

NEWSLETTER

Society for Stimulus Properties of Drugs

The Society for Stimulus Properties of Drugs (SSPD) has been in existence for two years and we can now report a dues paying membership of 82 in ten countries including the U.S.

The Anaheim satellite meeting was held in conjunction with the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology Annual Meeting and represents one of three similar events held in conjunction with other Society meetings during the last year. A satellite session concerning "Mechanisms of Hallucinogen Drugs" was held at the Society for Neuroscience meeting in Atlanta last November, and a third such meeting was held in conjunction with the Committee on Drugs Dependence (CPDD) meeting in Hyannis Port, MA in June. The latter meeting was a joint venture which included the International Study Group Investigating Drugs as Reinforcers (ISGIDAR). This meeting covered a variety of topics of mutual interest to both groups of researchers.

Besides discussing progress made by SSPD, one other issue should be brought forward. This concerns the possibility of sponsoring another international symposium on "Stimulus Properties of Drugs." The first meeting was held in July 1978 and it may be time to consider a second meeting. Those interested in either participating in or organizing such a meeting should contact Dr. Jim Woods (Department of Pharmacology, University of Michigan) or myself. It should be added that the proceedings of the symposium, if held, could be published as a supplement to *Pharmacology Biochemistry and Behavior*.

The future of SSPD appears bright as we have a very active group of scientists in our Society. In addition, recognition of this area of research has grown steadily over the past couple of years to the point where many researchers outside of our field have shown an increasing interest in learning about what we do.

Finally, the results of our election of new officers for SSPD (August 1, 1980-July 31, 1981) are as follows:

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