
ASSC NEWSLETTER - March 2008

Dear members of the ASSC,
Welcome to this month's ASSC newsletter.
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3. 2nd Biennial Symposium on Personality and Social Psychology - Warsaw, September 18 to 21, 2008

Enjoy the newsletter!

Kristina

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All members of the ASSC are invited to submit items for inclusion in the newsletter that are of potential interest to the general membership to Kristina Musholt (kmusholt@gmail.com) by no later than the 10th of the month (subject: ASSC newsletter).

Items should be in the form of ONE paragraph of plain ASCII text no longer than 250 WORDS, and should be of general relevance to the MAINSTREAM ACADEMIC study

of consciousness. Attachments will not be accepted. The submitting author must be a current member of the ASSC. Submissions that do not meet these requirements may be rejected without further correspondence.

ASSC EVENTS AND INFORMATION

1. ASSC-12: ORAL/POSTER PRESENTATION RESULTS FINALIZED

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ASSC12 would like to thank all submitters for their contribution to making ASSC12 a great conference. We have received a huge amount of excellent abstracts, and it has been difficult for the scientific program committee to finalize the results out of so many high-quality submissions.

Thank you all once again for making ASSC12 in Taipei even more worth looking forward to!

2. ASSC-12: REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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Early-bird registration deadline ends on May 16th. Please note that members of the ASSC are eligible to discounted registration fees. For more information about ASSC memberships, please refer to <http://assc.caltech.edu>

3. ASSC-12: HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

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Hotel maps: http://www.ym.edu.tw/assc12/hotel_map/HotelMap/hotel_map2.html

Hotel info: <http://www.ym.edu.tw/assc12/accommodation.html>

We have reserved rooms in two hotels near the conference site. 50 single bed, 10 double bed and 10 two-bed rooms are reserved at Howard International House Taipei. A block of 50 rooms have been reserved for conference attendees at Leader Hotel Taipei. Other recommended hotels can be found on our website.

4. ASSC-12: TUTORIAL WORKSHOPS

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ASSC12 will be hosting 6 exciting tutorial workshops on cutting-edge consciousness research topics. Seating is limited, so make sure to sign up for the tutorials you'd like to attend before seats run out!

5. ASSC-12: ENJOYING TAIWAN

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<http://travel.nytimes.com/2008/03/02/travel/02hours.html?scp=1&sq=taipei&st=nyt>

Get the most out of your trip to Taipei! Taipei has been featured in New York Times Travel section this month. Go ahead and check out how to plan your own 36 hours with the article "36 Hours in Taipei, Taiwan". Quoting from the article: "Taipei distills the best of what Asian cities have to offer — great street food, crackling night life, arguably the world's best collection of Chinese art, and hot springs and hiking trails reachable by public transport."

"Here is a Chinese culture that practices bare-knuckled democracy and has preserved traditions thousands of years old in a way that was impossible to do on the mainland."

6. THE ASSC WILLIAM JAMES PRIZE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STUDY OF CONSCIOUSNESS

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Every year the ASSC awards one prize for an outstanding published contribution to the empirical or philosophical study of consciousness by a graduate student or postdoctoral scholar/researcher within 5 years of receiving a PhD or other advanced degree. Due to the fact that in the past prizes were awarded for work involving imaging techniques, this year, preference will be given to theoretical or empirical work using non-imaging techniques.

The deadline for submission of nominations is May 15, 2008.

The prize consists of:

1. An award of \$1000 (USD)
2. An invitation to present a plenary address at either ASSC12, held from June 19. to June 22. 2008 in Taipei/Taiwan, or at ASSC13, held in June 2009 in Berlin/Germany (travel, accommodation, and registration paid by ASSC)
3. A lifetime membership in the ASSC

Nominations, including self nominations, should be sent to Christof Koch (ASSC Prize Committee; koch.christof@gmail.com). The nomination letter should include a brief statement as to why the contribution is outstanding, and for co-authored publications, there should be a statement describing the nominee's role. To be considered, the contribution must be published or accepted for publication and be written in English.

Electronic copies in PDF format of the contribution and the nominee's CV should be attached to the nomination letter.

Prize Committee:

- Daniel Dennett, Tufts University (chair)
- Giulio Tononi, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Chris Frith, University College London
- Christof Koch, California Institute of Technology

7. ASSC-13 BERLIN PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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ASSC is proud to announce the members of the program committee for the upcoming conference in Berlin 2009. The committee consists of:

- Kathleen Akins, Simon Fraser University Canada
- Axel Cleeremans, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- John-Dylan Haynes, Bernstein Center for Computational Neuroscience, Berlin
- Christof Koch, California Institute of Technology
- Michael Pauen, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- Frederique de Vignemont, Institut Nicod, Paris
- Vince Walsh, University College London

8. ASSC STUDENT COMMITTEE

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The ASSC Student Committee's aim is to foster greater involvement of graduate students within the ASSC and improve the ways in which the ASSC serves the needs of its student members.

Recently, a link to the ASSC STUDENTS website (<http://www.assc-students.org>) has been added on the ASSC Home Page. Please pay us a visit and encourage any students you know to visit as well. We're also happy to take suggestions on recruiting new student members for the ASSC and letting postgraduates know about the many benefits of membership.

The 2007-2008 ASSC Student Committee

9. ASSC EPRINTS ARCHIVE: THE FIVE "MOST POPULAR" PAPERS OF FEBRUARY 2008

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After having experienced some technical difficulties last month, the archive is now up and running again, and the Eprints Committee is pleased to announce the five "most popular" papers of February 2008. Overall, we registered 41573 downloads from 70 countries.

1. Koriat, A. (2006) Metacognition and Consciousness. In: Cambridge handbook of consciousness. Cambridge University Press, New York, USA. 1723 downloads from 23 countries. <http://eprints.assc.caltech.edu/175/>
2. Sagiv, Noam and Ward, Jamie (2006) Crossmodal interactions: lessons from synesthesia. In: Visual Perception, Part 2. Progress in Brain Research, Volume 155. 1273 downloads from 16 countries. <http://eprints.assc.caltech.edu/224>
3. Seth, A.K. and Baars, B.J. (2005) Neural Darwinism and Consciousness. *Consciousness and Cognition*, 14. pp. 140-168. 1058 downloads from 20 countries. <http://eprints.assc.caltech.edu/163/>
4. Dehaene, S., Changeux, J.-P., Naccache, L., Sackur, J. and Sergent, C. (2006) Conscious, preconscious, and subliminal processing: a testable taxonomy. *Trends in Cognitive Science*, 10 (5). pp. 204-211. 899 downloads from 9 countries. <http://eprints.assc.caltech.edu/20/>
5. Gennaro, R. J. (2007) Representationalism, peripheral awareness, and the transparency of experience. *Philosophical Studies*. 787 downloads from 6 countries. <http://eprints.assc.caltech.edu/218/>

NON-ASSC EVENTS AND INFORMATION

1. FIRST INTERDISCIPLINARY NEUROSCCHOOL OF THE EUROPEAN NEUROSCIENCE AND SOCIETY NETWORK, EMBL, Monterotondo (Rome) 28 September - 5 October
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We are pleased to invite applications to the first interdisciplinary 'NeuroSchool' of the European Neuroscience and Society Network, a five year programme involving leading neuroscientists and social scientists from eleven European countries in collaborative research and debate. The aim of the school is to foster learning in a interdisciplinary symmetrical environment. It is intended for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows engaged in neuroscience research or in historical or social studies of neuroscience. The topic of this year's NeuroSchool is behavioural genetics. Together, we will critically assess the current methodologies of experimentation in this branch of research and will discuss its implications in the context of contemporary society. Lectures will cover the history of behavioural genetics, the latest scientific evidence in the field, as well as the history and sociology of psychotropic drugs. In addition to theoretical and hands-on

practical modules offered by senior experts, participants will also present their own research.

Tutors and lecturers include Cornelius Gross (EMBL), Klaus-Peter Lesch (University of Wuerzburg), Nikolas Rose (BIOS, London School of Economics) and Ilina Singh (BIOS, LSE).

We invite applications from highly motivated scholars in biology, neuroscience, sociology, anthropology, psychology and history/ philosophy of science. Applicants will be selected on the basis of their merit, research interests and aspirations and will have all their travel and accommodation expenses covered.

Please download and fill out the entry form on our website (below) and send it along with a cover letter, your CV and contact details of two referees (preferably including one research supervisor or mentor) to g.frazzetto@lse.ac.uk.

Deadline for submission of applications is May 15th, 2008.

For more information, please see our website (www.neurosocieties.eu) or write to g.frazzetto@lse.ac.uk.

2. BRAIN-COMPUTER INTERFACING 2008 - A SYMPOSIUM ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF APPLIED NEUROSCIENCE - Utrecht, Netherlands, July 3-4 2008

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Brain-Computer Interfacing is a young research arena where leading experts from various fields converge to perform applied neuroscience on the cutting edge. The goal is to develop neuroprosthesis systems for people who are paralyzed.

The RMI Utrecht and the Braingain Consortium offer a two-day symposium on brain-computer interfacing to anyone interested in human brain function, interfaces between the human brain and mind, and the development of solutions for paralyzed patients. 14 leading experts from the US and Europe will present their work. For more information visit www.bci2008.nl.

3. 2ND BIENNIAL SYMPOSIUM ON PERSONALITY AND SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

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Dear Colleagues,

we would like to kindly invite you to the 2nd Biennial Symposium on Personality and Social Psychology, entitled Personality, Cognition, and Emotion. The conference will be organized at the Warsaw School of Social Psychology in Warsaw from September 18 to 21, 2008.

The conference will provide an opportunity to explore promising new trends and key changes in the conceptualization of personality, emotion, and cognition. For details, please visit our web site: www.bspsp.edu.pl We are open for contributions of various kinds and look forward to your contributions and registration.