Dear colleagues,

It is with pleasure that we introduce you to Brainstorm, the newsletter of the Canadian Neuroethics Interest Group. Last year we launched an on-line consultation following a neuroethics information session held at the Canadian Bioethics Society in Toronto. One of the strongest recommendations was to create a newsletter, a project we have been working on in the past months. We hope that you will enjoy reading about forthcoming events and find the neuroethics literature updates useful. As there is always room for improvement, we welcome your input and suggestions. Don’t hesitate to send us (neuroethics@ircm.qc.ca) material you would like to share through this new research and communication tool.

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Chers collègues

C’est avec plaisir que nous vous transmettons le premier numéro de Brainstorm, le bulletin du groupe canadien d’intérêt en neuroéthique. L’an dernier, nous avons lancé une consultation en ligne suite à une réunion d’information sur la neuroéthique lors du congrès annuel de la Société canadienne de bioéthique à Toronto. L’une des recommandations les plus soutenues consistait à publier un bulletin de nouvelles, un projet sur lequel nous travaillons depuis plusieurs mois. Nous espérons que vous prendrez plaisir à en faire la lecture et à prendre connaissance des activités à venir et des publications récentes en neuroéthique. Comme il y a toujours place à amélioration, nous accueillerons vos commentaires et suggestions. N’hésitez pas à nous expédier du matériel (neuroethics@ircm.qc.ca) que vous souhaitiez partager par l’intermédiaire de ce nouvel outil de recherche et de communication.

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Collaborative Forums in Mental Health: Advances in Psychiatry, CPA
May 23rd Montreal
May 30th Ottawa
June 6th Vancouver
June 13th Toronto
http://www.cpa-apc.org/cpd/institutes/2008/

Canadian Association for Neuroscience, Montreal, QC May 25-27th, 2008
http://www.can-acn2008.org/

International Network for the Definition of Death
Havana, Cuba May 27-30, 2008
http://www.changesurfer.com/BD/2008/index2.htm

Endo Neuro Psycho Meeting
Neuroethics Session
Doortwerth, The Netherlands June 4-6, 2008
www.enpmeeting.org

Canadian Neurological Sciences Federation 43rd Annual Congress Victoria, BC June 17th-June 20th, 2008
http://www.ccns.org/general_information_congress.html

Canadian Bioethics Society, St. John’s Newfoundland, June 17th –June 22nd, 2008

Neuroethics Breakfast & Information Session
Friday June 20, 2008 7:30 am: Canadian Bioethics Society Annual Meeting
neuroethics@ircm.qc.ca

MacArthur Law and Neuroscience Project
Conference: Law and Evidence
Dartmouth College, New Hampshire June 20-21, 2008
http://www.lawandneuroscienceproject.org/index.html

Neuroethics Symposium
Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Meeting
http://www.socphilpsych.org/meetings.html
On Your Mind

Did you know that the size of your hippocampus may protect you from memory loss despite the presence of Alzheimer’s plaques?

Read more about it at:
ScienceDaily.
http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/04/080415154223.htm

CALL FOR PAPERS & POSTERS

June 30, 2008 The EuroScience Open Forum
Barcelona, Spain July 18-22, 2008
The EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF) is an open platform for debate and communication for the science community of Europe and the world promoted by Euroscience. The ESOF2008 Programme Committee invites proposals based on ten themes, the first of which is The Human Mind and Behavior.
http://www.esof2008.org/#participate/call-for-proposals.html|sub|

April 24 – May 15, 2008 Society for Neuroscience 38th Annual Meeting - Abstract Submission
Washington, DC, November 15-19, 2008
www.sfn.org

2008 Neuroethics Society 1st Annual Meeting - Abstracts submission to open shortly.
Washington, DC, November 13-14, 2008
http://www.neuroethicssociety.org/news/meetings.html

August 17-22, 2008 Gordon Research Conference: Calls for Poster Proposals

January 7, 2008 (rolling thereafter)
Discussions of Science and Technology Policy and emerging technologies.
RESEARCH FELLOW IN NEUROETHICS

National Core for Neuroethics at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

A position is available to spearhead a 3-year NIH funded project to evaluate investigator needs for integrating ethics into neuroscience. The position is available at either the postdoctoral level or as a research fellow for an individual with a Master’s or PhD degree in an appropriate discipline. Some training in neuroscience is a requirement. The incumbent will (a) use survey instruments to identify the ethics needs of the large community of interest that conducts basic, clinical and applied commercial brain mapping research funded by federal sources, and (b) conduct focus groups to explore the deeper and more reflective dimensions of the way scientists think about the work they do and its broader social implications. Relevant research experience as well as interest in the agenda of modern neuroethics is required. The position is available May 1, 2008, but can be filled at a mutually agreed upon date.

The National Core for Neuroethics at UBC is a vibrant organization devoted to scholarly exploration of ethical issues at the leading edge of neuroscience. We value integrity, enthusiasm, and quality scholarship.

Please send CV and statement of interest to:

jilles@neuroethics.ubc.ca
NEW JOURNALS-NOUVELLES REVUES

First issue of neuroethics, the journal is now available for free on-line
http://www.springerlink.com/content/t146803h235l/?p=bce477898d504204a1435d985d4d538f&pi=0

BrainStim
New journal on neurostimulation
http://www.brainstimjrnl.com/aims

ARTICLES

In the mind's eye: Provider and patient attitudes on functional brain imaging.

FDA Guidance on Off-Label Promotion and the State of the Literature From Sponsors

Scientists Examine Primary Care-Based Screening and Treatments for Anxiety

Scientific or social priorities for brain science?--making a difference.

Stem cell transplantation in multiple sclerosis: safety and ethics.

Ethics of sham surgery: perspective of patients.

Enriching our views on clinical ethics: Results of a pragmatist qualitative study of the moral psychology of healthcare ethics committee members.

Reflecting on the mind
Traumatic brain injury: Can the consequences be stopped?
Park E, Bell JD, and Baker AJ. CMAJ 2008;178 1163-1170

Appealing to the restless consumer.

Do abnormal responses show utilitarian bias?

Ethical issues in research with homeless youths.

Gene-Targeted Therapies for the Central Nervous System
Timothy M. Miller; Richard A. Smith; Holly Kordasiewicz; Brian K. Kaspar

The Changing Face of Neural Stem Cell Therapy in Neurologic Diseases

The Microscope and the Eye: A History of Reflections, 1740-1870

Geriatric Neurogenetics: Oxymoron or Reality?

Policy on conflict of interest

Unconscious emotional reasoning and the therapeutic misconception.

Palliative Care for Patients With Head and Neck Cancer: "I Would Like a Quick Return to a Normal Lifestyle"
Nathan E. Goldstein; Eric Genden; R. Sean Morrison. JAMA. 2008; 299:1818-1825.

Guideline: Dementia Drugs’ Benefits Uncertain

Poll results: look who’s doping.
News-Nouvelles

Brain Scanners Can See Your Decisions Before You Make Them

Brain scanner predicts your future moves

Studies show brain pacemaker helps depression, OCD
http://www.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUSN2537430620080425?feedType=RSS&feedName=healthNews&rpc=69

From BBC news: New hope for 'vegetative' patients. New research in Cambridge is finding ways to communicate with misdiagnosed vegetative patients.
**Resources-Ressources**

- **Neuroethics at the University of Pennsylvania**
  [http://neuroethics.upenn.edu/](http://neuroethics.upenn.edu/)

- **University of British Columbia, National Core for Neuroethics**
  [www.neuroethics.ubc.ca](http://www.neuroethics.ubc.ca)

- **Canadian Neuroethics Network**
  [http://www.neuroethics.ca](http://www.neuroethics.ca)

- **Neuroethics Society**

- **Neuroethics Research Unit / L'Unité de recherche en neuroéthique**

- **Journal of Ethics in Mental Health**
  [www.jemh.ca](http://www.jemh.ca)

- **Novel Techethics**
  [www.noveltechethics.ca](http://www.noveltechethics.ca)

- **Centre for Neurosciences, Johannes Gutenberg-University of Mainz**

- **Neuroethics at the Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics**

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- Neuron
- Nerve
- Imaging
- Mind
- Neurorealism
- Axon
- Cortex
- Myelin

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**Contributions**

If you would like to post any events, letters, articles or news of interest please contact us at neuroethics@ircm.qc.ca

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