

## **THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF NEUROPSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY RECORDS**

The Oskar Diethelm Library  
DeWitt Wallace Institute for the History of Psychiatry  
Weill Cornell Medical College  
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### **Provenance**

The records of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology were donated to the Archives of Psychiatry (now the Oskar Diethelm Library) at New York Hospital - Cornell Medical Center in 1981 and 1984 through the organization's Secretariat.

The collection consists of .8 cubic ft. housed in two .4 cubic ft. boxes.

There are no restrictions regarding use of the collection.

### **History**

The College was founded in 1961 as a professional society in brain, behavior, and psychopharmacology research. It is a non-profit, tax exempt, scientific professional organization whose members are drawn from the fields of psychiatry, psychology, pharmacology, neurophysiology, neurochemistry, biochemistry and internal medicine. Its members are selected for membership to ACNP by their peers primarily on the basis of their original scholarly contributions to the field of neuropsychopharmacology, which involves the evaluation of the effects of synthetic compounds or natural products upon the brain and human behavior. Among the approximately 420 members of ACNP are governmental officials with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, chairmen of academic departments, directors of state psychiatric research facilities, and directors of research at private pharmaceutical companies.

A primary function of ACNP is to serve as a forum for the exchange of scientific information regarding the pharmacology, toxicology and clinical application of neuropsychopharmacological agents. ACNP members have testified as expert witnesses in the trials of major cases; have worked jointly with various administrative agencies and executive departments; and have testified before Congress on numerous legal, ethical, and scientific issues relating to neuropsychopharmacology and national health policy. Many of the federal government's expert advisors on the use of antipsychotic and neurological substances, and their potential for abuse, are members of the ACNP.

The College meets at annual meetings at various locations throughout the United States and conducts study groups and plenary sessions. A bulletin is published quarterly. The ACNP bestows the Daniel Ebron award for outstanding research in the field.

The officers of the College are the President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, and a Council consisting of the above named officers including the last retired President and five other members. The Council transacts all business of the College including the approval or disapproval of all recommendations of all committees, and determines dues structure, and adopts rules and regulations for the election of the various classes of membership. Among its responsibilities, the Council creates and directs standing committees and elects editors and committees on publications.

In 2008, the College placed its archives at the Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library at UCLA.

## **Scope and Content**

For the most part, the collection consists of printed or mimeographed material; very little original correspondence is included in these records. The collection is comprised of the constitution and by-laws, the minutes of the Council and business meetings which took place at the annual meetings, programs pertaining to the annual meetings, abstracts of papers, workshops and posters presented at the annual meetings, published bulletins, and membership directories. Also included are information letters sent by the Secretariat to the members. The range in dates for these records is 1961-1984.

## **Inventory**

### **Box # 1**

Folder 1	Constitution and by-laws	1961
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2	Council and business meeting minutes	1964-1971
3	Council and business meeting minutes	1972-1975
4	Council and business meeting minutes	1976-1981
5	Annual meeting program bulletins	1962, 1973-1983
6	Abstracts of papers, workshops and posters presented at the annual meetings	1980-1983
<b>Box # 2</b>		
Folder 1	Bulletin	1963-1967
2	Bulletin	1968-1972
3	Membership directories	1978, 1983-1984
4	Secretariat	1980
5	Secretariat	1981
6	Reports – “Combined Maoi-Tricyclic Antidepressant Treatment; A Reevaluation” Brief for the U.S. Supreme Court as Amicus Curiae on Boston State Hospital case “Anxiety Reconceptualized” by Donald Klein	1980