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## 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of the ISCP - Call for Programs

The ISCP will hold its 11<sup>th</sup> meeting jointly with the Division of Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology of the American Psychological Association, 23-27 August 2002 in Chicago, Illinois. While we will hold our own independent program sessions, some will be jointly sponsored by Division 6 of APA. This is an excellent opportunity for us to make new friends for the Society and we hope this arrangement will attract many continuing and new members. Details regarding hotels and other arrangements will be forthcoming in the next issue of the Newsletter and our website ([rana.uqam.ca/iscp](http://rana.uqam.ca/iscp)) as well as that of Division 6 ([www.apa.org/divisions/div6](http://www.apa.org/divisions/div6)). At this time we are soliciting program ideas. Please send your suggestions for symposia, thematic paper sessions and invited speakers to any member of the program committee:

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### EXPLORING BEHAVIOR WEEK, OCTOBER 15-19, 2001

In association with the Decade of Behavior initiative, APA is launching a national effort to bring the excitement of psychological science to students in Grades 8-10. You and your colleagues -- faculty, graduate students, advanced undergraduates -- can be a part of Exploring Behavior Week by making one, 45-minute classroom visit. We're making it easy with a 'tips' booklet and modifiable presentation template.

Preview the presentation and learn more at <http://www.apa.org/science/ebw.html>. Your science needs you to advocate for it with the public and to help nurture **Psycho biology** November 7-10, 2001 The Radisson Hotel Harbor View, San Diego, CA

tomorrow's psychological scientists. This is a great opportunity to tout the study of species other than humans, to an audience at an intellectually and academically formative age. Pledge NOW to get involved in the fall. The more, the merrier. Make it a department tradition!

Nancy K. Dess, Ph.D., Senior Scientist, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street NE, Washington DC 20002-4242

### 34th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Developmental

Three invited symposia: (Hormones & Parental Behavior, Genes/Environment in Behavioral Development,

Psychobiology of Affect Regulation), one lunch workshop: (Animal Brain Imaging Techniques), Michael Hennessy's Presidential Address, David Crews' "Wiley" Speaker Lecture (The Development of Phenotypic Plasticity). Abstract deadline - August 24 Some student travel money available, Contact: George F. Michel gmichel@condor.depaul.edu (Conference Coordinator) April Ronca aronca@mail.arc.nasa.gov (Program Director) ISDP website: [www.uiowa.edu/~isdip/](http://www.uiowa.edu/~isdip/)

**The Second International Working Dog Breeding Conference** will be held September 10-12, 2001 in San Antonio, Texas. The focus of this meeting is three-fold: basic and applied research pertaining to the selective breeding, whelping, rearing, and assessment of working dogs; management of working dog breeding programs; and issues in veterinary care of working dog broodstock and their progeny. Abstracts of no more than 100 words will be considered for 50 minute keynote presentations, 15 minute short presentations, and poster presentations. The deadline for submitting abstracts is May 31, 2001. For more information, please contact Walter F Burghardt, Jr, Tel.: (210)671-3991 FAX: (210)671-2308 [Walter.Burghardt@Lackland.af.mil](mailto:Walter.Burghardt@Lackland.af.mil)

**The Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour (ASAB)** will be holding its Summer meeting at the University of Glasgow, UK 19-21 Information about the conference (registration form, hotel accommodation, invited speakers, etc.) can be found on the following internet address:

September 2001

The conference is entitled Interfacing Behaviour with other disciplines. The aim is to consider the reciprocal benefits gained by the interaction between behavioural research and other disciplines. We are keen to encourage researchers in a diverse range of disciplines to attend. contact Felicity Huntingford (F.Huntingford @bio.gla.ac.uk) or Victoria

[Braithwaite\(v.braithwaite@ed.ac.uk\).](mailto:Braithwaite(v.braithwaite@ed.ac.uk).) Felicity Huntingford, Division of Environmental and Evolutionary Biology, Graham Kerr Building, Glasgow University, Glasgow G12 8QQ; tel +44 -(0) 141 3305968; fax +44 -(0) 141 330 5971.

**The Spanish Society of Comparative Psychology (SEPC) will hold its XIII Conference in San Sebastian**

September 17, 18 and 19, 2001.

Anyone interested in research concerning associative learning and conditioning, in both animals and humans, comparative cognition and related research in behavioral neuroscience, are welcome to assist and to participate in this conference. The deadline for submission of abstracts is MAY 30. Abstracts should include no more than 300 words, indicating complete name and affiliation of authors, and should be written in English and Spanish. Type of presentation, oral or poster, should be also indicated. Abstracts should be sent by e-mail as attached files, preferably in "rtf" format, to [sepc@ss.ehu.es](mailto:sepc@ss.ehu.es)

<http://www.sc.ehu.es/sepc>

**Nature's Music: The Science of Bird Song, a symposium dedicated to the**

**memory of Luis Baptista** will be held Saturday, 3 November 2001, at the Morrison Auditorium, California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, California.

This symposium on bird song presents reflection and research by Dr. Baptista's colleagues Peter Marler, Donald Kroodsmas, Roderick Suthers, Sarah Collins, Erich Jarvis, Henrike Hultsch, Irene Pepperberg, Meredith West, and Robert Bowman.

A volume based on the Symposium, containing chapters by experts in the field, and an accompanying CD of bird sound is anticipated for distribution in 2002. Dr. Baptista served as Chair of the Department of Ornithology and Mammalogy for twenty years and is recognized for his original research in avian communication, behavior, systematics, ecology and conservation.

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### **Fellowship in the Laboratory of Neuropsychology, NIMH, Bethesda MD**

We have a position open for a person to conduct studies of learning and memory in monkeys. The work involves training and testing monkeys in a variety of settings, including open-field tests of memory. The successful candidate will have a BA in psychology, neuroscience, animal behavior or a related field, and a strong interest in animal cognition and behavior. Training in working with monkeys will be provided, but previous experience working with animals is

required. The fellowship offers an excellent opportunity to study cognition in monkeys in state of the art facilities, interaction with a diverse community of scientists, and a competitive stipend with medical benefits. Applicants should be planning to attend graduate school or medical school, but should be able to make a one-year commitment to the position starting no later than July 1, 2001. Candidates should contact Dr. Robert Hampton ([robert@ln.nimh.nih.gov](mailto:robert@ln.nimh.nih.gov) or (301) 496-5625 x278). The National Institutes of Health is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**Applications are invited for a Post-doctoral research fellow** to work on a project funded by BBSRC entitled "Temporal content and transfer effects in classical conditioning." The proposed experiments will explore the contribution of timing processes to learning that occurs in classical conditioning paradigms in rats. You will help plan and execute experiments, analyze data, and assist in computational modeling.

Candidates should hold or be near completion of a higher degree in psychology, neuroscience, or related fields. Some research experience in experimental psychology or related areas would be preferred. Computer skills, such as familiarity with spreadsheet applications, statistical software, and/or MatLab (or similar mathematical software) will also be an advantage, but not a requirement.

The appointment is available immediately, or as soon as possible thereafter, for a period of 36 months. Starting salary will be within the range of £16,755 – £18,731 per annum (approximately \$25,000 - \$28,000). Informal enquiries may be addressed to Dr. Kimberly Kirkpatrick ([k.kirkpatrick@psych.york.ac.uk](mailto:k.kirkpatrick@psych.york.ac.uk)). For further particulars and details of how to apply please write to the Personnel Office, University of York, York YO10 5DD United Kingdom (e-mail: [jobs@york.ac.uk](mailto:jobs@york.ac.uk)). The closing date for applications is 31 May 2001.

## **Werner K. Honig**

Werner K. Honig died peacefully at home in Halifax on April 17. He was 68. Vern was born in Germany, and in 1939 emigrated with his parents to the United States, where he received degrees from Swarthmore College and Duke University. After teaching at Denison University for six years, he moved to Dalhousie University in 1963. After a distinguished career as a researcher and scholar, in 1994 he retired, and became Professor Emeritus.

A leading researcher in animal learning, memory, and cognition, Vern was best known for his definitive work on stimulus control, animal memory, and, most recently, animals' learning about numerosity. Examples include a 1963 paper showing how to produce comparable stimulus generalization gradients of excitatory and inhibitory stimulus control, a 1978 chapter characterizing distinctions between reference and working memory, and a 1993 paper showing that relative numerosity, like many "simpler" dimensions of stimulation, gives rise to a peak shift in the post-discrimination gradient. Vern's research was funded by NSERC from 1964 until very recently, and by NIMH both at the beginning and end of his research career.

Vern was a gifted writer and editor who distinguished himself as the editor of several important books, including *Operant Behavior: Areas of research and Application* (1966), which was the handbook for researchers in that field for more than a decade, *Fundamental Issues in Associative Learning* (1969), edited with Nick Mackintosh; *Animal Memory* (1971), edited with Henry James; and *Cognitive Aspects of Stimulus Control* (1992), edited with Greg Fetterman.

Over the years Vern contributed extensively to the intellectual life of the Dalhousie department. He engaged in productive research collaborations on diverse problems with such Dalhousie colleagues as Nick Mackintosh, Bob Rudolph, Lynn Nadel, Marcia Spetch and Carol Barnes. He supervised the research of a number of graduate students, including Ron Siegel, Barry Frost, Peter Urcuioli and Jeffrey Willner, and post-doctoral

fellows, including Nancy Innis, Ray Blanchard, Peter Dodd, Charles Edwards, and Brent Alsop.

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## Membership Information:

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the study of animal behavior. Accordingly, our members include psychologists, biologists, anthropologists, primatologists, and scientists from other disciplines. We especially encourage graduate students and new members of the science community to seek membership. All members receive the journal, newsletter, and all official correspondence.

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