

About the Society for Chaos Theory in Psychology & Life Sciences

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INTRODUCTION

The Society for Chaos Theory in Psychology & Life Sciences (SCTPLS) is an international forum bringing together researchers, theoreticians, and practitioners interested in applying dynamical systems theory, far-from-equilibrium thermodynamics, self-organization, neural nets, fractals cellular automata, and related forms of chaos, catastrophes, bifurcations, nonlinear dynamics, and complexity theories to psychology and the life sciences. Members hail from numerous specialties within psychology and the social sciences as well as from biology, physiology, neuroscience, mathematics, philosophy, physics, computer science, economics, education, management and organizational science, political science, engineering, and the world of art.

SOCIETY ACTIVITIES AND PUBLICATIONS

SCTPLS publishes a newsletter, holds an annual international conference including workshops, hosts regional conferences, and maintains the CHAOPSYC@LIST.UVM.EDU e-mail/internet discussion list. To subscribe to CHAOPSYC, send an e-mail message to LISTPROC@LIST.UVM.EDU saying (only): subscribe chaopsysc yourname.

The Society has established a research journal, *Nonlinear Dynamics, Psychology and Life Sciences*, which is published by Human Sciences Press, Inc. The inaugural issue appeared in January, 1997. Subscriptions to

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NDPLS are available as a benefit of Society membership. Institutional and other individual subscriptions are available through the usual channels.

SCTPLS maintains its World Wide Web Site at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AnS/psychology/cogsci/chaos/cspls.html>. The site links to a variety of resources for researchers and others interested in nonlinear dynamics. The web site also features information about SCTPLS conferences and publications.

The essential proceedings of the first five conferences appear in edited collections along with additional invited works (Abraham & Gilgen, 1995; Robertson & Combs, 1995; Sulis & Combs, 1996). Abstracts to the Fifth and Sixth Annual International Conferences are available from the Society's web site. Papers from the Sixth, and subsequent annual conferences will be published as articles in *NDPLS* until further notice.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Society was founded at its first meeting held in San Francisco, 1991. Subsequent locations were Washington, DC; Orillia, Ontario; Baltimore, MD; Garden City, NY; Berkeley, CA; and Milwaukee, WI. Additional information will be posted in the *Newsletter*, the web site, and elsewhere.

CENTRAL OFFICES

The Society address for *Newsletter* submissions and general inquiries is William Sulis, M.D., Ph.D., President. 255 Townline Road East/RR5, Cayuga, Ontario N0A 1E0, Canada. E-mail: SULISW@MCMASTER.CA. For membership payments and related information, see below. Other business activities operate from: Dept. Psychology, Marquette University, P.O. Box 1881, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1881.

MEMBERSHIP

The Society welcomes members from all nations to the central organization. Some members are also members of our affiliate societies in Germany (German Society for Complex Systems and Nonlinear Dynamics), Italy (Societa Italiana Caos & Complessita), and Russia (Russian Synergetic Society). The SCTPLS membership year extends from 1 September to 31

August. Current SCTPLS membership benefits include a year's subscription to *Nonlinear Dynamics, Psychology, and Life Sciences*, which is issued in January, March, July, and October. Membership dues are US\$60.00 (regular), and US\$50 (students).

Checks and money orders should be made payable in US funds to Society for Chaos Theory in Psychology & Life Sciences, or SCTPLS and enclosed with your membership application to: Keith Clayton, Ph.D., Secretary Society for Chaos Theory in Psychology & Life Sciences, Department of Psychology, 301 Wilson Hall, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN 37240 USA. E-mail: CLAYTOKN@CTRVAX.VANDERBILTEDU. We accept some major credit cards. Please contact the Secretary for wire transfer instructions.

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RECIPROCITY MEMBERSHIPS

Please contact the President for further information about reciprocity memberships with the German Society for Complex Systems and Nonlinear Dynamics, Italian Society for Chaos and Complexity, and the Russian Synergetic Society.

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