

## **WELCOME TO THE SECOND 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 members.

**Interested in international exchange? Need tips for obtaining an academic job? Could you use some award money?**

In this issue, read about:

- An interview with Dr. Brigitte S. Rockstroh
- A new international section of SPR Student Web designed to promote international exchange opportunities
- This year's Student Poster Awards and Tursky Awards
- Special events for students in the upcoming conference
- Tips for students about the upcoming conference
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### **Interview with Brigitte Rockstroh**

[Read the Interview!](#)

The interview was conducted by Stephan Moratti, covering issues of interest to new and old(er) members alike.

### **I. International Exchange**

**Interested in International Exchange?** Thanks to the efforts of **Stephan Moratti** from the University of Konstanz, Germany, we proudly present a new section of the SPR student web page: International Exchange Opportunities. The aim of this section is to identify laboratories and graduate students who may be 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. Thus, with the cooperation of the participating laboratories and graduate institutions, students can be financed by their graduate program during the exchange.

We encourage psychophysiological labs supporting such an idea to go to the link below and enter their profile! Once a list of laboratory profiles is established, graduate students can search for labs that match their geographical and research interests, and international exchange can be facilitated.

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 sections (e.g., postings of international workshops) is underway, so stay tuned!

### **II. Student Poster Awards and Tursky Awards**

**Want to earn some extra cash and fill your CV at the same time?** Apply for a student poster award! In an effort to promote career development, Student Poster Awards will be awarded to up to 15 student members at the upcoming SPR conference. A \$300 cash prize will accompany each award. (That can buy your macaroni and cheese for the entire year!) Among these winners, up to three of the best posters will be given Tursky Awards, a highly honored award named after long-time SPR member Bernard Tursky. The Tursky Award comes with a plaque, and the cash prize is increased. So here's a way to make money doing what you were planning to do anyway, AND potentially win a decorative wall ornament! Click on the link below for eligibility, submission instructions and a new section featuring past award winners!

[How To Apply For the Tursky Award  
Instructions and Submission Deadline](#)

Good luck to everyone who will be submitting a poster!

### **III. Events of Special Interest to Students**

Several events taking place at the October 2002 SPR conference are specially geared toward students! Descriptions of these events are listed below. Also refer to the conference program and inserts for specific details (these materials will become available closer to October).

#### **Pre-conference Workshop: "Entering the Academic Marketplace"**

Wednesday, October 2, 2002  
1 - 5 PM

**Apply for a job! (Or at least, learn the ropes for "going on the market"...).** This year's meeting will offer a pre-conference workshop entitled "Entering the Academic Marketplace" on Wednesday afternoon from 1-5 PM. The workshop is sponsored by the American Psychological Association's Science Directorate and will feature SPR members as speakers. Topics will include "Applying for an Academic Job", "The Interview/Job Talk", and "Negotiating Entry Conditions", as well as a panel discussion on "Varieties of Academic Psychology". Because student members are the major target audience, the registration fee is remarkably low - just \$25! To further help keep the price affordable, the workshop will take place on Wednesday afternoon only, so people don't have to pay for an extra day in the hotel.

A brochure containing additional information and a registration form will be sent out in April. This information will also be made available online at [www.sprweb.org](http://www.sprweb.org), although online registration will not be available.

For more information, feel free to contact Larry Hawk at [lhawk@acsu.buffalo.edu](mailto:lhawk@acsu.buffalo.edu).

#### **Open Dinner Meeting with the Committee to Promote Student Interests**

Thursday, October 3, 2002  
Tentative Location: Lauriol Plaza, 1835 18th St. NW

**Promote your interests!** Come talk to the committee about how SPR is addressing or can better address student interests. Remember that this is an *open* dinner - all student members of SPR are welcome and encouraged to attend. Do you have questions or concerns about your role as a student member of SPR? Have a

great idea for how to improve communication among students? Want to know what we've been up to over the past year? Attend the dinner meeting and make your voice heard!

### Student Social

Thursday, October 3, 2002  
Location Polly Esthers

**Meet your peers!** Join us for the SPR Student Social on Thursday, October 3, 2002. It's bound to be a good time. Last year, about 40 student members showed up at Sharx's to play pool, eat, drink, and be merry - courtesy of SPR! To quote one attendee: "I can honestly say I had the most fun in my entire life at this particular social event. Retaining my eligibility to attend the SPR student social is what keeps me in graduate school." I don't know about that, but I do know that a good time was had by all. Keep your eyes open for additional information on this year's student social.

### Special Interest Lunches and Dinners

Wednesday - Saturday  
Various Times and Locations

**Eat dinner, talk research!** Throughout the SPR conference, faculty host "special interest" lunches and dinners, which focus on a wide variety of research topics and other topics relevant to students and faculty. Last year, special interest meals were held on topics such as teaching psychophysiology, women in science, and setting up a psychophysiology lab. I was one of 15-20 attendees, including graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and researchers at all stages of their careers, at a dinner organized by John Cacioppo on "Psychological Inference from Physiological Data". Over pasta, we talked about issues central to the field of psychophysiology, shared problems that have arisen in our own research, and discussed possible solutions to these problems. Overall, the dinner was a great opportunity to meet people with similar interests and discuss research in an informal setting. I would highly encourage students to take advantage of these special interest meals at SPR 2002! Registration for the special interest meals varies, so make sure to keep an eye out for this information - some will be advertised over email, some will be announced on the web site, and information for others will be posted on the message board at the conference.

#### IV. SPR Conference in Washington DC: Additional Tips for Grad Students

**Mark your calendars!** This year, SPR will be held in Washington, DC, USA from October 2-6, 2002. 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.](#)

**Help is here!** Ina Daniels has volunteered to be the student contact person for the SPR conference in Washington DC. You can contact her at [Indaniels@aol.com](mailto:Indaniels@aol.com). Ina attended Howard University in Washington DC, and currently is a member of the SPR Committee to Promote Student Interests.

#### V. 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 to bond with a fellow psychophysiolgist:

- [John JB Allen](#), Chair
- [Colleen Brenner](#), Student Member
- [Andrea Chambers](#), Student Member
- [James A Coan](#), Student Member
- [Ina Daniels](#), Student Member
- [Eddie Harmon-Jones](#), Nonstudent Member
- [Hannie van Hooff](#), Nonstudent Member
- [Chris Lovelace](#), Ex-officio
- [Stephan Moratti](#), Student Member
- [Catherine Norris](#), Student Member
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- [Jennifer Stewart](#), Student Member
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