

# SfN-Sponsored Socials

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All SfN-Sponsored Socials will be held in the Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina. These events are open to all registered annual meeting attendees.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 6:45–8:45 P.M.

### Autonomic and Respiratory Function Social

#### Purely Social

Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 10

Chair: Gary C. Sieck, PhD

Co-Chair: Christopher A. Del Negro, PhD

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This social brings together established and early stage investigators and trainees, all of whom have an interest in research related to autonomic control or respiratory neurobiology. Senior scientists will facilitate discussions and networking, especially among trainees and early stage investigators.

### Breaking Barriers for Young Women in Science Social

#### Social With Brief Presentation

Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 8

Chair: Courtney A. Miller, PhD

Co-Chair: Ghazaleh Sadri-Vakili, PhD

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This social is for the up-and-coming generation of female scientists. Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with mentors from a variety of fields and career stages on a one-on-one basis, to ask far-ranging questions in a relaxed environment that overcomes typical barriers younger scientists can feel in approaching senior scientists. Topics of discussion often include work/life balance, self-promotion, publishing, funding, gender disparity, and implicit bias. The “Social Special Guests” represent a few of the many mentors that will be there to chat and answer your questions.

### Cajal Club Social

#### Social With Brief Presentation

Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 3 and 4

Chair: Oscar Marin, PhD

Co-Chair: Arturo Alvarez-Buylla, PhD

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The neocortex of different mammalian species varies widely in shape and size. In the past, progress on the organization and development of the neocortex has been largely based on cellular and molecular studies in rodents, but recent work has begun to illuminate the development of the human neocortex. What are the defining features of the human cortex? At this year’s Cajal Club Social, Debra Silver (Duke) and Nenad Sestan (Yale) will present their perspective and recent work on this theme. Annual awards (Krieg Cortical Kudos, John Wiley Palay Award, and Best Paper on Brain Structure and Function) will be presented.

### Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience (FUN) Poster Session and Social

#### Social With Brief Presentation

Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballrooms 5, 6, and 7

Chair: Leah A. Chase, PhD

Co-Chair: Hewlet G. McFarlane, PhD

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Socialize and exchange ideas with those interested in undergraduate neuroscience research and education. Undergraduates will present their research; Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience (FUN) Student Travel Awards and Educator of the Year Awards will also be presented. See the FUN website ([www.funfaculty.org](http://www.funfaculty.org)) for travel

award information and to register to present a poster at the FUN Social.

### Hearing and Balance Social

#### Social With Brief Presentation

Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 2

Chair: Stephen V. David, PhD

Co-Chair: David Schneider, PhD

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The Hearing and Balance Social has been a cherished tradition at SfN for more than 20 years. It serves primarily as a social/networking event, but will also typically include presentations on topics of broad interest to the warm and tightly knit auditory and vestibular (8th nerve) community. This year will feature a lighthearted debate with four panelists about the relative merits of studying audition at different levels, from the cochlea to the cortex.

### Neural Oscillations Social

#### Purely Social

Marriott Marquis: San Diego Grand Ballroom 12

Chair: Jonas Obleser, PhD

Co-Chair: Saskia Haegens, PhD

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A social for all neuroscientists deeply in love with all aspects oscillatory about brain function. Neural oscillations have been ubiquitous at SfN for many years. However, more light-hearted, out-of-the-box exchange over what may or may not unite the diverse fields that study oscillatory changes in excitability, from membrane potentials to behavioral corollaries, has been missing. Join us in meeting, greeting, and quizzing random people who love neural phase just as much as you do.



**Neuroethics Social**

**Social With Brief Presentation**

Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 1

Chair: Elba Serrano, PhD

Co-Chair: Marcello Lenca, PhD

Join fellow neuroscientists at this informal gathering to socialize, network, and exchange ideas about the ethical implications of neuroscience research and education. A short panel discussion launches the evening by highlighting hot topics and ways to engage in the field of neuroethics. An icebreaker will promote networking among attendees during the informal portion of the social, intended to encourage development of new collaborations and increase participation by next generation researchers.

**Neuroethology/Invertebrate Neurobiology Social**

**Social With Brief Presentation**

Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 13

Chair: Wolfgang Stein, PhD

Co-Chair: Carola Staedele, PhD

Join us to celebrate neuroethology and the role the nervous system plays in producing behaviors. All members of the neuroscience community are

welcome, in particular those who work on the neural basis of behavior. If you are looking for an opportunity to discuss new and interesting concepts and/or are looking to meet old friends and make new ones, this social is for you. Postdocs and students are encouraged to drop in for socializing and networking.

**Spinal Cord Injury Social**

**Purely Social**

Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 11

Chair: Dana McTigue, PhD

Co-Chair: Michele Basso, PhD

This social will provide an opportunity for researchers interested in spinal cord injury to meet, mingle, and network.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 6:45–8:45 P.M**

**Behavioral Neuroendocrinology Social**

**Social With Brief Presentation**

Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 5

Chair: Rae Silver, PhD

Co-Chair: Colin Saldanha, PhD

This is a very successful social that brings together members of the Society for Neuroscience with a focus on the

neuroendocrine regulation of behavior. Research in this area covers a broad range of topics from development, neural networks, systems, and clinical neuroscience and attracts a diverse set of attendees including students and senior researchers. This is the only opportunity for this group to convene at the SfN meeting. It is also an occasion to announce several awards.

**Cerebellum Social**

**Social With Brief Presentation**

Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 9

Chair: Roy Sillitoe, PhD

Co-Chair: Alexandra Joyner, PhD

The Cerebellum Social will bring together researchers and clinicians from all areas of cerebellar neuroscience. The social will facilitate further collaborations between principal investigators and provide networking and career opportunities for students and postdoctoral fellows. The event will be predominantly a social gathering, and it will also provide opportunities to discuss future events such as SfN symposia and minisymposia.

**Down Syndrome: From Neurobiology to Treatment Social**

**Social With Brief Presentation**

Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 2

Chair: William Mobley, PhD

Co-Chair: Elizabeth Fisher, PhD

The Down syndrome research community is growing rapidly, especially among those whose focus is the neurobiology of this disorder. The social will facilitate discussion of exciting new insight into the genes and mechanisms responsible for changes in brain function. By bringing together established and young investigators, it will encourage networking and highlight recent findings from selected young investigators.

## Epilepsy Social

### Social With Brief Presentation

Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 12 and 13

Chair: Amy Brewster, PhD

Co-Chair: Mark Beenhakker, PhD

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Epilepsy research is interesting, challenging, and highly diverse. We welcome all those with an interest in epilepsy to join us for an evening of social networking with leading experts and with representatives from the National Institutes of Health, the American Epilepsy Society, and Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy. This is a great opportunity for all to engage in productive discussions, establish collaborations, or simply enjoy networking in a comfortable and fun social setting.

## The Hippocampus Social

### Purely Social

Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 8

Chair: Michael Yassa, PhD

Co-Chair: Elizabeth Buffalo, PhD

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The Hippocampus Social continues a decades-long tradition at the SfN annual meeting. It will gather the large community of hippocampus scientists under one roof to get to know one another. It will also provide important professional development opportunities for younger neuroscientists to casually interact with luminaries in the field.

## Ingestive Behavior Social

### Purely Social

Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 1

Chair: Suzanne Appleyard, PhD

Co-Chair: Mitchell Roitman, PhD

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After a day enjoying SfN's intellectual buffet, come socialize with your colleagues working in areas of neuroscience related to control of eating



and drinking! There will be colleagues ranging from established investigators to students and postdoctoral fellows studying ingestive behavior and related areas of neuroscience, in diverse animals, from invertebrates to rodents and humans. Plan to attend, whether for a few hours or a few minutes, to mix, mingle, enjoy a drink, and organize collaborations.

## The Marmoset Social

### Social With Brief Presentation

Marriott Marquis: San Diego Grand Ballroom 3 and 4

Chair: Alessandra Angelucci, MD, PhD

Co-Chair: Marcello Rosa, PhD

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The rapid adoption of the marmoset as an animal model in neuroscience has created a high demand for venues to facilitate interaction, exchange practical information, and form new collaborations. In this event, a panel of investigators starting or considering a transition to marmoset research will ask questions to a panel of established marmoset researchers. This initial 30-minute discussion will be followed by time for the audience to ask questions to the panelists and for free social and scientific interaction.

## Migraine Social

### Social With Brief Presentation

Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 6

Chair: Frederick Godley, MD

Co-Chair: Julie Kauer, PhD

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There will be a special screening of *Out of My Head*, a 60-minute documentary that follows a young woman falling down the rabbit hole of migraine. Following the film, there will be a panel discussion that will include the award-winning film creator Jacki Ochs; Michael Oshinsky, PhD (NINDS); Christopher Moore, PhD; Frederick Godley, MD; Daniela Pietrobon, PhD; and Julie Kauer, PhD. We expect that the provocative film will raise many questions about this complex disease.

## Music Social

### Purely Social

Marriott Marquis: Bayside Pavilion

Chair: Emmeline Edwards, PhD

Co-Chair: William Pearce, PhD

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Please join your SfN friends in a special evening of fun and music. This year's program will focus on new performances and musical diversity. Members wanting to perform should provide information describing their

musical selection(s), accompaniment needs, and performance history to Robert Riddle (riddler@nih.gov) by October 15. Links to web resources or files (Soundcloud, Youtube, MP3s, etc.) are encouraged but not required. Performances are approximately 10 minutes. Some instruments will be available on-site.

**Psychopharmacology Social**  
**Purely Social**

Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 10 and 11

Chair: Stan Floresco, PhD  
Co-Chair: Jared Young, PhD

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Please join us as we socialize with people who know a thing or two about mind-altering substances. Your hosts will enjoy enabling SfN attendees to catch up with colleagues, meet others in the field, loosen up with a refreshing beverage after a hard day of science, and groove to a psychopharmacologically inspired playlist. Intermingling between more senior scientists and trainees is strongly encouraged, and all are welcome.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 6:45–8:45 P.M.**  
**Alzheimer’s and Related Dementias Social**

**Purely Social**  
Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 8  
Chair: Laura Blair, PhD  
Co-Chair: Joe Abisambra, PhD

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Current and future Alzheimer’s disease or related dementia researchers, please join us for an inclusive, purely social gathering that will bring together experts, early career investigators, postdocs, and students interested in Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias research. Stop by and mingle. Reconnect with old friends and make new ones. All are welcome to join!



**Art and Neuroscience Social**  
**Social With Brief Presentation**  
Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 5  
Chair: Paula Croxson, PhD  
Co-Chair: Christian Lüscher, MD

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This social will bring together SfN members who exercise their passion and creativity through art. As part of the social, we will host a Neuroscience Art Competition, and encourage attendees to submit their own artwork. It will feature a display of the submitted artwork, which will be judged by a panel of diverse neuroscience artists. There will be a brief ceremony for the winning pieces in each category. Afterwards, you are free to mingle and enjoy the art!

**Computational Neuroscience Social**  
**Purely Social**  
Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 12  
Chair: Alex Williams  
Co-Chair: Kiah Hardcastle

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This social, intended to bring together neuroscientists working on all aspects of computational neuroscience, has grown immensely popular over the years. The social is an opportunity for attendees

to network with other computational neuroscientists and to exchange notes on the latest methods and studies. It’s also a chance to learn about opportunities to further your computational knowledge, on topics such as summer schools and graduate programs.

**Eye Movements Social**  
**Social With Brief Presentation**  
Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 4  
Chair: Jeffrey Schall, PhD  
Co-Chair: Miriam Spering, PhD

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This social will continue the long-running social for the community who investigates eye movements. This social will offer the opportunity for networking among senior and junior faculty, as well as trainees.

**Global Neuroscience Social**  
**Social With Brief Presentation**  
Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 13  
Chair: Noriko Osumi, PhD  
Co-Chair: Kei Igarashi, PhD

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Different countries have different ways of conducting neuroscience research. Studying neuroscience in foreign countries will give you a new perspective

in your science career. This social will focus on allowing neuroscientists from American, European, and Asian countries to mingle and in this way acquire neuroscience experience in new countries. Several PIs with their own lab in foreign countries will give presentations in which they will discuss their experiences.

### **Mechanosensation Social**

#### **Purely Social**

**Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 3**

**Chair: Ellen A. Lumpkin, PhD**

**Co-Chair: Ardem Patapoutian, PhD**

It's time for scientists interested in mechanosensory systems to get in touch! The social aims to bring together neurobiologists interested in somatosensation, interoception, and auditory/vestibular systems from invertebrate to mammalian systems. This social will be a relaxed forum to connect old friends and those new to the field. We hope to discuss recent progress in areas of the field ranging from molecules and cells to circuits. Postdocs and students are especially encouraged to attend.

### **Neuroendocrinology Social**

#### **Purely Social**

**Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 6**

**Chair: Jessica Santollo, PhD**

**Co-Chair: Deena Walker, PhD**

Come and enjoy an evening of socializing and networking with your fellow neuroendocrinologists and be entertained with a modified version of The Newlywed Game, "Know Your Neuroendocrinologist." Trainees and mentors will display their knowledge of each other's careers, interests, and major discoveries in the field of neuroendocrinology. If that isn't exciting enough, this social is a great place to

mingle with others in the field and is an excellent networking opportunity for trainees.

### **Neuroinformatics Social**

#### **Social With Brief Presentation**

**Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 11**

**Chair: David Kennedy, PhD**

**Co-Chair: Jeffrey Grethe, MD, PhD**

Come and exchange ideas with others interested in neuroscience data management at the Neuroinformatics Social! Find new collaborators who have datasets and resources you need, recruit new users for your tools, or join up to solve standards and interoperability issues with scientists and developers in electrophysiology, neuroimaging, brain mapping, and computational neuroscience. Don't miss this event where we'll discuss everything neuroinformagical!

### **Neuron-Glia Interactions Social**

#### **Social With Brief Presentation**

**Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 9**

**Chair: R. Douglas Fields, PhD**

**Co-Chair: Alfonso Araque, PhD**

A purely social opportunity to interact with current and future leaders in the field of neuron-glia interactions. The evening will open with three-minute presentations by authorities speaking about their favorite model organism for glial research. The rest of the evening will be devoted to meeting and interacting informally with students, faculty, and colleagues. Helmut Kettenmann: Early historical models used in glial studies; Kelly Monk: Zebrafish; Mary Logan: *Drosophila*; Shai Shaham: *C. elegans*; Bruce Ransom.

### **Open-Source Technology Social Purely Social**

**Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 10**

**Chair: Mark Laubach, PhD**

**Co-Chair: Alexxai Kravitz, PhD**

Socialize and exchange ideas with researchers developing and using open-source tools for neuroscience research. Join us for an evening of fun, and you might even find a new collaborator for your open-source projects!

### **Pain and Itch Social**

#### **Purely Social**

**Marriott Marquis: Grand Ballroom 1 and 2**

**Chair: Jennifer DeBerry, PhD**

**Co-Chair: Alfonso Romero-Sandoval, MD, PhD**

Gather with fellow "pain and itch" neuroscientists for an opportunity to unwind and exchange ideas with peers. Everyone is invited to this purely social gathering, where established leaders and early career investigators can reconnect with old friends and make new ones.