In The News

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Selected Journal Articles


Books

“Neuroethics: defining the issues in theory, practice and policy” by Illes, J. (Ed. Oxford University Press. 2006. Just released at ASBH and SFN.


The Neuroaffinity Group at the American Society for Bioethics & Humanities
Submitted by Judy Illes, PhD, Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics, Stanford University

The Neuroethics Affinity Group (NAFF) enjoyed a successful launch at the annual ASBH meeting in Washington, DC, with standing room only attendance. The goals of this new group are to:

- Exchange ideas and updates about neuroethics on an international scale.
- Provide a forum for planning neuroethics programs for ASBH.
- Provide a home and network for the growing community of people with interests in neuroethics.

Many thanks to our presenters Dr. Art Derse (ASBH), Fritz Schmuhl (Springer-Verlag Publishing), Dr. Emmeline Edwards (NINDS) and Dr. Ota Wang (NHGRI). Many thanks also to the Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics for hosting lunch.

In review, Dr. Derse welcomed the Neuroethics Affinity Group to the ASBH. Mr. Schmuhl engaged the group in a lively discussion about the possibility of a new quarterly journal called Neuroethics. He has approached Dr. Illes to serve as the first Editor-in-Chief. She is carefully evaluating how such a journal can best serve our community.

Drs. Edwards and Ota Wang provided the group with inspiration for new grants applications with a neuroethics focus. A sample of opportunities include:

**At NINDS**

RFA: TW-06-003
Development of graduate level curricula and training opportunities for developing country academics, researchers, and health professionals in international ethics related to conducting research with human subjects

RFA: TW-06-002
Development of research training programs that support the development and implementation of evidence-based interventions, for major public health problems in low- to middle-income countries

**At NHGRI**

ELSI Regular Research Program (R01)

ELSI Small Grant Research Program (R03)

Social and Cultural Dimensions of Health

PA-02-103 [http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-02-103.html]
Research on Ethical Issues in Human Studies

NIH Support for Conferences and Scientific Meetings (R13)

Be sure to follow up on the ideas proposed for the 2006 ASBH program.
See you in Denver.
Other Announcements

On November 3, 2005, The Stanford Neuroethics Imaging Group welcomed The National Institute for Information and Communication Technology (NICT) in Japan. Dr. Fumihiko Tom Tomita, Executive Director of the Basic & Advanced Research Department at NICT, who was accompanied by Dr. Atsushi Hasegawa, Manager of the Strategic Planning Division, and Tomoe Kiyosada, Senior Science and Technology Policy Analyst at SRI International, gave a presentation outlining the research of NICT’s Brain Information Group. Participants discussed priorities and opportunities for neuroethics research in Japan and the United States.

Events of Interest


Saturday, Nov. 12: The Dialogue Series with keynote speaker The Dalai Lama. 4:15-5:15 PM. Washington Convention Center Hall D.

Saturday, Nov. 12: “Ethics and scientific accuracy in press coverage of modern neurotechnology.” Dr. Eric Racine, Ph.D. Program Number: 18.27. 3:00-4:00 PM. Washington Convention Center Halls A-C. Board Number: WW83. (Program repeated Sunday, Nov. 13, 10:00-1:00 AM, 3:00-4:00 PM; Monday, Nov. 14, 10:00-11:00 AM, 3:00-4:00 PM; Tuesday, Nov. 15, 10:00-11:00 AM; Wednesday, Nov. 16, 10:00-11:00 AM, 3:00-4:00 PM.)

Monday, Nov. 14: “Thinking better? The ethics of cognitive enhancement.” Neuroethics Lecture by Thomas H. Murray. 10:00-11:00 AM. Washington Convention Center Hall D.

Tuesday, Nov. 15: “Stem cells in neuroscience research: advances and their ethical, legal and policy implications.” Social Issues Roundtable. 2:00-4:00 PM. Washington Convention Center Room 143A-C.

Wednesday, Nov. 16: “Visions and divisions: Initial recommendations for handling incidental findings in brain-imaging research.” Dr. Judy Illes, Ph.D. Program Number: 816.15. 11:30-11:45 AM. Washington Convention Center - Room 149A.


November 17, 2005: "Ethics in Neurological Practice: Discerning Appropriate Medical Care in Cases of Severe Brain Injury and Disease." James Bernat. 12 PM. Rubendall Recital Hall, Dickinson College.