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Final 2012 Conference Announcement and Program

TOWARD A SCIENCE OF CONSCIOUSNESS
April 9 to 14, 2012
Loews Ventana Canyon Resort Hotel, Tucson, Arizona

Sponsored by the Center for Consciousness Studies
The University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona
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Toward a Science of Consciousness is a biennial conference held since 1994 in Tucson, Arizona, and known for rigorous, interdisciplinary approaches to essential questions of how the brain produces conscious experience, the nature of reality and our place in the universe.

This year, Toward a Science of Consciousness will be held at the luxurious, eco-friendly Loews Ventana Canyon Resort Hotel. An estimated 600 participants from around the world are expected for the program which will include Plenary and Keynote Talks, Concurrent Talks, Posters, Art Tech Health Demos, Exhibits, Social Events, Side Trips and Pre Conference Activities. The program is below;
For further information and registration see www.consciousness.arizona.edu

PRE CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES  Listed Below
Loews Ventana Canyon Resort

CONFERENCE PROGRAM TIMELINE

TUESDAY APRIL 10

1:45 pm to 4:10 pm, Kiva Ballroom
Conference Opening, Plenary 1: War of the Worldviews
  Deepak Chopra, Menas Kafatos, Leonard Mlodinow, Susan Blackmore

4:30 pm to 6:35 pm, Rooms TBA
Concurrent Sessions 1 to 8
(1) Panpsychism and Neutral Monism
Blamauer, Turausky, Rangarajan, Coleman, Wallace
(2) Higher Order Theories
   Weisberg, Gennaro, Delancey, Bernier, Sebastian
(3) Agency and Emotion
   Shepherd, Faw, Howard, Dow, Heavey
(4) Attention in Psychology and Neuroscience
   Dinis, Cheng, T, Noel, Carmel, Stevens
(5) First Person Methods and Phenomenology
   Hurlburt, Hough, Shear, Woodruff-Smith, Mangan
(6) Biology and Consciousness
   P. Sahni, Gupta, Harrington, Beran, Craddock, Adams
(7) Foundations of Quantum Mechanics
   Pylkkanen, Keppler, Atmanspacher, Theise, Awret

6:45 pm to 10:00 pm: Opening Reception
   Kiva Plaza

WEDNESDAY APRIL 11

8:30 am to 10:40 am, Kiva Ballroom
Plenary 2: Searching for Consciousness
   Melanie Boly, Antonio Zadra, George Mashour

11:10 am to 12:30 pm
Plenary 3: Attention Without Awareness?
   Robert Kentridge, Jesse Prinz

2:00 pm to 4:10 pm
Plenary 4: Fractal Consciousness
   Biyu Jade He, Peter Walling, Stuart Hameroff

4:30 pm to 6:35 pm, Rooms TBA
Concurrent Sessions 9 to 16
(9) Dualism and Modal Arguments
   Robinson, Boutel, Williford, Brown, Barker
(10) The Self and Unity
   Kobes, Horst, Corabi, Combs, Mudrik
(11) Extended, Embodied, and Social Consciousness
   Schlicht, Krueger, Seeman, Carruthers, Bruno
(12) Neural Correlates of Consciousness
   Keller, Xu, Tamori, Brogaard, Proulx
(13) Cross Modal Perception
   Seaberg, Coseru, T. Weber, Judge, L'Hote
(14) Evolution and Free Will
   Mohan, Markan, McVeigh, V Mathur, Lent
(15) Altered States of Consciousness
    Martin, Whitmarsh, Garcia Romeu, Peres, Jandial
(16) Science and Spirituality
    Klein, Delorme, P. Satsangi Sahni, Weidenbaum, R Satsangi

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Grand Ballroom Foyer
Poster Session 1 (Presenters TBA) (See Website)

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Room TBA
Art Tech Demos (See website)
    Taylor, Loeth, Gluck, Kostiner, Seaberg, Shapero, Foster, Day

7:00 pm to 9:30 pm, Room TBA
Consciousness Video games, 2nd Life
    Gackenbach, Doyle, Murzyn, Garvey, Martin, Walters, Rubin

9:45 pm Music and Comedy, TBA
    Vanda Mikoloski, The Conscious Comic
    S. Whitmarsh, S. Nelson

THURSDAY APRIL 12

8:30 am to 11:00 am, Kiva Ballroom
  Plenary 5: Debate: HOT or NOT
      Ned Block, David Rosenthal, Hakwan Lau, Victor Lamme

11:30 am to 12:50 pm, Kiva Ballroom
  Plenary 6  Keynote: Identifying The Brain's Awareness System
  Lessons from Coma and Related States
      Steven Laureys

(Afternoon Free; Side Trips: Sabino Canyon Hike, Biosphere 2, Jeep Tour,
    Sabino and Mt. Lemmon Tour, Desert Museum and Old Tucson Studios, Self-Organized Workshops)

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm Conference Dinner
Flying V Restaurant

FRIDAY APRIL 13

8:30 am to 10:40 am, Kiva Ballroom
  Plenary 7: Echolocation and Consciousness
Daniel Kish, Lore Thaler, Cynthia Moss

11:10 am to 12:30 pm, Kiva Ballroom
Plenary 8  Keynote 2: Feeling the Future
Daryl Bem

2:00 pm to 4:10 pm, Kiva Ballroom
Plenary Session 9: The Explanatory Gap
Kevin O'Regan, Anthony Jack, Philip Goff

4:30 pm to 6:35 pm, Rooms TBA
Concurrent Sessions 17-24
(17) Phenomenal Concepts and Phenomenal Knowledge
   Pitt, Butler, Shargel, Sundstrom, Hellie*
(18) Philosophy of Perception
   Farenknkova, Arsenault, Olague, Knight, Kidd, Crutchfield*
(19) Foundations of the Science of Consciousness
   Molynex, Kozuch, Mogi, Peressini, Marable *
(20) Disorders of Consciousness
   Suntharanganon, Fankhauser, Gusarova, Crosby, Gottschling
(21) Sleep Dreams
   Kahn, Gackenbach, Peimer, Glanzer, Murzyn
(22) Space, Time and Scale
   Maier, Bieberich, Dayal, Lloyd, Saroka,
(23) Education and Consciousness
   Sarath, Pappas, Mathur, Oved, Ahuja
(24) Nonlocality and Consciousness
   C. Brown, G. Schwartz, Moreira, S. Schwartz, Scott

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Grand Ballroom Foyer
Poster Session 2  (Presenters TBA) (See Website)

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Room TBA
Health Demos
Baldwin, Alfaki, Brugnoli, Ilundain Agurazza, Graur, Trousdale

10:00 pm to 11:30 pm, Room TBA
Consciousness Poetry Slam, Zombie Blues, Talent Show

SATURDAY APRIL 14

9:00 am to 11:30 am, Kiva Ballroom
Plenary Session 10: Time and the Brain
   Moshe Gur, Eve Isham, Ronald Gruber, Geoff Lee *
12:00 am to 1:20 pm, Kiva Ballroom
Plenary Session 11: Consciousness and Hallucinogens
Katherine Maclean, Robin Carhart Harris

*unconfirmed*

(Saturday afternoon Free, Self Organized Workshops, Tennis Tournament, Hikes, Golf, book early)

7:00 pm to ??
Saturday evening, Location TBA
End of Consciousness Party

PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012

Pre Conference Workshops

9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Neuroscience of Music
Cross Modal Consciousness, Synesthesia
Pranahuti Aided Meditation
Survival of Consciousness After Death Hypothesis

2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Exploring Frontiers of Mind Brain Relationship 1
Cross Modal Consciousness, Synesthesia 2

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012 FORUM

9:00-12:00 pm and 1:30 - 5:00 pm Grand Ballroom
Forum on Eastern Philosophy and Consciousness
(Open to Conference Registrants)

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012 EVENING DINNER and WORKSHOP (ticket required)

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm, Kiva Plaza
Dinner with Deepak Sunset Buffet

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Kiva Ballroom
Special Workshop Deepak Chopra MD, FACP
Consciousness: The Ultimate Reality

TUESDAY APRIL 10, 2012
Pre Conference Workshops

9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Functional Neuroimaging of (Un)Consciousness?
Philosophical Overview of Theories of Consciousness
Quantum Consciousness
Exploring Frontiers of Mind Brain Relationship 2
Pranahuti Aided Meditation

1:45 PM, TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012, KIVA BALLROOM
PLENARY PROGRAM BEGINS

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TSC Conference Website
www.consciousness.arizona.edu
Directions to Conference Venue, Loews Ventana Canyon Resort

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Loews Ventana Canyon Resort
Phone: (520) 299-2020    Fax: (520) 299-6832
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Area Hotels, Overflow Options

PROGRAM OUTLINE and ONLINE REGISTRATION

Online Registration
Online - ABSTRACTS

Program Outline

Program Highlights

PLENARY PROGRAM
WELCOME RECEPTION
CONCURRENTS
POSTER SESSIONS
ART-TECHNOLOGY HEALTH DEMOS
EASTERN PHILOSOPHY FORUM
CHOPRA EVENING WORKSHOP/DINNER
CLUB CONSCIOUSNESS
SIDE TRIPS
EVENING WORKSHOP/DINNER
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POETRY SLAM / ZOMBIE BLUES
PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS
POSTER SESSIONS
MAIL POSTERS TO HOTEL

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Deadline is March 1

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