

Happy New Year, PIIN community!

PIIN's administrative office has moved to LILY 2-228/229 while we await renovations on the third floor of the Hall for Discovery and Learning Research, where we will relocate at the beginning of the summer. In Lilly Hall, you can find Cinthia Sanchez (PIIN operations manager) and our new administrative assistant, Julie Scott. Julie has a bachelor of science in retail management from Purdue and has extensive administrative experience from her work in the private sector. Julie can be reached at scott498@purdue.edu. Welcome to the team, Julie!

We also welcome Gabriel Albors (goa@purdue.edu) as the director of the Neuroscience Animal Behavior Core facilities, which we are beginning to equip. Gabriel has a master's degree in biomedical engineering from Purdue and extensive research, administration and management experience.

We are pleased to announce several local opportunities for sharing neuroscience research this spring (further details below). First, we will continue with our Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Seminar Series on alternate Wednesday afternoons in the DRUG lobby. Second, Purdue is hosting the Greater Indiana SfN Annual Meeting on March 23; please register soon! Third, PIIN is sponsoring Audition: From Neural Circuits to Perception as a Special Lectures in Neuroscience course. Both graduate students and postdocs are invited to participate.

Finally, congratulations to the recipients of the winter/spring cycle of travel grants:

- Emily Haynes Matt Tantama's lab (CHEM)
- MeeJung Ko Richard Van Rijn's lab (MCMP)
- Alex Pak Alex Chubykin's lab (BIOL)
- Satyabrata Parida Mike Heinz's lab (SLHS)
- Will Salloom Beth Strickland's lab (SLHS)
- Jiayue Cao Zhongming Liu's lab (BME)

Upcoming events

- Jan. 22: <u>PULSe Student Seminar</u>: " β -arrestin-biased δ -opioid receptor (δ OR) signaling: a novel therapeutic target for anxiety disorders"
- Jan. 31: <u>Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Seminar Series</u>
- Spring 2018: <u>Behavioral & Neural Systems of Learning & Memory course</u>
- Feb. 17: 8th Annual Meeting of the Indiana Physiological Society
- March 23: <u>Greater Indiana SfN Annual Meeting</u>
- April 18: Indiana Traumatic Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Conference
- July 18-19: <u>Big Ten-Ivy League Traumatic Brain Injury Research Collaboration and 2018 TBI summit</u>

Announcements

- March 15 is the application deadline for the <u>2018 Science and PINS Prize for Neuromodulation</u>.
- The Michael J. Fox Foundation is accepting pre-proposals for <u>fall 2018 Parkinson's research funding</u>
- Indiana CTSI is accepting proposals for the <u>Indiana Traumatic Spinal Cord & Brain Injury Research</u> Grant Program.