

The 27th Annual Meeting of the Canadian College of Neuropsychopharmacology (CCNP)

Kingston, Ontario, Canada, May 29–June 1, 2004

The 2004 Annual Meeting of the CCNP will take place at the Queen's University Biosciences Complex in Kingston, Ont., from May 29 to June 1. A new element will be included this year: an Educational Day for physicians, psychiatrists and other health professionals on May 29. It will feature lectures and workshops and will qualify for continuing medical education (CME) credits from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the College of Family Physicians of Canada. Topics will include drug interactions, drug effects on metabolism, alternate therapies, and the diagnosis and management of psychiatric illness in adolescents, of mood disorders, of insomnia and of psychosis. A reception will take place at the end of the day, and the regular meeting will start the next morning, Sunday, May 30.

The meeting will include plenary lectures, award lectures, symposia and poster sessions. Our plenary speakers will be:

- Dr. Herbert Meltzer, Professor of Psychiatry (Psychopharmacology) at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., and President of the Collegium Internationale Neuro-Psychopharmacologicum (CINP)
- Dr. David Nutt, Professor of Psychopharmacology at the University of Bristol, UK

- Dr. Tony Phillips, Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology at the University of British Columbia
The symposia topics will include:

- Recent advances in somatic treatments of depression (electroconvulsive therapy, light, repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation, etc.)
- Drug relapse
- Drug effects on neurodevelopment
- Female-specific psychopharmacology
- Novel cholinergic therapeutics
- Emerging mechanisms of antidepressant action
- The role of the brain reward system in mental illness
- CCNP the next generation (presentations by research trainees)

There will be an optional dinner at Fort Henry on the evening of May 30, and the banquet will take place on Monday, May 31. Accommodation has been reserved at local hotels and in the university residences, which are all within walking distance of the Biosciences Building.

A Web site is being constructed, and it will eventually be possible to register for the conference either online at <http://psyc.queensu.ca/~ccnp/> or by mail.

2003 Award Winners

Heinz Lehmann Award

Dr. Thérèse Di Paolo (Centre de Recherches en Endocrinologie Moléculaire, Laval University, Ste-Foy, Que.) is the recipient of the 2003 CCNP Heinz Lehmann Award. This award is designed to recognize outstanding research achievements by Canadian scientists in the field of neuropsychopharmacology. The award, donated by Eli Lilly Canada Inc., consists of a \$5000 research prize, a \$2000 travel award for the recipient to attend the CCNP Annual Meeting and an engraved plaque. Congratulations to Dr. Di Paolo!

Presentation: Hormonal modulation and protection of brain neurotransmission: potential therapeutic application for schizophrenia and Parkinson's disease

CCNP Medal

Dr. Simon N. Young (Department of Psychiatry, McGill University, Montréal, Que.) is the recipient of the 2003 CCNP Medal. The award, donated by the CCNP, consists of a bronze engraved medal and is designed to honour individuals for a meritorious career in, and outstanding contribution to, neuropsychopharmacology in Canada. Congratulations to Dr. Young!

Young Investigator Award

Dr. Gustavo Turecki (Department of Psychiatry, McGill University, and the Douglas Hospital Research Centre, Montréal, Que.) is the recipient of the 2003 CCNP Young Investigator Award. The award, donated by Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceutical Ltd., consists of a \$2500 bursary plus a \$2000 research grant and an engraved plaque. Congratulations to Dr. Turecki!

Presentation: Clinical and genetic studies of suicide and related behaviours

Jock Cleghorn Prize

Mr. Ying-Shan Han (Department of Psychiatry, McGill University, and the Douglas Hospital Research Centre, Montréal, Que.) is the recipient of the 2003 CCNP Jock Cleghorn Prize. This award is designed to recognize the best poster presentation by a research trainee at the Annual Meeting of the CCNP. The award, donated by the CCNP, consists of \$500. Congratulations to Mr. Han!

Presentation: Neuroprotective effects of resveratrol on β -amyloid-induced neurotoxicity in rat cultured hippocampal neurons: involvement of protein kinase C pathways