

IUPHAR / NIDA Young Investigator Awards

The United States National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) will, once again, be sponsoring an all-day satellite mini-convention at this years Society for Neuroscience (SfN) meeting on Friday, October 16th, 2009 in Chicago, Illinois, USA. The "Frontiers in Addiction Research" mini-convention will have four symposia (see attached Word document) and a poster session for early career investigators (graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and junior faculty) that will take place during a two-hour extended lunch break.

IUPHAR has again been asked to co-sponsor three international (non-U.S.) early career investigators who will receive travel awards of USD\$1,000 each. It is generally expected that poster presenters will be individuals who are already planning on attending the SfN meeting, and it is therefore acceptable for them to present the same poster at both meetings. The travel award is to help with their expenses and defray the extra cost of coming a day earlier.

Please send nominations, including a copy of the abstract to be presented and a CV of the young investigator, by e-mail attachment to Ms. Lynn LeCount (iuphar@kumc.edu) no later than Friday, May 15th, 2009.

The winners will be announced in the June issue of the "Pharmacology International" newsletter.

MINI-CONVENTION INFORMATION

FRIDAY October 16, 2009

8:00 AM – 6:25 PM

NIDA Mini-Convention: Frontiers in Addiction Research

Satellite meeting of the Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, Washington, DC

At the NIDA mini-convention satellite meeting, outstanding scientists will present recent findings and discuss future directions in the neurobiology of drug abuse and addiction. The mini-convention will include four symposia, a presentation by the Jacob Waletzky Memorial Prize winner, and the poster session for early career investigators. The symposia this year will be:

Non-Cannabinoid Receptor-Mediated Actions of Endocannabinoids
Delayed Neurobiological Plasticity in Drug Abuse and Chronic Pain
Epigenetics Modulation of Brain Function
Role of Neurotrophic Factors in Drug Addiction