January 2007 Newsletter

Announcements

The Neuroethics Society is now accepting applications for membership. Please visit http://www.neuroethicssociety.org/ for more information.

AJOB Neuroscience is now accepting manuscripts. To contribute or for more information please contact, Judy Illes, Editor – illes@stanford.edu or visit http://editorial.bioethics.net.

The Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience is expanding its coverage to include neuroethics. The journal invites submissions of the original work of an empirical or analytic nature addressing key issues in neuroethics. Please address inquiries to mfarah@psych.upenn.edu

Guidance on Engagement of Institutions in Human Subjects Research: The Office of Human Research Protections has released a draft guidance document that would revise and replace two existing guidance documents. To read the document and comment, visit www.hhs.gov/ohrp/requests.

Neuroethics Breakfast and Information Session at the Canadian Bioethics Second Annual Meeting

The Neuroethics Research Unit of the Institut de recherches cliniques de Montréal in collaboration with the Neuroethics Society is organizing a “Neuroethics Breakfast and Information Session” Friday, June 1, 2007 at the upcoming Canadian Bioethics Society Annual Meeting (7:45-8:45 am, Toronto Marriott Downtown Eaton Centre). For additional information, please contact Dr. Eric Racine at: neuroethics@ircm.qc.ca

SFN deadline for submitting proposals for Social Issues Roundtable and symposia is January 16, 2007.
**Social Cognition and Affective Neuroscience (SCAN)** is an Oxford Journal that launched in 2006. It publishes work at the interface of neuroscience and social psychology. For more information, please visit [www.scan.oxfordjournals.org](http://www.scan.oxfordjournals.org)

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**International Update**

*Nervenheilkunde* is a German journal devoted to neurology and psychiatry with a large readership. Henrik Walter, M.D., Ph.D., University of Bonn will begin a column on “Neuroethics and Neurophilosophy” in 2007 in which he and other authors will write short reviews on neuroethical issues.


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**Events of Interest**

**January 9, 2007:** “The Ethics of Brain Imaging: Authenticity, Bluffing and the Privacy of Human Thought” – Lecture given by Dr. Judy Illes. For more information, please visit: [http://ah.utdallas.edu/season0607/illes.htm](http://ah.utdallas.edu/season0607/illes.htm)

**February 16, 2007:** “A Spotless mind? Policy, Ethics, & the Future of Human Intelligence” – Conference at the National Press Club, 529 14th Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. Hosted by the Institute on Biotechnology and the Human Future (IBHF) at Chicago-Kent College of Law/Illinois Institute of Technology. More information can be found at: [http://www.thehumanfuture.org/events](http://www.thehumanfuture.org/events)

**February 23, 2007:** “Developments in Mental Health since 1945: International and Local Perspectives” – One-day workshop at the Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine, Second Floor, Simon Building, University of Manchester. Further details, including full programme and registration information, may be found at: [http://www.ls.manchester.ac.uk/chstm/events/conferences/index.asp](http://www.ls.manchester.ac.uk/chstm/events/conferences/index.asp)

**March 11-15, 2007:** The Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Workshop on Cognitive Neurobiology. For more information, please visit [www.irp.oist.jp/owcn](http://www.irp.oist.jp/owcn).

**March 17-20, 2007:** The International Symposium on Cognitive Neurosurgery. Castle of Weitenburg, Tuebingen, Germany. For more information on the meeting, please visit [www.iscns.org/index.php](http://www.iscns.org/index.php).

**April 7-8, 2007:** TELOS – Regulating Technologies Inaugural Conference to launch the Centre for Technology, Ethics, and Law in Society based in the School of Law at King’s College London. Conference venue: Swissotel (Howard hotel), London.

April 20-21, 2007:  “From the Brain to Human Culture:  Intersections between the Humanities and Neuroscience” - An interdisciplinary conference sponsored by the Comparative Humanities Programs at Bucknell University. Bucknell University. Lewisburg, PA, USA. Conference calls for papers. For more information, please contact Prof. John Hunter at jchunter@bucknell.edu

April 26, 2007:  London & Stanford. 7-8:30 pm GMT, 11-12:30pm PST. The Dana Centre in London, England will host an event on regulating neurotechnology at which leading experts on ethics, brain imaging, and stem cells will discuss emerging controversial, yet promising areas of neuroscience with the public. A live link to Stanford will bring US and UK perspectives together in discussion and debate. This public event is being organized by the European Dana Alliance for the Brain and King’s College London and follows the same theme of the TELOS Conference (April 7,8).


Books and Special Volumes of Interest


Journal Articles of Interest


In the News

“Free to choose? Modern neuroscience is eroding the idea of free will”
– *The Economist,* December 19, 2006
“Reality bytes: Robots could demand independence” – CNN.com, December 21, 2006

“Decoding the secrets of your brain: Ethicists say neuroscience is as controversial as cloning” – MSNBC Health News
http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3076928/

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/16368997/

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/16472931/

“Scientists have looked at anger and violence, though, and discovered genetic variations, expressed as concentrations of a particular messenger molecule in the brain, that are both congenital and predisposing to a violent temper. Where is free will in this case?” -- from “Free to choose?” in The Economist

Links of Interest

Stanford’s Program in Neuroethics: http://neuroethics.stanford.edu
Neuroethics for Kids: http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/neuroe.html
Neuroethics Net: http://neuroethics.ca
UPenn Neuroethics: http://www.neuroethics.upenn.edu/
BrainEthics Blog: http://brainethics.blogspot.com/
Neuroethics (Dalhousie University): http://neuroethics.ca
Neuroethics Research Unit: www.ircm.qc.ca/neuroethics/en

The Dana Foundation: http://www.dana.org/
The Greenwall Foundation: http://www.greenwall.org/
World Health Organization- Ethics & Health:
http://www.who.int/ethics/events/date/2005/en/