



Neuroscience Day 2014 Puts Scientific Creativity Under The Spotlight

Brain Research Foundation convenes top area neuroscientists and students for seminars and competitive poster session

CHICAGO, IL – (January 13, 2014) – It is a staggering proposition to think about a scientist starting from square one to solve a major malady, such as ALS (Lou Gehrig’s Disease) or dementia, that involves the human body’s least understood organ, the brain. How many hundreds and thousands of experiments and studies must be conducted? In what sequence should they be done? Who should collaborate on the research? Equally daunting is the challenge to find original avenues for science following decades of work in a specific area. Such is the job of neuroscientists who continually strive to unlock the mysteries of the brain in hundreds and thousands of very specific, object-oriented missions undertaken to ultimately make our lives better and build on each others’ work to find new, creative ways to explore the brain and how it functions. The Brain Research Foundation launched Neuroscience Day fourteen years ago to create just such a forum for scientists and students involved in the study of the brain to discuss their work and interest. Neuroscience Day has grown into a great success with a competitive poster session that draws scores of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, and a lecture series that focuses on topical and seminal areas of brain research.

The 2014 Neuroscience Day will take place Friday, January 17 at the Lurie Medical Research Center of Northwestern University Hospital on Chicago’s near north side. The day will start with a judged, interactive poster session and a lecture session facilitated by Sangram S. Sisodia Ph.D., chair of the Brain Research Foundation’s Scientific Review Committee and researcher at the University of Chicago.

“We are very pleased with plans for this year’s Neuroscience Day and that opportunity to bring together so much talent from so many institutions,” stated Terre Constantine, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Foundation. “We hope to engage other areas of the country in coming years to grow participation and bring more attention to the field of neuroscience.”

About the Brain Research Foundation

The Brain Research Foundation (theBRF.org) supports cutting-edge neuroscience research that will lead to novel treatments and prevention of all neurological diseases in children and adults. We deliver this commitment through research grants, which provide initial funding for innovative projects, as well as educational programs for researchers and the general public.

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