

Announcements of the German Society of Biological Psychiatry

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The foundation of a German Society of Biological Psychiatry (GSBP) was initiated at the second world congress of Biological Psychiatry in Barcelona in 1978. On April 3rd, 1979 the founding assembly took place in Marburg, Germany, the members of which were H. Beckmann, H. Erhardt, E. W. Fünfgeld, W. Keup, T. O. Kleine, J. Kriegstein, K.-J. Netter, F. Reimer, E. H. Tremblau, and P. Zimmermann. The first regular meeting of the society was held in September 1979 in Weinsberg, Germany; at this time the society consisted of 27 ordinary members.

According to its statutes the major aims of the society are to support and promote colleagues engaged in the field of Biological Psychiatry, Psychology and Neurobiology, in their scientific, educational and clinical work and to further the spread of information on current topics of Biological Psychiatry. For this purpose the German Society of Biological Psychiatry organizes scientific congresses, meetings and workshops, advises and instructs scientific institutions and medical services and informs the general public on psychiatric disorders, their biological basis and treatment possibilities.

The German Society of Biological Psychiatry is a member of the World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry and maintains close links with its sister societies in Austria and Switzerland with which it also arranges scientific meetings at regular intervals. Its official organ is the European Archives of Psychiatry and Clinical Neurosciences, which, at regular intervals, informs members and non-members of the society about its ongoing activities. At present the German Society of Biological Psychiatry has 214 ordinary, 10 honorary, and 14 supporting members.

Membership is open to any colleague with an academic education in Psychiatry, Psychobiology or Natural Sciences and who agrees with and supports the aims of the society. Application for membership of the society has to be supported by two

members of the society and should be addressed to its secretary. The executive board of the society will make a decision on the application which has to be confirmed by the general assembly at one of the next meetings.

The present members of the executive board of the German Society of Biological Psychiatry are Prof. Dr. W. Gaebel (president), Prof. Dr. P. Riederer (vice-president), Prof. Dr. J.-C. Krieg (secretary), and PD Dr. N. Müller (treasurer).

Dr. Wolfgang Gaebel is Professor of Psychiatry and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at the Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf. He was treasurer of the GSBP 1990–1998 and president of the German Society of Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Nervous Diseases 1995–1996. His research focus is on schizophrenia (clinical, psychopharmacological, and neurobiological aspects), experimental psychopathology/psychophysiology, and quality assurance/treatment guidelines in psychiatry. He is initiator and coordinator of a German Research Network on Schizophrenia funded by the German Ministry of Research (BMBF). As chairman of the Organizing Committee he was involved in the preparations for the XI. World Congress of Psychiatry of the World Psychiatric Association (WPA) held in Hamburg, 6.–11. August 1999.

Dr. Peter Riederer is Professor of Neurochemistry and Head of Clinical Neurochemistry at the Department of Psychiatry at the Julius-Maximilians-University Würzburg. He was president of the GSBP 1994–1998 and holds the position of a vice president for the period 1998–2002. He is vice president of the Austrian Alzheimer Society. As chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 7th World Congress of Biological Psychiatry, to be held in Berlin, 1–6 July 2001, he is involved in the preparation for this important event in psychiatry. Peter Riederer's research focus is mainly on dementia of Alzheimer's type and major psychoses. He likes the inter-

face to neurological disorders. Special interests are neurochemical, neuropharmacological and molecular biological analysis of human post mortem brain tissue of various disorders in order to get insights into the pathological causes of these disorders.

Dr. Juergen-Christian Krieg is Professor of Psychiatry and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy of the Philipps-University Marburg. He is member of several German and international scientific societies and is secretary of the GSBP since 1996. His major research fields are the neurobiology of affective dis-

orders, pain perception and its alteration in psychiatric disorders, the physiology and pathophysiology of sleep regulation as well as preclinical and clinical studies focusing on neuroprotection and neuroimmunology.

Dr. Norbert Müller is lecturer of Psychiatry and Senior Psychiatrist at the Psychiatric Hospital of the Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich. He is member of several German and international scientific societies (e.g. Association of European Psychiatrists, British Association of Psychopharmacology, European College of Neuropsychopharmacology, Collegium Interna-

tionale Neuropsychopharmacologium, member of the Steering Committee of the German Brain Immune Network (GEBIN) and speaker of the working group Immunology in Psychiatry). His research focus is on psychopharmacology, immune effects of psychotropic drugs, immunological alterations in psychiatric disorders and movement disorders. As member of the Organizing Committee he is involved in the preparations for the 14 European College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ECNP) congress to be held in Munich, September 2000.

AAA – Alois Alzheimer-Award

Novartis Pharma Germany sponsors the Alois Alzheimer Award AAA for outstanding achievements in the research of Alzheimer's disease and/or other neurodegenerative disorders. The research of the future award-winner should have led to new insights into the etiology, pathogenesis, diagnosis or treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

The Alois Alzheimer Award is endowed with US\$ 20,000.–.

Applications or proposals for nomination should be directed to the Secretary of the Jury Board, **Prof. Dr. H.-J. Möller, Chairman of the University Hospital of Psychiatry, Nussbaumstrasse 7, 80336 Munich, Germany.** Please include a short curriculum vitae and reprints of up to 3 relevant papers.

The deadline for applications/nominations is **October 15, 1999.**

The Jury Board consists of:

Prof. K. Beyreuther, Heidelberg
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