

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2008 SPECIAL ISSUE OF BEHAVIOURAL PHARMACOLOGY: BEHAVIOURAL GENETICS AND ITS RELEVANCE TO PSYCHIATRY**

Every year, Behavioural Pharmacology devotes a double Special Issue to a topic where cutting edge research is currently being undertaken. Our 2001 Special Issue was on Behavioural Genomics. At that time, the field was maturing out of its infancy into adolescence. Genetically modified mouse strains were becoming more widely and more readily available, but studies were still beset by a variety of methodological problems. While some of these persist, few would argue that this field has not now achieved a respectable maturity. As behavioural genomics enters the mainstream of behavioural pharmacology, we are now returning to this topic for the 2008 Special Issue, in anticipation that the growth and development of the field will be very apparent in a comparison of the two publications.

As suggested by the title of the 2008 Special Issue, Behavioural Genetics and its Relevance to Psychiatry, we expect that the Special Issue will include not only papers describing the use of genetically-modified animals in behavioural research, but also more traditional papers that compare drug effects across genetically-selected strains. Studies of either kind will be welcome, with the proviso that they should have relevance to psychiatric disorders, broadly interpreted. We now invite scientists working in this area to submit reports of original, unpublished empirical studies, for inclusion in the Special Issue. Review papers are also welcome, but as the Special Issue will include a number of invited reviews, these should be discussed with the Editors at an early stage to avoid duplication.

All papers should be submitted online at [www.editorialmanager.com/bpharm](http://www.editorialmanager.com/bpharm). There is no formal deadline for submission, but contributors are advised to submit as early as possible, and should aim to do so before the end of March 2007. Later submissions could be accepted, but the later your submission is received, the higher the likelihood that it may miss the publication deadline. We guarantee, however, that any submission that meets quality standards but is accepted too late for inclusion in the Special Issue will be published as soon as possible thereafter. The Special Issue will be published to coincide with a European Behavioural Pharmacology Workshop on the same topic, "From mouse to man: Behavioural genetics and its relevance to psychiatric disorders", which will be held in Cork, Ireland, in September 2008.

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