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Announcements

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This is the last issue of the Stanford Neuroethics Newsletter.

Many thanks to Vivian Chin for her outstanding work as our Associate Editor, and to all of you for your contributions of news, updates, and events.

Coverage of Neuroethics worldwide will be continued by the Neuroethics Society. If you are not already a member, please visit <http://neuroethicssociety.org> to sign up. Don't miss an issue!

Publication of local news of the National Core for Neuroethics at UBC will begin in the Fall.

New address for Judy Illes, effective August 1, 2007 is:

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For news of continuing work in neuroethics at Stanford, please contact the Program's new Director, Hank T. Greely (hgreely@stanford.edu). Congratulations Hank!



AJOB Neuroscience is now the official journal of the Neuroethics Society.

Affiliated journals are currently the *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience* and upcoming (March 2008) *Neuroethics*. For inquiries about how to become an affiliated journal, please email: illes@stanford.edu.

Google "**Neuroethics Blog**" for the new blog **hosted by AJOB Neuroscience**.

The **International Neuroethics Network** is actively seeking representatives from countries that have not previously participated in the Network. These countries include, but are not limited to, Finland, Israel, China, and Turkey. For more information, contact Aeberhart@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

Congratulations to **Sofia Lomber** (Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics and Science, Technology and Society program at Stanford University) whose senior thesis entitled "The International Dimensions of Neuroethics: Development of a New Field of Inquiry" was **nominated for the Firestone Award**. Her results demonstrate a steady increase in global participation in neuroethics.

Other Announcements



The **University of British Columbia, Department of Medicine, and Division of Neurology is seeking a Research or Postdoctoral Fellow** to join the new National Core for Neuroethics at the University of British Columbia (UBC) in Vancouver, and the growing community of neuroethics scholars across Canada. The focus of this primarily research position will be on current and anticipated **ethical, legal, social, and policy challenges associated with research and treatment of neurodegenerative diseases**. Some teaching and leadership of seminar and journal clubs will also be expected. The position will be based at UBC with occasional travel to Boston. The successful candidate will be funded by the Foundation for Ethics and Technology, (a private Boston-based foundation), the Institute for Neuroscience, Mental Health and Addiction (INMHA) of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), and the Harvard Center for Neurodegeneration and Repair.

For more information and to apply, please send your CV, a statement of interest, and the names and contact information of three referees to: illes@stanford.edu.

The Conference, "**Implanting Change: The Ethics of Neural Prosthetics**" will take place August 26 – 28, 2007 at Penn State, University Park, PA. Attendees may submit a 250 word abstract for a short oral or poster presentation (specifying which) by June 30 to ethicsconference@psu.edu. Notification of acceptance will be received by July 31. For further information, please visit: <http://rockethics.psu.edu/events/neuroethics.htm>.



NINDS/NIH is launching a new initiative of "**A Blue Sky Vision for the Future of Neuroscience**" (<http://www.ninds.nih.gov/bluesky>). NINDS is seeking input from the public on a number of questions that they will be addressing over the next 15 years. Question 6, "What ethical, legal, and social issues are likely to arise from advances in basic and clinical neuroscience over the next 15 years," may be of particular interest to our readers. Comments are encouraged to the website by August 31, 2007.

Updates

The webcast of the Dana centre event entitled "Brainy Brave New World" on April 26, 2007 is now available at <http://www.danacentre.org.uk/events/2007/04/26/257>.

The Dana centre program entitled "The Neuroethics of Enhancement: How Smart are Smart Drugs?" on May 14, 2007 is now available at: <http://www.dana.org/events/detail.aspx?id=7854>.

Events of Interest



July 6-7, 2007: JEMH Conference on Ethics in Mental Health. Ontario, Canada. Hosted by the "Journal of Ethics in Mental Health" in association with McMaster University (Hamilton) and The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (Toronto). For a full conference program and registration information, please visit www.jemh.ca.

July 17-20, 2007: Quantum Mind 2007. University of Salzburg, Austria. For more information, please visit <http://www.sbg.ac.at/brain2007/>.

July 30-31, 2007: "Why Bioethics? Our Research in Context" – 2nd Annual Postgraduate Conference in Bioethics. King's College, Cambridge. The conference calls for empirical or theoretical papers. For full details and registration form, please visit <http://www.crassh.cam.ac.uk/events/2006-7/bioethics.html>.

August 26-28, 2007: "Implanting Change: The Ethics of Neural Prosthetics" – Conference at the Nittany Lion Inn, Penn State. University Park, PA. For more information and to register for the conference, please visit: <http://rockethics.psu.edu/events/neuroethics.htm>.

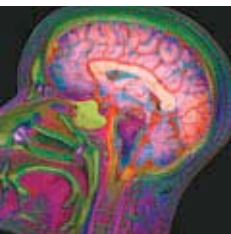
September 11, 2007: Barbara Sahakian will speak at the EDAB session of the BA (British Association for the Advancement of Science) Festival of Science 2007 entitled "Time Out for the Brain." 6:00 – 7:30/8:00 pm, CETL building, York St, John University. For more information on the BA Festival of Science, please visit: <http://www.the-ba.net/the-ba/Events/FestivalofScience/index.html>.

September 14, 2007: World Hearing Voices Day – A one-day national conference for professionals and people who hear voices. Thistle City Barbican Hotel, 120 Central Street, London EC1V 8DS. Hosted by Together which runs mental health services and works to improve the mental health system and change the way people think about mental stress. For more information on Together, please visit www.together-uk.org.

November, 19-20, 2007: "BCI Meets Robotics: Challenging Issues in Brain-Computer Interaction and Shared Control" – Workshop. KU Leuven, Belgium. For more information, please visit <http://www.maia-project.org/workshop-2007.php>.

December 3-4, 2007. The New York Academy of Sciences, Imperial College of London, King's College of London, and University College of London with the support of GlaxoSmithKline and the Royal Institution of Great Britain present a symposium entitled "What do We Want to See in Brain Imaging?" at the Royal Institute of British Architects, London. For further information and registration please go to www.nyas.org/IMGconf.

January 25 – 27, 2008: University of Central Florida presents the second annual International Brain Conference entitled "Regeneration through the Generations: Exploring the Relationship between the Aging Brain and Pediatric Disorders." This year's conference event is sponsored by Florida Hospital, Orlando Regional Healthcare, the Alzheimer's Association Central and North





Florida Chapter, and the Alzheimer's Resource Center. For more information, contact Christa Santos at 407-882-1576, email research104M@mail.ucf.edu, log onto www.brainconference.org, or view the announcement at <http://www.research.ucf.edu/flyers/brainsavethedate.html>.

July 15, 2008: Special Event "Neuroscience and Human Culture" at the 6th FENS Forum of European Neuroscience (July 12-16, 2008) in Geneva. Hosted by the Swiss Society for Neuroscience. More information on this event is forthcoming on the FENS website.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed news of these events.

Books and Special Volumes of Interest

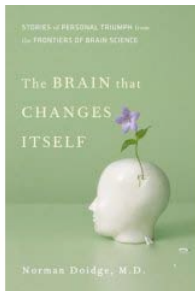
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"Watching the brain lie: Can fMRI replace the polygraph?" *The Scientist*, May 23, 2007. <http://www.the-scientist.com/article/home/53137/>

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/>

Neuroethics & Law Blog: <http://kolber.typepad.com/>

BrainEthics Blog: <http://brainethics.blogspot.com/>

Neuroethics (Dalhousie University): <http://neuroethics.ca>

Novel Tech Ethics: <http://www.noveltechethics.ca/>

Neuroethics Research Unit: www.ircm.qc.ca/neuroethics/en

Neuroethics Web Portal: www.neuroethics.uni-mainz.de

Initiative on Law, Brains, and Behavior:

<http://neuro.bcm.edu/eagleman/neurolaw.html>

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/>



<http://neuroethics.ca>