

Dear students and post-doctoral fellows: Below is information about the Student Luncheon, the Post-Doc Dinner, the Grantsmanship Workshop, the Mentoring Workshop and the Mentoring Program - all to be held during the RSA/ISBRA Joint Scientific Conference. For questions contact RSA at debbyrsa@sbcglobal.net or 512-454-0022.

All of these activities are organized by the RSA Education Committee: Jennifer Thomas (Chair), Susan Barron (Lecture Series), Kirk Brower (Gordis Awards), Cristine Czachowski (Post-Doc Dinner), Cynthia Dlugos, Katherine Gililand, Kristin Hamre, Deborah Hasin, Stephen Kiefer, Andrea King, Darin Knapp (Mentoring Workshop), Brian McCool, Sandra Mooney, Kim Nixon (Lecture Series), Ismene Petrakis (Mentoring Program), Lisa Popp, Donita Robinson (Mentoring Program), Robert Swift (Grantsmanship Workshop), Tamara Wall (Student Lunch), and Allen Zweben (Grantsmanship Workshop).

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☞ **2008 RSA EDUCATION COMMITTEE LUNCHEON FOR STUDENTS**

The 11th annual lunch for student registrants will be held during the 2008 RSA/ISBRA Joint Scientific Conference on Sunday, June 29 at 12:30pm.

The RSA Education Committee is organizing this lunch to provide an opportunity for Masters, Predoctoral, and Medical students to network with their peers and with senior investigators working in the various disciplines of alcohol research. Lunch will be provided for each participant and a short program has been arranged. We would like to extend this invitation to all students to attend the lunch and to participate in the social and scientific interactions that will be our main focus.

More information, including a RSVP form, will be available online in early March, 2008 - at the same time registration/lodging materials are posted.

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☞ **2008 WELCOMING DINNER FOR POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS**

An informal welcoming dinner for post-doctoral fellows will be held during the 2008 RSA/ISBRA Joint Scientific Conference on Sunday, June 29, 7:30-9:30pm. The RSA Education Committee is organizing this dinner to provide an opportunity for post-doctoral fellows to meet and socialize with other post-doctoral fellows working in the various disciplines of alcohol research. The committee would like to extend this invitation to all post-doc's attending the meeting. We believe this is an excellent opportunity for post-doc's to establish contacts and get to know other post-doc's. The cost of the dinner will be covered, but an RSVP must be received so we can plan accordingly.

More information, including a RSVP form, will be available online in early March, 2008 - at the same time registration/lodging materials are posted.

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## ☞ 2008 GRANTSMANSHIP WORKSHOP

The RSA Education Committee plans, organizes and runs a grantsmanship workshop which is scheduled for Monday, June 30 at 11:45am during the 2008 RSA/ISBRA Joint Scientific Conference. The purpose of the workshop is to provide career-related information to both young and senior investigators and to promote interactions between RSA and NIAAA.

More information, including an RSVP form, will be available online in early March, 2008 - at the same time registration/lodging materials are posted. RSVPs are not required unless you want to receive a box lunch.

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☞ 2008 MENTORING WORKSHOP

The RSA Education Committee plans, organizes and runs a mentoring workshop which is scheduled for Tuesday, July 1 at 12:30pm during the 2008 RSA/ISBRA Joint Scientific Conference. This workshop is intended to highlight important yet sometimes under-appreciated features of a healthy mentoring partnership, what the benefits are, what the mentor's and mentee's responsibilities should be, how to start, maintain and end such a partnership, and more. The considerations can be bewildering so forethought and advanced planning are crucial to effectively managing the personal, professional, and practical matters that make up this partnership. This workshop should prompt you to evaluate where you are and where you can go from there.

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## ☞ 2008 MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The RSA Education Committee is heading a mentoring program for individuals who are attending their first RSA and/or ISBRA Meeting. Interested individuals should indicate that this is their first RSA and/or ISBRA Meeting on their abstract form. They will then be contacted to confirm that they wish to participate. If they do, they will be assigned a mentor who will meet with them prior to the Opening Reception and continue to guide them throughout the meeting. This program will help students and other individuals new to the field get oriented and feel welcomed into the Societies.