

Spring Brain Conference: 25th Anniversary

March 19-22, 2014



The Spring Brain Conference (SBC) will have its 25th Anniversary this March in beautiful Sedona, Arizona. SBC is a broad-brush meeting in which neuroscientists from all disciplines come to meet and exchange ideas in a beautiful environment. The format is designed to allow for extensive discussion with people outside of your immediate field. It is the objective of this conference to bring together scientists with varied backgrounds, interests and approaches to the study of brain function to promote the development of new strategies necessary to better understand the complexities of neural systems. The confirmed speakers for the 2014 meeting offer a fascinating look at what's happening in the Neurosciences.

The meeting starts Wednesday evening with a cocktail reception, introductions of conference speakers and poster presenters and a surprise, very special, guest speaker and entertainment that will kick off a splendid three days of science, learning, conversation and fun, all in a beautiful location with golf, hiking, art galleries, and museums.

The keynote speakers this year are impressive. On Thursday night, **Baldomero Olivera**, the discoverer of PriAlt (Ziconotide), the conotoxin approved for cancer pain, will discuss his fabulous stories of the myriad of toxins from animals that build gorgeous sea shells. On Friday night, **Michael Merzenich** (UCSF) will provide the Keynote Address. Dr. Merzenich was honored by election into the National Academy of Sciences for his research on brain plasticity.

On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the morning sessions begin at 8am and include the following highlights: **Howard Eichenbaum**, will give a special talk on his fundamental work on *Learning and Memory*; *Stem Cells in the Clinic* with **Hans Keirstead**, who began the first stem cell clinical trial, as Session Leader; *Pain and the Brain* (**Frank Porreca**, Session Leader, has invited **Allan Basbaum** and **Rob Caudle** to present the latest in the pain field; *Somatosensory Issues* with **Mark A. Hoon**, Session Leader, NIH -- check out Dr. Hoon's recent publication in Science on itch and how it works); *Songbirds and Vocal Learning* with **Stephanie White**, UCLA, as Session Leader, and what these birds tell us about song and speech, synapses, and even disorders such as autism.

Interspersed in the sessions will be poster presenters with short presentations and Q&A. If you have a poster you'd like to share (maybe a poster presented at SFN), please send a message at the Spring Brain website (www.SpringBrain.org) or stop by the ATS Booth at the Society for Neuroscience meeting in San Diego (November 9-13; Booth 1120).

Come to the Spring Brain Conference 25th Anniversary Social in San Diego

DATE: Sunday, November 10 at the Hilton Gaslamp Hotel (directly across from the San Diego Convention Center)

TIME: 5pm - 7pm

WHAT: Live music, appetizers, beverages: come learn more about SBC and celebrate 25 years of learning!

Email denise@springbrain.org for your free drink ticket and invitation.

Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Russell !

ATS is pleased to announce the marriage of Brian Russell to Candilee DeBlase. The happy couple celebrated their nuptials on Saturday, October 5.

Brian is Asst. Research Scientist, Custom Services Guru and Product Manager and has been making great contributions to ATS since October 2000.

Brian and Candi, we wish you both all the best!

