

**Winnipeg Chapter – Society for Neuroscience
(Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada)**

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Membership

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Members that voted in the 2003 election & date of next election

At the January 13 2003 meeting 43 members voted. Next election planned for November 2004.

Dates and locations of all Chapter meetings

March 17 2003 (University of Manitoba – Bannatyne Campus)
November 27 2003 (University of Manitoba – Bannatyne Campus)

Brief summary of actions taken at each meeting

Meetings have been held in conjunction with visiting speakers.

March 2003 - We decided to focus our activities for the end of November, coinciding with the end of the main Society for Neuroscience meeting. We planned to invite a speaker on a Grass lectureship and have a major poster display for all students and faculty involved in neuroscience research.

November 2003 - General organization of the society activities in Winnipeg have been somewhat disrupted by the departure of Drs. Jonathan Geiger and Michael Mayne, as well as loss of the excellent secretarial support provided by Kelly Jorundson and Nancy Eidsvig. The fund-raising and organizational skills of Dr. Geiger are sorely missed.

Regardless of the local setbacks, the visit by Dr. Freda Miller was a great success. Approximately 25 posters were on display after her talks. Awards were given by draw to two students displaying the posters. Because of the success of this format and timing, we have decided to focus our activities on this time of year (coinciding roughly with the SFN meeting) until the local group reaches its previous excellent state of organization.

Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows nominated for awards

None last year

Chapter-sponsored lectures

Dr. David Colman, January 13 2003 Grass Traveling Scientist lectureship (Note – this visit had been planned for November 2002 but due to conflicts was delayed.)

Professor – McGill University and Director Montreal Neurological Institute

"Myelin development in the nervous system"

Dr. Patricia Whitaker-Azmitia March 17 2003 (Brain Awareness week)

Professor, Biopsychology - State University of New York (SUNY)

"Serotonin and animal models of human developmental disorders" (attendance ~50)

Dr. Freda Miller November 27-28 2003 Grass Traveling Scientist lectureship

Professor, University of Toronto and Hospital for Sick Children

"The Search for Accessible Stem Cells for the Nervous System" (attendance ~50)

"Becoming a Neuron: Signaling Mechanisms Regulating Neurogenesis" (attendance ~70)

Brain Awareness Week activities 2004

Activities were minimal this year. Dr. Jean Paterson obtained the promotional package and made some presentations to graduate and high school students. The pencils and brain-shaped erasers were distributed to junior students as an encouragement to developing an interest in brain research. The T-shirts were given as a door-prize.

Budget report to end Dec 2003

	Jan-Dec 2001	Jan-Dec 2002	Jan-Dec 2003
Opening balance	2,376.96	2,985.00	2,699.19
REVENUE			
Brain Awareness Event			
Canadian Institutes for Health Research			2,000.00
AstraZeneca			
Epilepsy Manitoba	100.00		
Huntington's Society			
Institute for Biodiagnostics	300.00		
Manitoba Head Injury	100.00		
Manitoba Heart and Stroke Foundation	250.00		
Pfizer			
Smith Kline Beecham			
Sport Manitoba			
SBRC			
U of M Dept Pharmacology	300.00		
Membership Dues	5.00		615.00
Bank Interest	3.04	1.29	1.97 (to Nov 03)
TOTAL REVENUE	1,058.04	1.29	2,616.97
EXPENSES			
Brain Awareness Event			
Awards/Prizes			100.00
Bank Fees		5.00	
Equipment Rental	129.42		362.10
Honorariums			200.00
SFN		203.62	
Meeting Expenses	320.58	78.48	898.31
Office Expenses			115.40
TOTAL EXPENSES	450.00	287.10	1,675.81
CLOSING BALANCE	2,985.00	2,699.19	3,640.35

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