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To: *Neurospora* Community  
From: *Neurospora* Policy Committee  
Subject: *Neurospora* 2008

We are happy to present information on the upcoming *Neurospora* meeting, ***Neurospora 2008***, which will be held at Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, California, starting this coming March 27 (Thursday) and ending after lunch on Sunday, March 30. David Catcheside and Yi Liu are arranging the scientific program this year, and Nora Plesofsky and Oded Yarden are handling other organizational matters. You probably recall that the *Neurospora* community decided several years ago to reestablish meetings devoted exclusively to *Neurospora*. The main purpose was to reclaim the spirit of the fabulous meetings that many of us enjoyed prior to expanding the meeting to become the Fungal Genetics Meeting. ***Neurospora 2008*** will be the sixth reincarnated *Neurospora* meeting and all indications are that it will be a great success.

Thursday night will include a special Metzenberg Memorial followed by a reception/mixer. Research talks will be presented Friday morning and afternoon, Saturday morning and afternoon, and Sunday morning. Poster presentations will be made Friday and Saturday evenings, with the posters available for viewing throughout the meeting from Friday through Sunday morning. There will be some free time in the afternoons (1:00-2:30), but those wishing to take excursions may wish to do so Thursday or Sunday afternoon.

All participants are encouraged to present their work on posters. Approximately 80% of the research talks will be by invited speakers. Additional speakers will be selected from those submitting poster abstracts. Those selected will be notified in early February and invited to present a short talk in one of the plenary sessions.

A preliminary listing of plenary sessions is presented below:

- I. Gene Silencing, Sex, Repair, and Recombination
- II. Clocks and Light
- III. Cell Growth, Morphogenesis, and Populations
- IV. Gene Regulation and Cell Signaling
- V. Genomics and Methodology

The final program will be posted on the Fungal Genetics Stock Center website in two weeks. We expect ***Neurospora 2008*** to be an exceptionally fine meeting and we hope you can come!