

## PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY NEWSLETTER

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### NEW DIRECTOR CHOSEN

Emory University has selected a member of Division 28 to be the new Director of the Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center in Atlanta. Frederick A. King, presently Professor and Chairman of the Department of Neuroscience and Co-Director of the Center for Neurobiological Sciences at the University of Florida, will assume leadership of the Yerkes Center on September 1, 1978. Dr. King received training in Psychology and Biological Sciences at Stanford and was awarded his doctorate in Physiological Psychology from Johns Hopkins in 1956. He has been active in the NIH Primate Research Centers Program for a number of years, having served as a member of the NIH Primate Research Centers Advisory Committee and, more recently, as a member of the Board of Scientific Advisors to the Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center. He has, in addition, served on advisory and review committees within NIMH, NSF, the National Academy of Science, the Society for Neuroscience, the International Neurophysiology Society and the American Psychological Association. Dr. King is also editor of the Handbook of Behavioral Neurobiology and serves on the editorial boards of several professional journals in neurobiology and behavioral biology. He is well known and respected for his work in neurophysiology and neurobiology, much of which was done in nonhuman primates, and has published extensively in these areas. Emory University is gaining an outstanding scientist and administrator in Fred King, and his leadership will benefit the Yerkes Center and the University of which it is part. We fellow members of Division 28 extend best wishes to Fred as he prepares to assume his new responsibilities in Atlanta.

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### NATIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE AWARDS

On March 3, Dr. James S. Jackson, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Association for the Advancement of Psychology, and Walter F. Batchelor, Legislative Assistant to Charles Kiesler, appeared before the House Subcommittee on Health and Environment concerning House Bill 1098, Biomedical Research and Research Training. Dr. Jackson testified for psychology and proposed several amendments to the National Research Service Awards (NRSA) program. He endorsed amendments that: (1) increase the limitations of eligibility for funding to five years of pre-doctoral training plus three years of post-doctoral; (2) change the payback provisions for recipients of NRSA funds to one year payback per one year of support whether payback is in research, clinical service, training or money; (3) designate at least half the NSRA funds for institutional awards whereby universities make awards to eligible students; (4) permit cost-of-living increases in NRSA stipends. Dr. Jackson also recommended: (1) authorization for short-term training programs and workshops; (2) provision for payback in non-academic areas including research institutes, health planning agencies and governmental agencies; (3) elimination of the complete separation between clinical training and research training in support programs; and (4) the authorization of special programs to recruit and retain minority researchers. Dr. Jackson, recipient of an award under the Public Health Service Act in 1970, is presently an Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Michigan. Members interested in a complete text of Dr. Jackson's remarks before the Subcommittee should contact him at the University of Michigan, Room 4134 ISR, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106.

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## DIVISION 28 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Upon President Schuster's appointment of Norman Krasnegor to serve as Division 28 Representative to APA Council, the office of Membership Chair was vacated. Donald Overton has recently agreed to assume the duties and responsibilities of Membership Chairperson of Division 28, and he is already working to increase the number of members and fellows in the Division. Members are encouraged to contact their APA and non-APA colleagues, remind them of the interests and activities of Division 28 and persuade them to join our Division. Members are also invited to submit to Don the names of individuals regarded as appropriate for nomination for Fellow status in the Division. Minimum qualifications include five years of professional activity beyond the doctoral degree and evidence of outstanding contribution in the field of psychology. The Membership Chair's address is:

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## TASK FORCE ON BEHAVIORAL CLASSIFICATION

Completing Phase I of its charge to develop a behaviorally oriented classification system for psychology, the Task Force on Descriptive Behavioral Classification has made its first report to the Board of Directors. The Task Force, chaired by Wilbur Morley, has been funded in 1978 to develop a grant proposal for outside funding to conduct a large scale study which will produce an empirically sound, valid, and reliable classification system. The Task Force plans to sponsor a broad-based conference later this year to solicit comments and assistance from all interested psychology groups in carrying out this charge. Further information concerning the work of the Task Force may be obtained by contacting Joan Zaro, Administrative Officer for Professional Affairs.

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## NIMH FIVE-YEAR PLAN

The NIMH (National Institute of Mental Health) Forward Plan for the fiscal years 1979-1983 is a long range strategy in the areas of training and research and examines issues and programs that NIMH will be funding over the five year period. The first stated goal of the Plan is to double its current research support (FY 1977 = \$109 million) by FY 1983 (\$234 million). The second goal is to double support of research on the major mental illnesses and basic biological and developmental processes during the planning period. Examples of these areas of support would be depression, schizophrenia, and clinical research centers. The third goal involves increased research on understudied, underserved populations, and special mental health problems (e.g., aging, minorities, crime, work and mental health). The Plan notes that the process of research depends on continued development of appropriately trained research investigators. The NIMH goal is for the maintenance of a broadly based, stable research training effort within which emphasis will be placed on areas and groups with special needs. Planning for research training programs assumes renewal, with little change, of the National Research Service Awards Act, and ability to support training at pre- and postdoctoral levels. As the Plan describes, the goal of the Community Mental Health Clinic (CMHC) program is to make quality mental health services accessible to all in need, regardless of ability to pay. CMHC's must respond to local needs, plan, and evaluate service delivery in order to promote cost effectiveness and coordination of all public mental health services in the community. National standards for CMHC's would be authorized and have the potential for becoming the major vehicle for accountability. Finally, the Plan notes that a major national need is a mental health services manpower data system.

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PREDOCTORAL TRAINING IN BEHAVIORAL  
PHARMACOLOGY

This issue of the Psychopharmacology Newsletter is devoted to information concerning training programs in behavioral pharmacology. The purpose is to keep the membership of the Division and affiliates informed of educational opportunities in behavioral pharmacology/psychopharmacology and, thereby, facilitate the process of selecting academic departments and laboratories appropriate to students' interests and geographical preferences.

Training programs can be identified within three academic areas: psychology, pharmacology and psychiatry. In some cases, all training and administration of a program falls within one department. In others, most of the training is in one department while the program is administered through another. No attempt will be made here to characterize the programs in terms of the departments administering them. All departments and laboratories appearing in the list merely verified the availability of predoctoral training in behavioral pharmacology. Interested persons can obtain more specific and detailed information from the individuals whose names appear in the list.

It is impossible to be all-inclusive in compiling information of this type. Consequently, the present list is admittedly incomplete. The primary goal was to identify those institutions where training in behavioral pharmacology/psychopharmacology is regarded as a program of major emphasis and where training can result in the receipt of a doctoral degree. A few institutions or laboratories were not included, for example, because they did not have an academic program leading to the doctorate even though they did offer extensive laboratory opportunities in behavioral pharmacology.

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APA DUES INCREASE

Among the many issues discussed at the January meeting of the Council of Representatives was the increase in member dues for 1979. Charles Kiesler, APA Executive Officer, announced that a more precise figure will be available at the convention meeting of the Council, but an increase of \$15-\$25 is under consideration. This will be the first dues increase in three years and no others would be anticipated before 1982. According to Kiesler, inflation is having an adverse effect on the APA budget. Some APA members have opined that the membership should protest this move to increase dues and demand instead that dues be based on annual income.

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