

Toward a Science of Consciousness

*University of Arizona, Tucson
April 10-15, 2000*

General topics included: philosophy, neuroscience, cognitive science, psychology, physical and biological sciences, cultural phenomenology. At least two concurrent sessions will address the topic of psychedelics.

Thanks to a grant from Tim Butcher, MAPS is sponsoring one speaker to this event. Alex Gamma, PhD(c) will speak on the use of psychoactive drugs in consciousness studies. Another speaker, Arthur Hastings, will present on "An extended non-drug MDMA-like experience evoked through hypnotic suggestion." (see page 10)

Confirmed speakers include: Francisco Varela, Gerald Edelman, Stephen Kosslyn, Susan Hurley, Christof Koch, Nancy Kanwisher, Roger Penrose, Knut Nordby, John Searle among many others.

Plenary program, pre-conference workshop and registration details are online at www.consciousness.arizona.edu/Tucson2000. However, if you would like to receive a registration brochure, please contact extuniv@u.arizona.edu or call 520-621-7724. Please include your full postal address.

Entheogenic Substances, Art and Creativity

*April 29-30, 2000
Barcelona — Spain*

Guests include: Richard Yensen, Ph.D. (psychologist; U.S.), Mati Klarwein (painter), Dr. Joan Carles Usó; (Historian, author of the book *History of Psychedelics in Spain*), Dr. Manuel Torres (archaeologist, U.S.), Dr. Michael Schlichting (psychiatrist; Germany), Dokushô Villalba (Zen Monk), Stacy Schaefer, PhD (anthropologist specializing in the Huichols; U.S.), Alex Grey (painter; U.S.), Andrés Paschal Sanchez (translator and specialist in the work of German writer Ernst Jünger), Luis Paniagua (musician), Ana Eva Iribas (specialist in the work of Henri Michaux).

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Recent Developments with Hallucinogens and Schizophrenia

*Regional conference of the British Association of Psychopharmacology (BAP)
Liverpool — United Kingdom
May 3, 2000*

Findings from some of the earliest psychopharmacological studies, conducted in Germany using mescaline nearly a century ago, made it clear that there were similarities between the acute stages of schizophrenic psychoses and hallucinogen-induced states of altered consciousness. These led directly to the model psychosis paradigm, whereby hallucinogen-induced states are considered to be models of schizophrenia, which held sway for nearly 50 years. While this view lost popularity in the 50s and 60s, interest has recently been revived in the hallucinogen-induced model of psychosis paradigm in view of the discovery of the NMDA antagonist action of phencyclidine and related dissociative anaesthetics. This conference aims to bring together researchers from several fields in order to re-examine the validity of the hallucinogen-induced model of schizophrenia in the light of these exciting new advances.

Speakers will include: Dr David Healy, Professor Bill Deakin, Dr. Jon Cole, Dr. Euphrosyne Gouzoulis-Mayfrank, Dr. Andrew Goudie, Professor Franz Vollenweider.

Conference details can be found on the BAP website, www.bap.org.uk. Contact: Mrs. Susan Chandler, susan@bap.org.uk

Psychointegrator Plants, Art, Ethnobotany and Psychotherapy

July 23 to August 1, 2000

An experiential seminar in the Brazilian Amazon with: Luis Eduardo Luna, PhD anthropologist; Dennis MacKenna, PhD ethnopharmacologist; Silvia Polivoy, psychologist; Pablo Amaringo, artist; Kathleen Harrison, artist; Ivan Padilla, Kundalini Yoga teacher. For more information contact Silvia Polivoy in Argentina: (54-11) 4774-3892, E-mail: silviap@house.com.ar, <http://users.lycaeum.org/entheos>

Telluride Mushroom Festival*August 24-27, 2000 — Telluride, CO*

The Telluride Conference is designed for persons interested in mushroom identification, edible and psychoactive mushrooms, and mushroom cultivation. For more information contact: Fungophile; P.O. Box 480503; Denver, CO 80248-8503; Tel: 303-296-9359, Fax: 303-297-1026; E-mail: lodomyco@uswest.net

Shamanic Plant Science 2000*November 22-24, 2000**Whistler Mountain, B.C. — Canada*

This year's event (the next in the "Entheobotany" series) is organized by Jonathan Ott, Robert Montgomery and Christina St. Laurent. Contact: P.O. Box 641047; San Francisco, CA 94164-1047; Phone: 415-345-8437; Fax: 415-345-8438; E-mail: shamanicplantscience@yahoo.com

Reports on previous conferences and updates about future events are listed at www.maps.org/conferences.

ADDICTIONS 2000*Challenges & Opportunities
for a New Millennium***International Scientific Conference
and ISAM's Annual Meeting***Laromme Hotel, Jerusalem, Israel
November 6 - 9, 2000*

Sponsored and Organized by:

**The International Society
of Addiction Medicine (ISAM)****The Ministry of Health
of the State of Israel****The Israel Anti-Drug Authority**

MAPS is sponsoring several participants at the *Addictions 2000* conference. They are: Evgeny Krupitsky, MD, Leningrad Regional Center for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Therapy, to speak about the use of ketamine-assisted psychotherapy in the treatment of heroin addiction; John Halpern, MD, Harvard Medical School, to speak about Native American Church use of peyote, and Dr. Lester Grinspoon, Harvard Medical School, to speak about medical marijuana.

Dr. Gleser, organizer of the conference, participated in the MAPS MDMA conference in Israel in September 1999, at which time he extended an invitation to MAPS to make presentations at the ISAM conference.

Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the Second Annual Meeting of the International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM), November 5 - 6, 2000, as well as the International Scientific Conference, *Addictions 2000*, November 6 - 9, 2000, in Jerusalem, Israel.

These two events provide an excellent opportunity for scientists, clinicians and professionals from our field to meet, report and hear updates on the most recent developments, treatments and clinical trials conducted worldwide, and to discuss the challenges and opportunities for the new millennium.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference in Jerusalem.

Dr. Jorge Gleser Chairman;
Organizing Committee, Vice President ISAM

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For Conference details:

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