

ASSOCIATION FOR THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF CONSCIOUSNESS 7TH ANNUAL MEETING: FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

**University of Memphis, Tennessee, USA.
May 30th - June 2nd, 2003**

The seventh meeting of the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness will be held from May 30th to June 2nd, 2003, at the University of Memphis in Memphis, Tennessee. This is the first call for submissions and workshop proposals.

Invited plenary speakers and symposia will address current empirical and theoretical issues in the study of consciousness, focusing on the theme of models and mechanisms of consciousness. The conference will explore the many connections between models of consciousness and their psychological and neurobiological mechanisms, from the perspectives of philosophy, neuroscience, psychology, linguistics, computer science, cognitive ethology, and artificial intelligence. Plenary symposia will include:

- Global Workspace Theory
- Computational models of consciousness
- Binocular rivalry and the NCC
- The role of feedback and re-entrant mechanisms in consciousness
- Animal consciousness

A partial list of plenary speakers (to be expanded) include: Igor Aleksander, Bernard J Baars, Ned Block, Axel Cleeremans, Peter Carruthers, Daniel C Dennett, Stan Franklin, Victor Lamme, David Leopold, Alva Noe, Petra Stoerig & Frank Tong.

For latest updates, please check the conference website:

<http://www.cs.memphis.edu/~assc7/>

The web site will be continually evolving, so please visit often for updated information about the conference.

ASSC7 is intended to promote interdisciplinary dialogue in the scientific study of consciousness, and as in previous years a significant portion of the program will be set aside for concurrent sessions of submitted talks. ASSC7 will provide an excellent opportunity for the presentation of new empirical findings or novel theoretical perspectives in an atmosphere that will promote discussion and debate.

**CALL FOR PAPER AND POSTER SUBMISSIONS
SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 15, 2003.**

Speakers in concurrent sessions are invited to talk on any topic relevant to the scientific study of consciousness. Submissions that include physiological, psychological, philosophical, and computational perspectives are all welcome. Submissions for both posters and talks will be accepted (please specify preference). Any person may present only one submission, but may be co-author on more than one. Oral presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, to be followed by a ten minute discussion period.

Plenary lectures, symposia, concurrent sessions, and poster sessions will all be held on the University of Memphis campus.

Submit by filling out the electronic submission form available at the following address:

<http://www.cs.memphis.edu/~assc7/submission.html>

Information required for submission will include the following:

1. Title.
2. Name, affiliation, and ASSC membership status of each co-author, with presenting co-author designated.
3. An abstract of up to 200 words.
4. Complete contact information for the author with whom the scientific program committee will interact with about the submission: name, institutional affiliation, postal address, e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers.
5. An indication of whether the proposal is submitted as an oral or poster presentation, and an indication of willingness to present in the alternative format if your first preference cannot be accommodated.

If you have any difficulties with submission, please send email to assc7@memphis.edu

CALL FOR TUTORIAL PROPOSALS
TUTORIAL PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 31, 2003.

This notice is also intended as a call for tutorial presenters. One of the aims of this meeting is to allow researchers to gain a background in areas that they may know little about. Towards that end a number of tutorials are planned. Some participants in the conference would be very interested in learning about technical matters such as fMRI or other important brain imaging techniques. Others might enjoy a seminar on a philosophical topic, or a tutorial on relevant matters in cognitive psychology or linguistics. Tutorial presenters are expected not to present just only their own material, but to give a broader tutorial overview and encourage discussion and debate. A non-exclusive list of possible topics might include:

- Brain imaging techniques (e.g. fMRI, EEG, MEG, ERP)
- Blindsight, neglect, or other neuropsychological syndromes
- Computational & other theoretical models of conscious processes
- Conscious and unconscious processing
- Neural basis of attention and consciousness
- Current models of the visual system
- Consciousness and metacognition
- Criteria for the ascription of consciousness
- Philosophical issues concerning consciousness and representation
- Phenomenological methods for investigating consciousness

Tutorials will be held in parallel sessions on the morning and afternoon of May 30th. Each workshop/tutorial is intended to last approximately three hours. The sizes of tutorials will vary between a minimum of 10 to a maximum of around 25 people.

Tutorial presenters will receive an honorarium of USD 500. The cost of attending workshops will be USD 50. Tutorials that do not achieve the minimum enrollment of 10 people will not be offered.

To submit tutorial proposals please write to Dr. Patrick Wilken (patrickw@klab.caltech.edu)

**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE FOR EARLY REGISTRATION IS APRIL 15, 2003.**

Registration fees:	Early	Late
Non-members	USD 175	USD 225
ASSC members	USD 140	USD 190
Students	USD 75	USD 125
Student ASSC members	USD 40	USD 90

Membership registration must be received by April 15, 2003 to ensure discount. To register, please follow the instructions available from the conference website as they become available: <http://www.cs.memphis.edu/~assc7/>

Address all enquiries about registration to assc7@memphis.edu

FURTHER INFORMATION

All meetings and poster presentations will be held at the University of Memphis campus. Accommodations will be available both at local hotels at discounted rates and at air-conditioned single/double dormitories.

Please check the conference website for further information about the meeting, including information about paper and poster submissions; registration and submission forms; information about travel to Memphis and accommodation; and information about the scientific program of the meeting: <http://www.cs.memphis.edu/~assc7/>. The site will be continually updated to reflect the latest information. To enquire about any aspect of the conference, please write to assc7@memphis.edu

To find out more about the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness, and to apply for membership, please consult: <http://assc.caltech.edu/> The ASSC publishes two scientific journals about which further information is available from the following websites:

Consciousness & Cognition: <http://www.apnet.com/www/journal/cc.htm>

PSYCHE: <http://psyche.cs.monash.edu.au/>

ASSC7 Program Committee: Bernard J Baars, David Chalmers, Axel Cleeremans, Stan Franklin (Chair), Thomas Metzinger, Geraint Rees, Ron Sun, Patrick Wilken
