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Top NIH Neuroscience Experts to Discuss the Latest in Neurological and Psychiatric Research

What: Find out the latest news about the brain and its complexity from the world's top experts. Several institute directors and program leaders from the National Institutes of Health will be available to discuss success stories and new directions in neuroscience research during this year's Society for Neuroscience meeting. This is a rare opportunity to meet and interact with several NIH directors and other leading neuroscientists. Topics include mental health, substance abuse, brain issues related to aging, eye health, as well as stroke and neurological disorders.

When: Sunday, November 16th from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Where: Neuroscience 2008, the Society for Neuroscience annual meeting, Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, D.C., Sign in at the Press Room—204AB (media roundtable to be held in conference room 204C).

The following NIH institute directors and program leaders will discuss recent advances and directions in neurological research:

- **National Institute on Drug Abuse** – *Dr. Nora Volkow, Director*
- **National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke** – *Dr. Story Landis, Director*
- **National Institute of Mental Health** – *Dr. Thomas Insel, Director*
- **National Eye Institute** – *Dr. Paul Sieving, Director*
- **National Institute on Aging** – *Dr. Marcelle Morrison-Bogorad, Division of Neuroscience Director*
- **National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders** – *Dr. Christopher Platt, Hearing and Balance Program Director*

To RSVP, please contact NIDA's Dorie Hightower or Stephanie Older at (301) 443-6245 or e-mail DorieH@nih.gov. **For reporters outside of the DC area, a press conference teleconference number will be available, but space is limited. Please contact Dorie Hightower or Stephanie Older to receive the call-in information in advance.**

The National Institute on Drug Abuse is a component of the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NIDA supports most of the world's research on the health aspects of drug abuse and addiction. The Institute carries out a large variety of programs to inform policy and improve practice. Fact sheets on the health effects of drugs of abuse and information on NIDA research and other activities can be found on the NIDA home page at www.drugabuse.gov.

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