

NEWS

SFARI social at SfN 2014

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Editor's note: This article was updated on 10 November from an earlier version announcing the call for proposals, to include the selected presenters.

We invite you to join us for SFARI's official Autism Research Social at the **2014 Society for Neuroscience (SfN) annual meeting** in Washington, D.C.

Date: Monday, 17 November

Time: 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Venue: Marriott Marquis Washington, D.C.

Location: University of D.C. and Catholic University rooms (Level 1)

After a successful comingling of science and socializing during **last year's SfN meeting** in San Diego, we once again hope to provide an opportunity for autism researchers to meet and interact.

We again plan to highlight the work of standout early-career scientists in the autism research community during the social. The evening includes a forum for selected graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to share four-minute presentations of new results with attendees, including leaders in the field.

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members of the SFARI scientific staff based on proposals from an international call for presentations from leading labs working in autism research:

- **Claire Piochon**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Neurobiology, University of Chicago
'Cerebellar plasticity and motor learning deficits in a copy-number variation mouse model of autism'
- **Elizabeth Smith**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Pediatrics and Developmental Neuroscience Branch, National Institutes of Health
'Longitudinal changes in cortical thickness in young children with autism'
- **Hui Lu**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Howard Hughes Medical Institute Fellow, Baylor College of Medicine
'Mechanisms contributing to the failure of neural circuit homeostasis in MeCP2 disorders'
- **Laura Ajram**, Ph.D. Candidate, Institute of Psychiatry, Kings College London
'Pharmacological modulation of inhibitory/excitatory imbalance in autism spectrum disorder'

Please forward this invitation to anyone interested in autism. We look forward to seeing you and your friends there!

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