

Congratulations to all of our recent graduates! We are happy to announce that PIIN's yearly "Neuronetworking" weekly summer seminar series will start on June 6. To continue our community building efforts, we will host two faculty speakers per week; presentations will be followed by a social hour with light snacks and beverages. We hope this will continue facilitating new interactions and, ultimately, lead to new collaboration projects among our neuroscience community. If you wish to present your most recent work in the Neuronetworking seminars, please contact Julie Scott.

Competing successfully for a new training grant was one of PIIN goals when established as part of the institute's initiatives to increase research funding and graduate students development. We are happy to report that the <u>National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) has awarded a five-year grant to Purdue University through the National Institutes of Health's flagship training program (T32)</u>. This new training grant will enhance auditory neuroscience and innovative technology research at Purdue.

Finally, we are pleased to congratulate Dr. Julia A. Chester who won the Jane S. Link College of Health and Human Sciences Teaching Award, Dr. Jennifer L. Freeman who received the newer Mid-Career Research Award, and <u>Dr. Kinzer-Ursem</u> who won the NSF Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) award. Congratulations!

Recent News:

- Dr. Kari Ekenstedt- "Canine NAPEPLD-associated models of human myelin disorder"
- <u>Dr. Richard M. van Rijn</u> "Critical Role for Gi/o-Protein Activity in the Dorsal Striatum in the Reduction of Voluntary Alcohol Intake in C57Bl/6 Mice"
- <u>Dr. Darci J. Trader</u>- "Development and Application of a Sensitive Peptide Reporter to Discover 20S Proteasome Stimulators"

Announcements:

- The Michael J. Fox Foundation is accepting pre-proposals for the <u>fall 2018 Parkinson's research</u> funding
- Indiana CTSI is accepting proposals for the <u>Indiana Traumatic Spinal Cord & Brain Injury Research</u>
 Grant Program
- Call to all research Scientists: ALZgerm.org is accepting submissions for its 2021 <u>Alzheimer's Germ</u> Quest Challenge Award

Upcoming Events:

- June 6 July 25: Neuronetworking Seminar Series: "Circuit organization of motor cortex"
- July 18-19: <u>Big Ten Ivy League Traumatic Brain Injury Research Collaboration and 2018 TBI summit</u>