THE INTERVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

The interview subcommittee interviewed [Gerhard Stemmler](#) for the senior SPR member interview. The international interview subcommittee, interviewed [Stephan Moratti](#) for the new section on SPR student international (a new feature of the SPR student newsletter in its second edition).

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IV. UPDATE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

SURVEY OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

Have you ever asked yourself, what SPR can do for you? Here's the opportunity to ask yourself what you can do for SPR!

It's simple: tell us your ideas, needs, and concerns, and how SPR can further improve to meet your expectations!

All students--both US and international--are invited to take part in our survey. We are eager to know your opinion in order to better respond to SPR student needs!

Take the survey now: http://www.unipark.de/uc/HH_UniHamburg_Petersen/7e10/

Please make sure to go through all pages of the survey.

Completing the survey will take between 10 minutes (only answer multiple choice questions) and 30 minutes (let us know what you really think by answering our open text questions).

Thank you for participating! We will do our best to implement any improvements suggested by the outcome of the survey.

INITIATIVE OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SUBCOMMITTEE SPR - Forum to Facilitate International Lab Exchange and Collaboration

The 49th Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research (SPR) in Berlin (Oct. 21-24, 2009) provides a unique opportunity for international networking in the field of psychophysiology. The International Students Subcommittee of the SPR Committee to Promote Student Interests is organizing a special initiative to promote international lab exchange and collaboration. A special poster session will feature international psychophysiology laboratories. These labs will present their country, research institution, and potential research and job opportunities at their lab with the goal of attracting scientists from other countries. This platform is organized to facilitate international collaboration between labs and foreign scientists as well as other kinds of student or human resource exchange between countries. Posters will be displayed throughout the conference in the exhibit area (B01). Presenters will be available at the posters during the morning coffee break on Thursday Oct. 22, and Friday Oct. 23 from 10:00 am to 10:30 am. This time is intended to initiate discussion, clarify questions, and develop sustainable relationships.

Please contact Stefan M. Schulz at the University of Würzburg (schulz@psychologie.uni-wuerzburg.de) if you have questions related to the Forum to Facilitate International Lab Exchange and Collaboration.

There are still a few open slots. If your lab would be interested to present, please also contact Stefan Schulz as soon as possible to sign up.

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V. UPDATE FROM THE CLINICAL PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION IN BERLIN

Are you interested in research that integrates psychophysiology and clinical science? Do you conduct basic psychophysiology or fMRI research that has clinical applications? Do you employ psychophysiology or fMRI methods to study clinical populations? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the Student Subcommittee on Clinical Psychophysiology wants you! The aims of this subcommittee are to facilitate discussions about clinical applications of psychophysiology and fMRI, create networking opportunities among researchers interested in this field, and stimulate collaborations among clinical psychophysiolgists across the globe. If you are interested in joining the Clinical Psychophysiology Subcommittee please make plans to attend the Committee to Promote Students Interest dinner at the Berlin conference or email the chair, Julie Hall, at halljl@umich.edu. Julie Hall and Greg Siegle will also chair a Clinical Psychophysiology and Neuroimaging Roundtable Discussion at the Berlin convention on Thursday from 11:30AM-1:00PM. We hope to see you there!

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VI. MEMBERS OF THE SPR COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE STUDENT INTERESTS

Are your needs being met? Please feel free to contact members of the committee with suggestions, questions, comments, or to bond with a fellow psychophysiolgist, click below.

[Contact the SPR Committee to Promote Student Interests!](#)

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