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IF YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER THEN YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER AND WE WILL CONTACT YOU WHEN IT IS TIME TO RENEW. PLEASE URGE YOUR COLLEAGUES TO JOIN!!!!

You may also send a check for \$60 USA payable to the Serotonin Club directly to Sheryl Beck.

Japan in June 2006!!

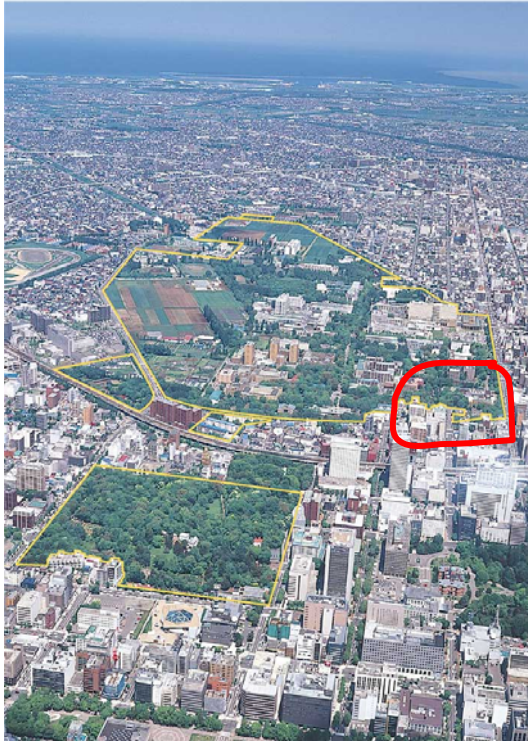
The next meeting of the Serotonin Club will be in Sapporo Japan. The meeting is being organized locally by Dr. Mitsuhiro Yoshioka who has already obtained the venue and nearby hotels.

**June 29-30, 2006
Hokkaido University
Conference Hall
Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan**

The conference center is on the edge of campus and has two auditoriums and six large conference rooms. The campus has an experimental farm and a flowering shrub garden nearby. Call for symposium proposals will be sent out in May with an August 1st deadline. We are working on obtaining funding to support students and speakers. Please help in any way you can. If you think you may be able to obtain funding from your organization please contact one of the councilors.

Hokkaido University

Sapporo Campus



Serotonin Club Dinner Society for Neuroscience 2004

Keeping with the traditions of the Serotonin Club dinner meetings being held on boats, the annual Society for Neuroscience meeting was held this year on the Berkeley Ferryboat on the bay in San Diego. The dinner was on Monday, October 25th. A bit different however, was the fact that this boat never left the dock! Nonetheless a good time was had by all who enjoyed an open bar and a delicious buffet dinner. During dinner we were entertained by hearing an account of the history of the ferryboat by the manager.

Future Meetings

Japanese Pharmacology Society, Yokohama, Japan, March 22-24

Experimental Biology, San Diego, April 2-6

Biological Psychiatry, Vienna, June

28-July 3

British Association for Psychopharmacology, Harrogate England, July 24-27.

European Behavioral Pharmacological Society, Barcelona, Sept 9-12

ECNP, Amsterdam, October 22-26

Society for Neuroscience, Wash. D.C., Nov. 12-16

ACNP, Kona Hawaii, December 11-15

IUPHAR, Beijing China July 2-7 2006

New Members

New Members who have been brave enough to pay with the new system: USA:

Christophe Lamy, Ron Emeson and Pascal Bonaventure.

Awards

Mark A. Geyer, Ph.D., professor of psychiatry and neurosciences at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) School of Medicine, and director of the Neuropsychopharmacology Unit of the Mental Illness Research, Clinical and Education Center at the VA San Diego Healthcare System, has been elected as a Fellow of the prestigious American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

Athina Markou, Ph.D. received the prestigious Daniel Efron Award from the ACNP, given to an individual on the basis of outstanding basic/translational research contributions to neuropsychopharmacology. Dr. Markou is in the Department of Neuropharmacology at Scripps Research Institute. She is only the second woman to receive this award in 31 years!!

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New Responsibilities

Whew!!!! It has been interesting trying to take over the responsibilities of secretary/treasurer from Richard Green who was secretary for the last 8 years!!! He did an exceptional job and we all thank him for all his hard work!! As I fumble through and get things set up I appreciate any advice, newsworthy items related to serotonin, and any volunteers who may want to help in the organization and funding of the upcoming meeting in Japan. We have set up the PayPal system to facilitate joining the club, so please urge your colleagues to do so!! Donna O'Brien is the Administrative Assistant who will be helping me so you may be hearing for her or me.

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