



Marla Feller



Peter Brophy

SABBATICALS

Two outstanding International scientists are in ENP laboratories: Peter Brophy (January-August 2011 - CRICM - Catherine Lubetzki's team) and Marla Feller (August - December 2011 - Institut Pasteur - David Di Gregorio's team).

Be sure to meet them at their conferences and/or to invite them in your institutes.

PhD PROGRAM

More than 200 students applied to the PhD Program "Spring Call" this year. Based on the written applications, the ENP selection committee invited 17 students for a two day interview in Paris on May 30 & 31. The candidates presented their curriculum, previous work, and motivation in 10-minute talks followed by 10 minute discussions with ENP committee. The panel comprised 14 experts from different neuroscience disciplines and was headed by Matthias Groszer and Laure Bally-Cuif.

On the basis of the talks and the ensuing discussions, eight candidates were selected. Takafumi Arakaki (Japan/France), Urs Lucas Boehm (Germany), Heike Blockus (Germany), Shauna Katz (USA), Maria Kramarek (Germany), Alma Nazlie Mohebiany (Canada), Hernan Anllo (Argentina) and Flora Bouchacourt (France).

During the two interview days, several site visits were organized by

- ENP researchers: Thérèse Jay (Centre de psychiatrie & Neuroscience), Stéphanie Daumas (Institut de biologie du quai St Bernard), Franck Ramus and Jérôme Sackur (ENS), Jacques Droulez and Sydney Wiener (Collège de France), Manuel Mameli (IFM), François Rouyer (INAF, Gif Sur Yvette), Sébastien Bouret and Pierre Pouget (ICM)
- ENP students: Emma Cahill, Diana Sakae, Keerthana Iyer, and Athena Ypsilanti.

*MANY THANKS TO ALL FOR PARTICIPATING TO THE SELECTION COMMITTEE
AND TO THE SITE VISITS.*

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This year the annual retreat of the ENP will take place in Paris, at the «Collège des Bernardins».

The program includes poster sessions from all ENP students & postdocs, workshops (optogenetic tools , language development) and plenary lectures.

On this occasion ENP teams, students in particular, will have the opportunity to interact with the Scientific Advisory Board members : Barry J. Everitt, Andreas Luthi, Raymond J. Dolan, Seth Grant, Erwin Neher, Marie T. Filbin, Gilles Laurent, Corinne Houart, Rémi Quirion, Maria-Grazia Spillantini.

On thursday September 8th, at 8 p.m. there will be a social “get-together” on the Seine river, at the barge «Six-huit» near Notre Dame de Paris !



September 8th : Social Event, Péniche «Six-Huit»
Quai Montebello near Notre-Dame de Paris



FUNDRAISING

The Paris School of Neuroscience is actively preparing its fundraising campaign. For all questions or ideas please email us:

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PORTRAIT OF THE MONTH



Aijaz Sultan PARRAY was selected by the ENP in September 2007. Originally from India, Aijaz obtained a Master Degree in Biochemistry at the University of Kashmir, in 2007.

Aijaz performed several rotations in ENP affiliated laboratories before embarking for the 3 year PhD in September 2008 with Dr Alain Chedotal and Dr Kim Nguyen-Ba-Charvet at the «Institut de la Vision»

All the ENP Staff wishes him good luck for his thesis defense that will be in Fall 2011. His thesis title is «*Role of Semaphorin6A and its receptors PlexinA2 and PlexinA4 in the development of the lamina-specific neuronal connectivity in the vertebrate retina*». He is already a co-author of a paper in Nature: «*Transmembrane semaphorin signalling controls laminar stratification in the mammalian retina*», Matsuoka RL, Nguyen-Ba-Charvet KT, Parray A, Badea TC, Chédotal A, Kolodkin AL. (2011 - 470:259-63)

We wish him good luck in his future career !

Next newsletter: portrait of Pierre-Jean ARDUIN

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