Dear Members of the ASSC,

Welcome to this month's ASSC newsletter. This month's newsletter contains the following information:

- ASSC EVENTS AND INFORMATION:
  1. ASSC-12 in Taipei:
     - Gala Banquet at the ShiangHai ShiangHai
     - Hotel Reservations
     - New Payment Methods for Regular Registration
     - How do I get to that National Palace Museum?
  2. The ASSC William James Prize for Outstanding Contributions to the Study of Consciousness - Call for Nominations Deadline Today
  3. ASSC Member Benefits

- NON-ASSC EVENTS AND INFORMATION:
  1. 2008 Illusion Contest Winners
  2. Junior Faculty Position (Psychology) at Brunel University, West Londin, UK

Enjoy the newsletter, and we look forward to seeing you soon at our 12th annual meeting in Taipei!

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES
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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. ASSC12 EVENTS: GALA BANQUET AT THE SHIANHAI SHIANGHAI
Corresponding author: Chien-Hui Chiu (assc12@ym.edu.tw)
Further information: http://www.ym.edu.tw/assc12/banquet.html

ASSC12 attendees and guests are invited to enjoy a glamorous and elegant banquet at the pre-war ShangHai ShangHai on the evening of Saturday, June 21. Enjoy a truly Chinese cuisine hard to find elsewhere while immersing in a live band performance of famous Mandarin Chinese, Taiwanese and Western songs ranging from the classics to the modern.
For more information see: http://www.ym.edu.tw/assc12/banquet.html

2. ASSC12: HOTEL RESERVATIONS
Corresponding author: Chien-Hui Chiu (assc12@ym.edu.tw)
Further information: http://www.ym.edu.tw/assc12/accommondation.html

The Leader Hotel is fully booked! Make your reservations at the Howard International before it’s full, and keep in mind that the discount rates deadline is May 18th. Or you can check out our website and find recommended hotels near the venue. Wonder how far it is to the venue? Check out our homemade hotel maps:
http://www.ym.edu.tw/assc12/hotel_map/HotelMap/hotel_map2.html

3. ASSC12: NEW PAYMENT METHODS FOR REGULAR REGISTRATION
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Further information: http://www.ym.edu.tw/assc12/registration.html

Due to the unexpected change of our banking policies, we cannot continue providing online credit card registration after May 15th. Unfortunately, we cannot help but shift to a less convenient, but reliable method of telegraph wiring or cashier checks. For more details, please see: http://www.ym.edu.tw/assc12/registration.html

4. ASSC12: HOW DO I GET TO THAT NATIONAL PALACE MUSEUM?
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Further information: http://www.ym.edu.tw/assc12/hotel_map/HotelMap/taipei2.htm

Wondering how to get to the must-see sights in Taipei?
We’ve prepared an interactive map for you to make your plans!
http://www.ym.edu.tw/assc12/hotel_map/HotelMap/taipei2.htm
All these sites are accessible by our metro transportation system. Enjoy your time in Taipei!

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5. THE ASSC WILLIAM JAMES PRIZE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STUDY
OF CONSCIOUSNESS: NOMINATION DEADLINE IS TODAY!
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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

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6. ASSC MEMBER BENEFITS
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Further information: http://www.assc.caltech.edu/benefits.htm
We welcome all new members to the ASSC! ASSC members are eligible for various benefits, including discounts on the Journal "Consciousness and Cognition", discounts on all Oxford University Press and MIT Press books, and a number of consciousness related books from other publishers. You can obtain the discount information for these publications by contacting the ASSC Secretary Olivia Carter (ocarter@wjh.harvard.edu).

7. ASSC EPRINTS ARCHIVE: THE FIVE "MOST POPULAR" PAPERS OF APRIL 2008

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The Eprints Committee is proud to announce the five "most popular" papers of April 2008. Overall we registered 31518 paper downloads. The "five most popular" papers are:

We thank all authors for their contributions and encourage all members to upload their consciousness papers to the archive as well. Please keep in mind that we can only accept peer-reviewed, published material, and that papers must be in pre-print format.

NON-ASSC EVENTS AND INFORMATION

1. 2008 ILLUSION CONTEST WINNERS
The 2008 "Best Visual Illusion of the Year Contest" Gala was a huge success, with over 1,000 attendees! Sunday’s event (May 11th, Naples FL, Philharmonic Center for the Arts) was the fourth annual edition of the "Best Visual Illusion of the Year Contest". Previous editions drew numerous accolades from attendees as well as international media coverage. The TOP THREE winners of the 2008 "Best Visual Illusion of the Year Contest" are:
- 1st PRIZE: Rob van Lier and Mark Vergeer (Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands) -- "Filling in the Afterimage after the Image"
- 2nd prize: Rob Jenkins (University of Glasgow, UK)— "Ghostly Gaze"
- 3rd prize: Thomas Papathomas (Rutgers University, USA)—"Rolling Eyes on a Hollow Mask"

Check out the winning illusions and all top ten finalists at: http://illusioncontest.neuralcorrelate.com

The winners took home a "Guido", a trophy designed by the renowned Italian sculptor Guido Moretti. If you took PICTURES or VIDEOS of the event, please send them to us and we will post the best ones!!

This event was hosted by the Neural Correlate Society, a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote public awareness of neuroscience research and discovery, and sponsored by the Mind Science Foundation. As the Platinum Sponsor of the "Best Visual Illusion of the Year Contest", the Mind Science Foundation is featuring complimentary visual illusion eCards at www.mindscience.org/visualillusion.

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2. JUNIOR FACULTY POSITION (PSYCHOLOGY) @ BRUNEL UNIVERSITY, WEST LONDON, UK
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Further information: http://www.jobs.ac.uk/jobs/JR028/Lecturer_in_Psychology/

We have a permanent, full time opening for a Lecturer in Psychology (tenure track Assistant Prof. equivalent) at Brunel University, West London, UK. We seek applicants in cognitive (broadly defined) or developmental psychology. Start date: September 1, 2008 or as soon as possible thereafter. Application deadline: Friday June 6, 2008. Full details: http://www.brunel.ac.uk/about/job/cdata/academic/CHA0005-1