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MARK YOUR CALENDARS: 2017 CATSS SYMPOSIUM

Dr. Lotfi Merabet

Please mark your calendar for the next CATSS symposium,
 scheduled for the morning of **Friday, Feb. 3, 2017**.

Featured Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Lotfi Merabet, OD, PhD, MPH
Director, the Laboratory for Visual Neuroplasticity, Harvard University

*"Comparing Brain Plasticity in Ocular vs Cerebral Causes of Visual Impairment:
 A Challenge for Rehabilitation"*

Dr. Merabet is an optometrist-scientist and a member of the research faculty in the Vision Rehabilitation Service at Massachusetts Eye and Ear. He is active in research relating to individuals' adaptations to loss of sight.

For the symposium itinerary and registration:

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Peggy Nelson

Happy new year, all! 2016 was a very active year in CATSS. We're grateful for all the scientific energy that's happening in the basement of Elliott Hall.

More than a dozen different principal investigators were using CATSS facilities last year, from four different colleges, averaging a total of 38+ hours per week. We had four different external partners working with us this past year.

Among the new projects were:

- *Measurement of human response to infrasound*
- *Use of cues by adults with TBI to interpret and process visuographic information*
- *Discrimination and streaming of speech sounds*

New proposals are already underway for 2017, including...

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2017 CATSS SMALL GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2017

CATSS promotes innovative interdisciplinary research in the sensory sciences. The CATSS Small Grant program provides seed money for faculty and students to collect preliminary data on sensory science projects that show promise for future investigations on a broader scale.

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CATSS PODCASTS UNDER DEVELOPMENT

SUMMER 2016 INTERNSHIP

Sandra Osei

Ken Mills

Ken Mills, a journalist, writer, consultant, and blogger, is currently developing a series of audio podcasts about the mission, goals, current work, staff, and participants in CATSS research projects.

The podcasts, 6-10 minutes in length, will feature thematic presentations designed for educated listeners. They will be adaptable to video and other media.

Sandra Osei, a sophomore neuroscience major at the U of M, spent Summer 2016 as a MnDRIVE Brain Conditions intern in the lab of Evelyn Davies-Venn, PhD, Assistant Professor in SLHS. She was involved with a project testing a prototype hearing device on individuals with hearing loss. Sandra was featured in "Students gain STEM experience as interns in MnDRIVE labs".

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