

## WELCOME TO THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE BSI E-NEWSLETTER

The BSi E-Newsletter will be distributed quarterly to share some of the BSi community's highlights and accomplishments.

### NEURO TRANSLATIONAL PROGRAM

#### *Drug Discovery in Academia Conference*

On October 18, 2011 the BSi will host the first National academic translation initiative called "The New Paradigm for Drug Discovery". This interdisciplinary conference is the first of its kind, attracting academic and educational institutions, researchers, entrepreneurs, venture capital firms, bio technology and pharmaceutical companies - Elias Zerhouni, President, Global Research & Development of Sanofi-aventis, will be the keynote speaker. [Read More](#)

#### *Industry Partnerships*

Johnson and Johnson and the BSi have forged an agreement to develop novel therapeutics for neurological and psychiatric disorders. This commitment will enable investigators at JHU and Ortho McNeil Janssen Pharmaceutical Inc, an affiliated company of J&J, to collaborate to identify new therapeutic targets and pathways with the intent to develop transformational new therapies to treat these devastating illnesses. [Read More](#)

### SYNAPSES, CIRCUITS AND COGNITIVE DISORDERS

The newly created Synapses, circuits and cognitive Disorders Program has recently awarded 4.9 million dollars to support research in this area and is recruiting two new faculty members to begin early next year. They will be housed in the rangos Building, as part of the BSi footprint. [Read More](#)

### FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since the beginning of the year BSi has announced 5 new areas of funding. They include calls for proposals in Pain, Translation, Biogen Idec and Johnson and Johnson collaborations and our third round of Sustaining Innovation in the Neurosciences (SIN) awards. We have had a strong response in these areas. Awards will be announced later this year.

### WORKING GROUPS

The Neural Regeneration, Pain and Traumatic Brain Injury working groups continue to meet on a regular basis. [Read More](#)

### JOHN W. GRIFFIN MEMORIAL SERVICE



On April 16, 2011, John W. "Jack" Griffin, director the Brain Science Institute passed away. In honor of his tremendous contributions to Johns Hopkins

University, a celebration of his life and work will be held on June 27, 2011 at 4:30pm in Hurd Hall. A reception will immediately follow in the Lobby of the Phipps Building. [Read Jack's obituary](#)



### IN THE SPOTLIGHT Barbara Slusher, PhD

Dr. Slusher is an Associate Professor of Neurology and the Chief Scientific

Officer for the Brain Science Institute NeuroTranslational Program. She leads a 20-member veteran drug-discovery team engaged in identifying novel drug targets arising from JHU faculty's research and translating them into new drug therapies for neurological disorders. [Read More](#)

### THE ART IN SCIENCE



It's an art opening! The BSi is accepting submission of your most beautiful brain science art. Send us a jpg of one of your favorite images to [Barbara](#)

[Smith at bsmith13@jhmi.edu](#). If chosen by the BSi team, we will print and mount in the BSi offices. Deadline for submission is August 1, 2011.

### CHECKING IN

The BSi has begun an informal review process of all BSi grants. Rita Sattler, Principal Scientist, is meeting with BSi funded investigators to learn more about their programs. This effort will help us better support individual efforts, leverage external funding and increase the visibility of BSi investments.



### MIND SHARE

Mind Share is the BSi weekly update on working groups, call for proposals, lectures and programs. [Let us know](#) if you are not receiving this information.



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