March 2007 Newsletter

Announcements

Membership in the The Neuroethics Society is over 200 and growing fast. To join and for more information, please visit http://www.neuroethicsociety.org/

The first issue of AJOB Neuroscience (V.7.1) is out! To contribute to future issues or for more information please contact, Judy Illes, Editor – illes@stanford.edu or visit http://editorial.bioethics.net

The Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience invites submissions of an empirical or analytic nature addressing key issues in neuroethics. Please address inquiries to mfarah@psych.upenn.edu

The deadline to sponsor or submit an abstract for The Society for Neuroscience 2007 Meeting is May 4, 2007. The annual meeting will be held November 3-7 in San Diego, California.

Special issue of Cambridge Quarterly Health Care Ethics is out. Visit: http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayIssue?jid=CQH&volumeId=16&issueId=02

The NIH Working Group on Women in Biomedical Careers will respond to the challenges issued to government funding agencies to maximize the potential of women scientists and engineers. NIH Director Elias Zerhouni and Vivian Pinn, Director of the Office of Research on Women's Health, will co-chair the group. For more information, please visit www.nih.gov/news/pr/jan2007/od-29.htm

The Canadian Association for Neuroscience will hold its first Annual Meeting May 23-25, 2007 at the University of Toronto. The meeting will include plenary presentations, symposia, and poster presentations. The deadline for abstract submission is March 15. For details, visit www.can-acn.org/Pub/Pub_Main_Display.asp?LC_Docs_ID=2121.

An upcoming issue of the Journal of Consumer Behaviour will focus on "neuromarketing," the marriage of market-behavior research and neuroscience through brain imaging and other techniques. The submission deadline is Dec. 1, 2007. For more information, contact Carl Senior at c.senior@aston.ac.uk.
The publication of the newsletter ‘Meeting of Minds, One Year On’ coincides with Brain Awareness Week 2007. In the newsletter, the King Baudouin Foundation reports on a busy year. On behalf of its partner consortium it describes all that has been done to disseminate the results of Meeting of Minds and to ensure that the citizens’ recommendations are being communicated effectively into the policy process.

The Hastings Center is currently seeking a research assistant to their staff, beginning this September 2007, for a two-year position. For more information, please email peytonv@thehastingscenter.org

**Events of Interest**


**March 15, 2007:** “Imaging Brains – Interacting Minds: From Brain Research to Biopower” –research seminar at BIOS Center for the Study of Bioscience, Biomedicine, Biotechnology and Society. 5-7pm. Room D306. For directions, please visit: [http://www.lse.ac.uk/resources/mapsAndDirections/](http://www.lse.ac.uk/resources/mapsAndDirections/)

**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).

**March 17, 2007:** Matthieu Ricard, Buddhist monk, best selling author, translator and photographer, and an active participant in current scientific research on the effects of meditation on the brain, will be giving a talk at an all day seminar at the Embassy of France in Washington D.C.. The event is co-organized by the Smithsonian Resident Associate Program and the French-American Cultural Foundation Embassy of France. For more information, please visit: [residentassociates.org/ticketing/tickets/reserve.aspx?performanceNumber=81175](http://residentassociates.org/ticketing/tickets/reserve.aspx?performanceNumber=81175).

**March 22, 2007:** UCSF Lecture, “Spirituality, Medicine and Ethics: Uneasy Partners,” given by Dr. Margaret E. Mohrmann, MD, PhD: First Thelma Shobe Distinguished Lecturer. UCSF Parnassus Campus, Room #HSW-302. 12 – 1:00 PM. For more information, please visit [http://nurseweb.ucsf.edu/public/shobe](http://nurseweb.ucsf.edu/public/shobe)


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 13, 2007: “The Law and Ethics of Brain Scanning: The Next Big Thing Coming Soon to a Courtroom Near You?” Conference. Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Arizona State University. 9 AM – 5 PM. For more information, contact Andrew Askland, Director of the Center for the Study of Law, Science, & Technology: sandy.askland@asu.edu.

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: jhunter@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).

SPECIAL EVENT:
May 1, 2007: “Managing Incidental Findings in Human Subjects Research: From Imaging to Genomics” Conference. Cowles Auditorium, Hubert H. Humphrey Center, University of Minnesota. 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Presentations will focus on incidental findings, genetics research, genomics, neuroimaging, and CT colonography research. For more information, please visit: http://www.lifesci.consortium.umn.edu/conferences/incidentalfindings.php


May 11-13, 2007: Neural Systems of Social Behavior Conference. Hilton Hotel in Austin, Texas. For more information, please email Dr. Jennifer Beer at jbeer@ucdavis.edu or visit http://mindbrain.ucdavis.edu/content/Labs/Beer/Conference-Invited%20Speakers.

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

Books and Special Volumes of Interest


Journal Articles of Interest

…”ethics is human-made yet grounded in a hodgepodge of neural devices connected with the origin of emotions […] Human-made ethics have extended the reach of biological regulation into a social and cultural space that nature, in its blindness, could not have contemplated.”

--Antonio Damasio in “Neuroscience and Ethics: Intersections”


In the News


“Call for ‘neuroethics‘ as brain science races ahead” MSNBC.com, Reuters, February 14, 2007 http://www.reuters.com/article/scienceNews/idUSL1440532120070215?pageneNumber=1


“Can an MRI tell when we lie?” Chicago Sun-Time, February 25, 2007 (No online version available)

“Huge rise forcast in dementia cases” The Guardian, February 26, 2007 http://www.guardian.co.uk/medicine/story/0,,2021459,00.html

“Brain Zapper Eases Parkinson’s” bioethics.net, February 28, 2007 http://www.bioethics.net/News/?id=3813


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
Novel Tech Ethics: http://www.novelttechethics.ca/
Neuroethics Research Unit: www.ircm.qc.ca/neuroethics/en

The Dana Foundation: http://www.dana.org/
The Greenwall Foundation: http://www.greenwall.org/