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**WELCOME TO THE SIXTH  
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 students.

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**I. ANNUAL SPR CONFERENCE: REGISTER NOW**

This year, SPR will be held in Lisbon, Portugal USA from September 21-24, 2005 at FIL Meeting Centre. Registration, travel, and other information will be mailed out to members in May. Refer to the featured section below on Lisbon, Portugal highlights!

[Click here for the Conference webpage](#)

If you are looking for a roommate or if you have advice to share with others, the new message board on the SPR Student website can help.

[Click here to access the Message Board.](#)

**II. STUDENT POSTER AWARDS**

**Looking for snazzy CV padding? If you submit a 250-word abstract by May 2, 2005, you are automatically eligible for a student poster award.**

You are eligible for a student poster award as long as you are: 1) a full-time student, 2) an SPR student member, 3) first author on a poster presented at the 2005 SPR conference in Lisbon. Students' winning poster awards also receive a cash prize. In addition, the names of all winners and the titles of their posters will be published in *Psychophysiology* as soon as possible after the award.

Click on the link below for submission instructions and sample posters from past award winners.

[How To Apply For the Student Poster Awards  
Instructions and Submission Deadline](#)

[Previous Student Poster Award Winners](#)

### III. LISBON HIGHLIGHTS AND SPR CONFERENCE EVENTS OF INTEREST TO STUDENTS

Here is a sampling of the city that awaits... (courtesy of <http://www.portugaltravelguide.com>)

Lisbon is a fascinating city of old-fashioned and funky art, architecture and traditions. It's one of Europe's most enjoyable capitals with its diversity, reasonable prices and charming architecture. Lisbon is set on seven low hills next to the Tejo (Tagus) river. The city's attractions include its historic buildings, Europe's longest suspension bridge, and fascinating museums and monuments. Despite the city's muscle-aching hills, Lisbon is a fun city to visit. If your legs get tired, Lisbon has very convenient bus, tram and subway lines as well as funiculars to take you up the steeper hills.

- **Beaches:** Lisbon boasts two glorious stretches of golden sandy coastline, one to the north of the River Tagus (the Costa do Estoril) and one to the south.

Both are blessed with an abundance of fine sandy beaches (praias), each with its own natural features and characteristics. Beginning at the southern tip of the city and continuing past the famous Guincho Beach near Cascais, the Costa do Estoril is a cosmopolitan resort region easily accessible by tram.

- **Shopping:** Shopping is often a main highlight for visitors to Lisbon. The wide range of reasonably priced products such as hand-made items is difficult to resist.

Other items to look out for include high-quality embroideries, tapestries and hand-painted glazed tiles called azulejos, which make excellent gifts to take back home.

- **Nightlife:** Lisbon's nightlife is considered one of the most vibrant in Europe.

On any night of the week visitors can drink until dawn, find dance music to suit, see a live band or enjoy a late-night meal. The city is full of clubs and bars to offer in the most popular areas like the Bairro Alto and Docas waterfront district. Nights out in Lisbon normally last until dawn, but bars don't close before 2 am and discos are open until 6 am or later.

- **Food:** Lisbon is still Europe's bargain city for eating out and difficult to beat for price, quality and levels of service. Being a large port city, seafood predominates the restaurant menus, although the high quality of the many meat dishes available should never be underestimated. There is a wide range of cuisines to choose from, including Italian, Indian, Brazilian, Spanish, Russian, Mexican, Chinese and African, not forgetting the ubiquitous fast-food franchises to be found all over town. Visitors should be advised not to leave it too late before going out to dinner in Lisbon. Meals are served much earlier than in neighbouring Spain.

- **Museums:** Lisbon's reputation as one of Europe's top culture capitals is due largely to an abundance of museums situated all around the city.

**In addition, there are the usual opportunities to meet and mingle with other students and SPR members:**

- **The Student Social:** time and date for this year's festivities remain to be determined, but if past years are any indication, it's an event not to be missed. Please keep peeled for more information as it becomes available!

- **The Open Dinner Meeting with the Committee to Promote Student Interests:** time and date for this event will be posted in the coming weeks. All members are welcome! Do you have suggestions for improvements in student outreach? Would you like to work with one of our members on your research? Please come with your appetite and opinions!

- **Special Interest lunches and dinners:** these events are a wonderful way to connect with others who share your research interest 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 please don't miss your special interest. Remember, these are typically no-host meals, which means bring your own funds.

More information on the upcoming conference and on Lisbon to come from our Meeting Events Subcommittee in the Fall newsletter.

## IV. OUR FEATURED INTERVIEW WITH PETER LANG

For the SPR Student Newsletter's regular feature, "Interview with an SPR member," we bring you an exclusive interview with Peter such an informative and compelling interview!

[Read the Interview!](#)

## V. UPDATE FROM THE POSTDOCTORAL "STUDENT" SUBCOMMITTEE

Last year's Early Career Conversation Hour hosted by the postdoctoral "student" subcommittee was a great success! Thanks to everyone forward to developing a similar event at the 2005 meeting in Lisbon. If there seems to be enough interest, we may use the same structure Conversation Hour: a general Q&A session for the first hour, followed by smaller focus groups for the second hour. If you have ideas for the hour (i.e. small group topics, established researchers we might invite to participate), please contact any of the postdoctoral subcommittee members for some discussion about a special interest lunch/dinner specifically on funding opportunities for students/postdocs. If anyone is interested or has specific ideas about it, please contact [Rebecca Houston](#) or any member of the Postdoctoral subcommittee know.

At last year's meeting we also hosted a symposium on grantsmanship. [Click Here](#) to view all of the talks to improve your chances at

## VI. SPECIAL INTERESTS: CLINICAL PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGY

If you are interested in the interface between psychophysiological research and clinical science, the Student Subcommittee on Clinical Psychology Specific topics germane to clinical psychophysiology include how psychophysiological research lends itself to clinical ends (e.g., treatment issues), studying clinical populations, and balancing clinical and research domains. In addition, this subcommittee aims to bring together students to facilitate networking and stimulate collaborations. At last year's SPR meeting, nearly a dozen students attended our special interest lunch topics. Be on the lookout for another special interest lunch this year in Lisbon!

## VII. PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGY AROUND THE WORLD

SPR is very much concerned about the needs of its non-US student members and, therefore, established the International Students Subcommittee. For non-US student members, the subcommittee's work has most recently focused on whether non-US student members feel integrated into the organization instead perceive national organizations as more valuable than SPR. We conducted an Internet survey 2 years ago to get at these questions and respondents for taking the time to complete it. For a detailed description of the findings [click here](#).

**And now for a special note to our European student members from the International Student Subcommittee:**

The SPR meeting in Lisbon, Portugal is a great opportunity for European Student Members to attend the meeting, as travel cost affordability is not the only reason to attend. We think that the participation of many European Student Members will have an impact

potential also lies in Europe. As was stated at the last meeting in Santa Fe, a great proportion of authors publishing in *Psychophysiology* (and other journals in the society) are Europeans. Results of a survey undertaken two years before indicated that many European Student Members do not represent them very well, and that they wish more SPR meetings would take place in Europe. Shortly after that survey, SPR decided to hold meetings at non-North American sites. Thus, this year's meeting is a great opportunity for European Student members to participate in one of the most student-friendly international societies. Looking ahead to the meeting in September, in addition to the scientific offerings, we will discuss establishing a European student network. One goal of this informal meeting is to identify European Student Members in each European country as contact persons who would gather or spread information (e.g. grant possibilities, regulations concerning conferences) in their European country. Finally, we ask you to promote the upcoming meeting in Lisbon to nonmembers you know from your institution.

Please feel free to contact any members of the International Subcommittee or the Committee to Promote Student Interests with the contact info below). We hope to see you at the upcoming meeting in Lisbon.

Sincerely,

International Student Subcommittee

**Be part of an international exchange.** Thanks to the efforts of Stephan Moratti from the University of Konstanz, Germany, we have established an International Exchange Opportunities section of the SPR student web page. The aim of this section is to identify laboratories and graduate students interested in participating in an international exchange.

The principle of such an exchange is that interested graduate students would simply swap his/her work place with that of a student from another country. Through the cooperation of the participating laboratories and graduate institutions, students can be financed by their graduate program during the exchange. If you are swapping work places with someone else, you can organize your own "international exchange" by contacting one of the labs that is interested. Especially if you have your own funding, it is often quite easy to initiate a visit. Use the listing of labs here (see below link) to find a lab of interest!

**Enter your profile!** We encourage psychophysiological laboratories supporting international exchange to go to the link below and enter their laboratory profiles. Once a laboratory profile is established, graduate students can search for labs that match their geographical and research interests, and international graduate students: talk to your advisors about opening your lab to collaborators internationally!

Please enter your laboratory profile by visiting: [The SPR International Exchange Forum](#)

This is one more step toward improving international exchange and collaboration. The planning of other international workshops; including this link on the main SPR web page) is underway, so stay tuned!

## VIII. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE STUDENT INTERESTS

**Are your needs being met?** Please feel free to contact members of the committee below with suggestions, questions, comments, or concerns. Contact the chair of the committee, a psychophysiologicalist:

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*This subcommittee updates and prepares the semi-annual newsletter. The newsletter highlights items of special interest to students in electronic form in April, and again in August. These deadlines are timed with respect to two major SPR events that students: May 1 is the deadline for submitting an abstract, and the fall SPR meeting is in most often October, with student posts one month prior to the meeting. The newsletter will highlight activities of other committees (e.g., Interview), as well as develop content.*

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### **Interview Subcommittee**

*This subcommittee will interview two SPR members per year. Stephan Moratti conducted a very nice interview with Brigitte Rothbart. We have a list of questions that was developed with the assistance of many members, and one that can form the core of any interview added as appropriate. At our recent meeting in DC, committee members suggested that it would be good to interview a post-doctoral member and also to specifically inquire about the job market and interview/hiring experiences. The interviews ideally should be complete and published in the newsletter.*

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### **International Students Subcommittee**

*International students comprise a substantial proportion of the student membership, but also appear to be less likely to remain likely a variety of factors responsible, but the International Students Subcommittee can examine ways in which SPR can better students. Stephan Moratti developed an international exchange web page that allows interested labs to host students from other that the 2005 meeting is in Lisbon Portugal. As that meeting draws near, one of the things the subcommittee can do is to make s are anticipated for this European meeting. The last European meeting in Granada, Spain was very popular and appeared to att*

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### **Meeting Events Subcommittee**

*Each year we attempt to find a local student host for the annual meeting. This local host finds info on cheap eats, cheap excursion hotel. The student host also assists in finding a place for the SPR sponsored student social, and does whatever else seems appropriate, informative, and affordable for students.*

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### **Program Committee Representative**

*Each year one of our student members sits on the program committee to ensure that the student voice is represented. This position gets an inside glimpse of the meeting planning, involves reviewing abstracts, and begets the immense gratitude of the members.*

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### **Clinical Psychophysiology Subcommittee**

*Students enrolled in clinical programs face an additional set of demands and concerns, and this new subcommittee is working to address these issues. Topics of interest include discussing clinical applications of psychophysiology (especially new paradigms, etc) and programs while conducting psychophysiological research (e.g., accruing clinical hours, applying for internships, post-docs, etc) and an interest lunch at this year's annual meeting.*

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