

NEUROSPORA 2008

The *Neurospora* 2008 Conference will be held at the Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, California (near Monterey, California) from the afternoon of March 27 to noon, March 30, 2008 (Thursday-Sunday). The meeting will consist of five plenary sessions and two poster sessions.

SCHEDULE

DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Thursday March 27		Arrival Registration	Dinner Metzenberg Memorial Mixer
Friday March 28	Breakfast Plenary Session I	Lunch Plenary Session II	Dinner Poster Session I
Saturday March 29	Breakfast Plenary Session III	Lunch Plenary Session IV	Banquet Poster Session II
Sunday March 30	Breakfast Plenary Session V	Lunch Departure	

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PLENARY AND POSTER SESSIONS

David Catcheside and Yi Liu will co-chair the Scientific Program Committee of the *Neurospora* 2008 Conference. Approximately 80% of the research talks will be by invited speakers. Poster abstracts should be submitted online. A number of short talks will be selected from the submitted poster abstracts. Participants selected for possible short talks will be contacted in early February and invited to speak in one of the plenary sessions. David and Yi will make the final decisions on speakers for the plenary sessions. For further information, contact a Policy Committee member.

REGISTRATION AND HOUSING

(see enclosed form)

Deadline: January 15, 2008

FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS ACCESS THE FUNGAL GENETICS STOCK CENTER WEB SITE

www.fgsc.net

Deadline: January 15, 2008

AD HOC SESSIONS

Time is available in the early afternoons for ad hoc meetings. Those wishing to convene such informal sessions should contact one of the scientific organizers.

DAVID PERKINS AWARD

A fund has been established in honor of our colleague, Dr. David Perkins, to support students attending the *Neurospora* and Fungal Genetics Conferences. Nominations for the Perkins Award are requested for graduate students and postdoctoral scientists that utilize *Neurospora* as an experimental system. Nominations should include a 200 word description of the individual's contributions from the candidate's research advisor, as well as reprints or preprints of recent work using *Neurospora*. Nomination letter and reprints should be submitted by January 15, 2006 to:

Dr. Nora Plesofsky
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ASILOMAR CONFERENCE CENTER

Asilomar Conference Center is located on 105 acres of forest, dune and beach at the tip of California's historic Monterey Peninsula. Overlooking the Pacific, living and meeting accommodations are set among Monterey pines and cypresses. As a "Natural Area," Asilomar retains many of the original flora and fauna of the peninsula. The tide pools of Asilomar State Beach are just a pleasant stroll across the dunes. The famous "17 Mile Drive," beginning half a mile from Asilomar, winds through the Del Monte Forest to Carmel-by-the-Sea. In Monterey, Cannery Row and Fisherman's Wharf provide excellent shopping, sightseeing and dining. Nearby Carmel is famed for its shopping, art and craft galleries. Group tours of the Peninsula, the Del Monte Forest and historic Monterey may be arranged through the Asilomar Conference Center. The weather is brisk (40 - 60 °F) with a possibility of rain. Bring warm clothing and a raincoat.

Transportation

Monterey is the closest commercial airport to Asilomar. Taxis cost approximately \$25 to Asilomar (about 20 minutes). The closest major airports are, in order of convenience, San Jose, San Francisco, and Oakland.

Accommodations

All rooms have private baths. There are very few singles available. Requests for single rooms will be honored in the order received. Rates vary with accommodation. All rates include meals, beginning with Thursday dinner and concluding with Sunday lunch. No refunds are available for missed meals. Rates for children are as follows: Infants under 3 years of age may stay in any room with no charge. Children from 3-17 years old are charged the special rate of \$200 for three nights, provided there is triple or quadruple occupancy, or double occupancy with one adult in certain rooms. Otherwise, they pay regular rates. There are no camping facilities at Asilomar, and sleeping bags are not permitted in the rooms. No pets are allowed on the grounds. We strongly encourage all participants to stay at Asilomar. For individuals staying off the grounds, meals are available at a special rate. There is a \$60 facilities fee for those staying off site.

Check-in

Check-in begins 3:00 PM Thursday at the Administration Building. Check-out is noon Sunday. For those wishing to arrive early, some rooms may be available at Asilomar and can be reserved by contacting Asilomar at the number listed below no more than 30 days prior to the meeting.

Telephone and Mail

There are no phones in rooms. The address and phone number for messages is:

c/o Neurospora 2008
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