

## THE J. B. JOHNSTON CLUB

The J.B. Johnston Club is an organization of researchers with specific interests in comparative neurobiology. Its membership includes established investigators, students, and other research personnel representing several disciplines within the neurosciences: anatomy, chemistry, development, ethology, physiology, and psychology. The common interest of these members, and the focus of JBJC, is the evolution of nervous systems.

The Club had its origins in informal get-togethers of close colleagues and associates who felt the need for a time and place to discuss their mutual research interests within the context of the larger meeting of the Society for Neuroscience. A small gathering at the 1980 SN meeting in Cincinnati proposed to expand and to form a group that would meet annually for this purpose; those who assembled during the 1981 SN meeting in Los Angeles voted to become The J. B. Johnston Club; bylaws were adopted at the 1982 meeting in Minneapolis, and the club now comprises over 200 members. Activities are governed by a program committee, and annual meetings of the club--held on the opening day of the SN meeting--may include guest lectures but consist primarily of contributed papers by members. Presenters are encouraged to discuss the ideas behind their work, rather than documenting and substantiating data as one might in a more formal paper session, and provocative discussion is encouraged. At the 1986 meeting in Washington, D.C., The J. B. Johnston Club adopted *Brain, Behavior and Evolution* as its official journal, and subscriptions are available to members at a favorable rate.

The annual Karger Workshop, held on the day before the regular meeting, was initiated by JBJC at the 1989 meeting in Phoenix. The workshop focuses on a topic determined by a selection committee and based on suggestions submitted by members. The proceedings of the annual workshop are published in *Brain, Behavior and Evolution*.

The Society for Neuroscience assists in providing a room for meetings of The J. B. Johnston Club, but all other expenses must be met by the Club itself with funds generated primarily from membership dues. For this reason, attendance at meetings of the J. B. Johnston Club is open to members only. Membership, however, is open to anyone interested in evolutionary neurobiology. Membership forms and related materials are available at the meeting, but prospective members are encouraged to request same in advance from the Secretary-Treasurer. Suggestions for the Karger Workshop are solicited from the membership during the winter; the announcement of the annual meeting, along with the call for dues and abstracts, is sent to members during the spring of each year; a final program is mailed in the fall, before the meeting.

The J. B. Johnston Club is a tax exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code and is also classified as a Section 509(a)(2) organization. Contributions to the Club are therefore deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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