

RSVPS FOR THE JOINT RSA/ISBRA MEETING

If you plan to attend any of the following, an RSVP is required - all with a JUNE 5 deadline.

- 1) Student Lunch
- 2) Post-Doc Dinner
- 3) Grantsmanship workshop - box lunch available to those who RSVP
- 4) Mentoring workshop - box lunch available to those who RSVP
- 5) Legislative Advocacy workshop - box lunch available to those who RSVP

Information on each and how to RSVP are below.

RSA Education Committee:

Jennifer Thomas - Chair

Susan Barron - Lecture Series

Kirk Brower - Gordis Awards

Cristine Czachowski - Post-Doc Dinner

Cynthia Dlugos

Katherine Gililland

Kristin Hamre

Deborah Hasin

Stephen Kiefer

Andrea King

Darin Knapp - Mentoring Workshop

Brian McCool - Grantsmanship Workshop

Sandra Mooney

Kim Nixon - Lecture Series

Ismene Petrakis - Mentoring Program

Lisa Popp

Donita Robinson - Mentoring Program

Robert Swift - Grantsmanship Workshop

Tamara Wall - Student Lunch

Allen Zweben - Grantsmanship Workshop

2008 STUDENT LUNCH

Organized by the RSA Education Committee

CHAIR: Tamara Wall

RSA is sponsoring the 11th annual lunch for student registrants during the 2008 RSA/ISBRA Joint Scientific Meeting. The lunch will be held on Sunday, June 29, 12-30pm - 2:00pm.

The RSA Education Committee is organizing this lunch to provide an opportunity for Masters and Predoctoral students to network with senior investigators and members of NIAAA working in the various disciplines of alcohol research. Lunch will be provided for each participant and a short program has 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.

RSVP using the form below or by e-mailing the requested information.

Sincerely,

The RSA Education Committee

2008 RSA Student Lunch

~ R. S. V. P. ~

NAME: _____

AFFILIATION: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

_____ YES, I will attend the Student Lunch on Sunday, June 29

Student status: _____Masters _____PhD _____Medical student

Are you an RSA or ISBRA member? _____Yes _____ No _____Pending

What is your primary area of research? _____Biomedical _____Psychosocial

If you have a preference, please list the name(s) of senior investigators you would like to be seated with (no guarantees): _____

A Student Lunch Ticket will be included in your conference packet and will be required for attendance.

You can pick up your packet at the RSA/ISBRA Desk beginning on June 28.

Please R.S.V.P. as soon as possible, or by June 5 at the latest

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2008 NIAAA-SUPPORTED RESEARCH:

A GRANTSMANSHIP WORKSHOP

Organized by the RSA Education Committee

CHAIRS: Brian McCool, Robert Swift and Allen Zweben

RSA is sponsoring the 11th annual NIAAA-Supported Research: Grantsmanship Workshop. The long-term success of research on alcoholism depends on continued growth of the knowledge base, an influx of new ideas and approaches, and a strong commitment of researchers to the alcohol field. NIAAA grant-supported research is instrumental to this process. Two important aspects of successful grantsmanship are identifying available resources and having a clear understanding of the process, two areas where young investigators and researchers new to the alcohol field often need assistance. Moreover, experienced investigators often feel the need for updates on the continuously changing scientific and financial environment that directs the granting process. To address these issues, the RSA Education Committee will present a workshop devoted to dissemination of information and guidance concerning NIAAA sponsored research grants, to be staffed by senior researchers and NIAAA program staff. The intended target group for this workshop includes junior investigators, postdoctoral and predoctoral fellows and other trainees, as well as experienced investigators. The specific objectives are: (a) to assist participants in their efforts to secure grant funding by providing relevant information about planning and writing a grant application; (b) to provide a broad perspective of NIAAA-sponsored grant mechanisms and to direct participants to additional information on these mechanisms; and (c) to encourage the commitment of young and experienced scientists to alcohol and health related research.

The workshop will be divided into two parts. The first part begins with welcome and introductory comments by Dr. T.K. Li, the Director of NIAAA. This will be followed by a didactic session on grantsmanship and grants writing, presented by a senior RSA investigator and grants expert. The second part of the workshop will consist of small group discussions. The discussion groups will be opportunities for problem-solving and will address questions and concerns put forth by the attendees concerning grant mechanisms and the review process. The goal is to be informative and highly interactive. A senior research investigator will lead each discussion group. NIAAA senior staff members will contribute to the discussion and will be available to answer specific questions. Supplemental information will be provided as handouts.

2008 GRANTSMANSHIP WORKSHOP

~ R. S. V. P. ~

NAME: _____

AFFILIATION: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

_____ YES, I will attend the Grantsmanship Workshop on Monday, June 30 at 11:45am

Anyone can attend, but Box Lunches will be provided only to those who RSVP.

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

Organized by the RSA Education Committee
CHAIR: Cristine Czachowski

RSA is sponsoring an informal welcoming dinner for post-doctoral fellows during the 2008 RSA/ISBRA Joint Scientific Meeting. The dinner will be held 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 RSA 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 by RSA - alcoholic beverages will be cash bar only.

RSVP using the form below or e-mail the requested information to debbyrsa@sbcglobal.net. A ticket will be included in your conference packet and will be required for attendance. You can pick up your packet at the RSA/ISBRA Desk beginning on June 28. Location and Directions will be given to you with the ticket.

Sincerely,
The RSA Education Committee

2008 Post-Doc Dinner
~ R. S. V. P. ~

NAME: _____
AFFILIATION: _____
PHONE: _____ FAX: _____
E-MAIL: _____

_____ YES, I will attend the Post-Doc Dinner on Sunday, June 29

Are you an RSA or ISBRA member? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Pending

What is your primary area of research? _____ Biomedical _____ Psychosocial

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2008 MENTORING WORKSHOP

Organized by the RSA Education Committee

CHAIR: Darin Knapp

RSA is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Mentoring Workshop on Tuesday, July 1 at 12:30pm. What should you seek in a quality mentoring relationship? Where do you get advice and guidance on grant and manuscript writing? Where and when can you get guidance on developing oral communications skills? How do you get and stay organized, manage conflicts, authorship issues, and your time? What if my mentor/mentoree partnership isn't working? And what all is involved in "professional development" anyway? These are some of the myriad questions that may come up as a mentoring relationship unfolds.

First, a healthy sense of a quality mentoring experience begins with understanding who the beneficiaries are: the mentor, the mentee, the Department as well as the Institution. A quality experience benefits all. While the types of mentoring are very diverse and fluid, they each accomplish defined goals, whether they are for skills/technical training, or whether they are long term or short term, informal or formal, job search-oriented, confidant oriented, and so on. Each has their place and come in and out of the mentee's experience as necessary. 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.

2008 MENTORING WORKSHOP

~ R. S. V. P. ~

NAME: _____

AFFILIATION: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

_____ YES, I will attend the Mentoring Workshop on Tuesday, July 1 at 12:30pm

Anyone can attend, but Box Lunches will be provided only to those who RSVP.

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ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY WORKSHOP

Organized by the RSA Government Affairs and Advocacy Committee (GAAC)

CHAIRS: Sara Jo Nixon and Steven Treistman

Advocacy is like healthy eating and exercise. To be most effective, it has to be a regular part of our professional lives, it can't be done by someone else for you and often the benefits are not immediate. This workshop will showcase recent positive outcomes of our advocacy efforts, identify objectives for the next year and provide direction for action.

Members of GAAC: Sara Jo Nixon - Co-Chair, Steven Treistman - Co-Chair, Raul Caetano, Michael Charness, R. Adron Harris, Victor Hesselbrock, Peter Monti, Stephanie O'Malley, Robert Stout, Robert Taylor

2008 ADVOCACY WORKSHOP

~ R. S. V. P. ~

NAME: _____

AFFILIATION: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

_____ YES, I will attend the Advocacy Workshop on Tuesday, July 1 at 12:30pm

Anyone can attend, but Box Lunches will be provided only to those who RSVP.

Please R.S.V.P. as soon as possible, or by June 5 at the latest

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