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:
   - Financial Assistance Recipients
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   - Program Schedule Update
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2. ASSC Student Committee - Student Housing in Taipei
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- NON-ASSC EVENTS AND INFORMATION:

1. Workshop on Consciousness, Brain Rhythms, and the Action-Perception-Cycle

Enjoy the newsletter and (for those of you who don't have summer all-year-round) the start of spring!

Kristina

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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 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCEMENT
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Further information: http://www.ym.edu.tw/assc12/financial_aid.htm

We are happy to announce the recipients of the ASSC12 financial assistance program. Each recipient will receive USD 500 financial aid. We would like to thank all the students who applied, and we regret that due to limited funding, we couldn’t include all applicants. Thank you all for your valuable contribution to ASSC12, and we’re looking forward to meeting you in Taipei!
For the list of recipients, please view: http://www.ym.edu.tw/assc12/financial_aid.htm

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

Please send the reservation forms before the deadlines in order to get ASSC membership discounts.
50 single bed, 10 double bed and 10 two-bed rooms are reserved at Howard International House Taipei for the nights of 6/18-6/22, with 24 single bed and 8 two-bed rooms reserved until the night of 6/23. All room reservation requests must be made through the ASSC12 Hotel Reservation Form and sent via fax or email before 5/18.
A block of 50 rooms have been reserved at Leader Hotel Taipei for the nights of 6/18-6/22, with 20 rooms reserved until the night of 6/23. All room reservation requests must be made through the ASSC12 Hotel Reservation Form and sent via fax or email before 5/1.

3. ASSC12 TUTORIAL WORKSHOPS
Corresponding author: Chien-Hui Chiu (assc12@ym.edu.tw)
Further information: http://www.ym.edu.tw/assc12/tutorials.html for details

6 exciting tutorial workshops will be held on the first day of ASS12. Seats are limited, so sign up as soon as possible!
The list of tutorials includes:
Conscious States and Conscious Creatures: Explanatory Strategies in the Science of Consciousness provided by Tim Bayne & Jakob Hohwy
Terminology in Consciousness Studies provided by Andrew Brook
The Evolutionary Function of Consciousness provided by Juliane Wilcke
Neurophilosophical Approaches to the Dreaming Mind—a Contrastive Analysis of Dreaming and Wakefulness provided by Jennifer Windt & Thomas Metzinger
Adaptive Anomalies in Conscious Time Perception provided by Shigeru Kitazawa & Shin'ya Nishida
Emotions, Feelings, and Decision-Making provided by Antoine Bechara

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4. ASSC12 PROGRAM SCHEDULE UPDATE
Corresponding author: Chien-Hui Chiu (assc12@ym.edu.tw)
Further information: http://www.ym.edu.tw/assc12

The details of the updated program can be viewed at http://www.ym.edu.tw/assc12. We have now included the complete list of oral and poster presenters. The web site will be continually evolving, so please visit often for updated information.

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5. ASSC12 EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION: ONE MONTH LEFT!
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Further information: http://www.ym.edu.tw/assc12/registration.html

Register early for early-bird benefits! ASSC members enjoy a privileged discounted price, so register as soon as you can! Please register at: http://www.ym.edu.tw/assc12/registration.html
Remind your friends that we will only acknowledge ASSC members who have applied before April 16. For ASSC membership applications, please refer to the ASSC website: http://assc.caltech.edu/

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6. ASSC STUDENT COMMITTEE: STUDENT HOUSING AT ASSC-12 TAIPEI
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Further information: http://www.assc-students.org

In addition to the usual conference housing (http://www.ym.edu.tw/assc12/accommadation.html), budget accommodation is available at the Hosteling International youth hostel, starting at NT $290/night: http://www.yhtaiwan.com/english/taipei/news.asp. A bed in an eight-bed room is only NT $490/night. This is significantly cheaper than you'll find in the conference hotels. The hostel is in a good neighbourhood and only ten minutes from the conference site by metro. If you are planning on staying at the youth hostel, please contact ASSC Student Committee chair Joel Parthemore (jep25@sussex.ac.uk), as he may be able to negotiate putting all the ASSC attendees in the same rooms.
Joel is also happy to serve as a clearinghouse for people looking for roommates for one of the conference hotels. Please indicate preference (if any) of hotels.

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7. THE ASSC WILLIAM JAMES PRIZE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STUDY OF CONSCIOUSNESS
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Further information: http://www.assc.caltech.edu/prize.htm

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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8. PSYCHE - NEW
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Further information: http://journalpsyche.org

We are soon going to be relaunching Psyche, the journal of the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness. The new web site will be http://journalpsyche.org. More information coming soon.
9. ASSC EPRINTS ARCHIVE
Corresponding author: Kristina Musholt (kmusholt@gmail.com)
Further information: http://eprints.assc.caltech.edu

Due to a problem with the statistics software, only the paper downloads for the last few days of March could be recorded. The numbers are therefore not representative and will not be reported in this month's newsletter. The software is now running smoothly again, so we will have an announcement of the "five most popular" papers in next month's newsletter. Feel free to check the numbers under:

We would like to encourage all members of the ASSC to contribute to the success of the Eprints archive by uploading their work. Please keep in mind that we can only accept PRE-PRINTS (i.e. pre-copy-edited versions, such as the penultimate draft) of published papers (unless they have been published in open-access journals).

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NON-ASSC EVENTS AND INFORMATION
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1. WORKSHOP ON CONSCIOUSNESS, BRAIN RHYTHMS, AND THE ACTION-PERCEPTION CYCLE, MAY 3-4 2008, UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS
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Further information: http://ccrg.cs.memphis.edu/workshop.html

A wave of scientific findings is now emerging on brain rhythms and their cognitive functions including consciousness, perception, episodic storage and retrieval, working memory, action planning and attention. This small, intensive workshop features seven leading researchers discussing their work in relation to this topic. Students, scientists and the public are encouraged to attend as there will be the opportunity for public discussion with the speakers.

Featured speakers:
Bernard B. Baars, The Neuroscience Institute
David Edelman, The Neuroscience Institute
Stan Franklin, Computer Science & IIS, U. Memphis
Wolfgang Klimesch, Physiological Psychology, Salzburg
Lucia Melloni, Brain Imaging Center, Frankfurt
Paul Nunez, Tulane U. & Brain Physics LLC
Satu Palva, Helsinki University Central Hospital
Lawrence M. Ward, Psychology, U. of British Columbia

Admission is free for the first 50 registrants. To register and learn more please visit http://ccrg.cs.memphis.edu/workshop.html. For other questions contact the workshop.
organizers Stan Franklin (franklin@memphis.edu) and Bernard Baars (bbaars@comcast.net).