November 2006 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

Computational Intelligence and Neuroscience is calling for papers for a special issue on “Brain Computer Interfaces and Robotics: Toward Their Applications in Clinical and Neurorehabilitation Contexts.” For information please visit: http://www.hindawi.com/GetPage.aspx?journal=CIN&paqe=BCI

Updates

News from the Neuroethics Society

The Neuroethics Society held three socials in October at: 1) Society for Neuroscience 36th Annual Meeting, 2) American Society for Bioethics and Humanities 8th Annual Meeting and 3) the 7th European Molecular Biology Laboratory/EMBO joint conference in Heidelberg, Germany. More news of the activities of the Neuroethics Society is forthcoming in its first newsletter in January 2007.
International Neuroethics Network (submitted by Rémi Quirion, Astrid Eberhart and Judy Illes)

The second annual meeting of the International Roundtable on Neuroethics took place on October 15, 2006 during the Society for Neuroscience conference in Atlanta, Georgia. The goal of this small roundtable discussion was to formalize an International Network on Neuroethics and to work toward the establishment of an international research agenda and funding for this important field. The following areas were identified as the high priorities for the network: capacity building (training); neurotechnology (stem cells, drug development, imaging); neuropharmacology; and, public education and professional education, especially in context of the developing world. Other priorities are: pediatric neuroethics (healthy/pathology); health care disparities, resources, research, values; spirituality, trans-cultural views, and belief systems; and, multicultural views and belief systems of brain, health and disease. The network is also exploring ways to align with the new Neuroethics Society. If you wish to be a country representative to the Network, please email Astrid Eberhart at AEberhart@cihr-irsc.gc.ca. An open forum meeting of the Network is planned for next year’s SfN 2007 meeting in San Diego, CA

Events of Interest

November 8, 2006: "How Free Are We? Genetics and Free Will." Illinois Humanities Council. The Duncan YMCA Chernin Center for the Arts, 1001 W Roosevelt Rd, Chicago, Illinois 60608-1559. Registration required. Please visit website for more information: http://www.prairie.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/dir_events.event_detail/object_id/97334cd5-1fa7-484e-a70a-f0e231486914/HowFreeAreWe.cfm

November 7, 14, 22, 28, 2006: Neuroethics Lectures given by Professor Kathinka Evers, Centre for Bioethics at Karolinska Institutet and Uppsala University. Collège de France. 11, place Marcelin-Berthelot, Paris 5e. à 17 heures, dans la salle 2.


December 14-18, 2006: International Workshop and Symposium on Molecular Biology and Histopathology in Neuroscience and Stem Cell Research with special emphasis on human brain tissue. Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka. For more information, please contact Dr. Ranil De Silva via email: ranil@sjp.ac.lk

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: Swissôtel (Howard hotel), London.
April 14-15, 2007: Unite for Sight’s Fourth Annual International Health Conference will be held at Stanford University School of Medicine, California. The theme is “Innovation, Advancement, and Best Practices To Achieve Global Goals.” For more information, visit: http://www.uniteforsight.org/2007_annual_conference.php

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


Books and Special Volumes of Interest


Journal Articles of Interest


"Most of us get nervous when we imagine that some distant authority could have access to what we like to think of as private thoughts, or that some deliberate and fairly precise means can be used to alter our cognition or behavior in accord with someone else's strategic purpose. [...] Some neuroscientists claim that fMRI can already show when subjects are thinking of a certain number, when they are lying, or what their sexual orientation is [...] The hope is that the new techniques would not only be more reliable, but that they could replace torture and other physically aggressive means of interrogating terror suspects and enemy operatives.”

–Jonathan D. Moreno in “The Role of Brain Research in National Defense”

**In the News**

An audio interview of *Cutting-Edge Brain Research: Alliance Members’ Conversations* with Judy Illes, Ph.D. on “Neuroethics” is available at the Dana.org website: http://www.dana.org/broadcasts/audiostreaming/ The podcast may be found at: http://www.dana.org/broadcasts/podcasts/


**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.ca: http://neuroethics.ca

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