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About FENS

The Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS) is the main organisation for neuroscience in Europe. FENS was founded in 1998 at the first Forum of European Neuroscience. Currently, it represents 42 European national and mono-disciplinary neuroscience societies, with close to 23,000 member scientists from 32 European countries.

Mission

FENS’ mission is to advance research and education in neuroscience, within and outside of Europe, and to facilitate interaction and coordination between its members.

FENS aims to promote neuroscience research to policymakers, funding bodies and the general public, both regionally and internationally.

The activities of FENS fall into four broad areas:
- Scientific meetings
- Higher education and training
- The European Journal of Neuroscience (EJN)
- Outreach and advocacy

The Governing Council represents the highest governance of FENS and is comprised of representatives from all member societies. The FENS Executive Committee is responsible for overseeing the regular activities of FENS and its representation towards partners. An Executive Director alongside the FENS administration supports the combined governance of FENS and its committees.
The FENS Forum is the main scientific Neuroscience conference in Europe. It is organised by FENS every second year - in even years, in collaboration with one of its member societies. The FENS Forum welcomes over 6000 participants from a wide range of disciplines from all over the world.

The FENS Forum covers all fields of neuroscience research and comprises a range of symposia, technical workshops, plenary lectures and poster sessions as well as a multitude of social and student events.

A large number of travel grants are available for talented young neuroscientists. The Forum is "a must in Europe" for neuroscientists from all over the world, allowing them to present their cutting-edge research and attend lectures and symposia presented by renowned experts sharing their latest findings.

Forthcoming Forum meetings

2016 July 2-6  
Copenhagen, Denmark

2018 July 7-11  
Berlin, Germany

FENS Forums

1998 June 2-July 1  
Berlin, Germany (3900 pers.)

2000 June 24-28  
Brighton, UK (4100 pers.)

2002 July 13-17  
Paris, France (5251 pers.)

2004 July 10-14  
Lisbon, Portugal (4234 pers.)

2006 July 8-12  
Vienna, Austria (5198 pers.)

2008 July 12-16  
Geneva, Switzerland (5697 pers.)

2010 July 3-7  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands (6214 pers.)

2012 July 14-18  
Barcelona, Spain (6953 pers.)

2014 July 5-9  
Milan, Italy

Did you know?

FENS’ members benefit from a reduced registration fee for participation in the FENS Forum.
THE BRAIN CONFERENCES

The Brain Conferences, organised in collaboration with the Brain Prize, are small scaled, high-level meetings bringing together outstanding researchers in key areas of contemporary neuroscience. They provide a unique forum for discussion and interaction at the forefront of current knowledge on specialised topics.

Forthcoming Brain Conferences

The Social Brain, Copenhagen, Denmark: October 5-8, 2014
The Neurobiology of Sleep and Circadian Rhythm, Denmark: October 11-14, 2015

FENS FEATURED REGIONAL MEETING

FENS Featured Regional Meetings are national or regional scientific meetings supported by FENS and organised by a single member society or by several societies together. FFRMs are held in the odd years, alternating with the FENS Forum. FENS provides its label, financial and organisational support to the organisation of the FFRM, to promote the scientific excellence of neuroscience at a national and regional level.

Forthcoming meetings:
2015 October 7-10
Thessaloniki, Greece

Past meetings:
2009 September 9-11
Warsaw, Poland
2011 September 22-25
Ljubljana, Slovenia
2013 September 11-14
Prague, Czech Republic
FENS aims to increase public awareness about the benefits of brain research. These activities are carried out in collaboration with global partners, like DANA, EBC, IBRO and SfN as well as with FENS member organisations. In addition, FENS is committed to providing solid advice to policy makers and stakeholders on the importance of continuous support for brain research, to solve the burden of brain-related diseases in Europe.

Outreach and Advocacy Activities:

- Brain Awareness Week (with DANA/EDAB)
- FENS-SfN Advocacy Grants programme
- Global Advocacy, an initiative of IBRO (with international partner organisations)
- Year of the Brain, an EBC initiative
- Dissemination on the responsible use of animals in research through FENS’ CARE committee
FENS works in partnership with European and International organisations to promote neuroscience:

• Boehringer Ingelheim
• Grete Lundbeck European Brain Research Foundation – The Brain Prize
• The DANA Foundation
• European Brain Council
• European Science Foundation
• The Hertie Foundation
• International Brain Research Organisation
• Society for Neuroscience
• Wiley
• The Kavli Foundation
FENS actively supports graduate education and postgraduate training in neuroscience in Europe through a variety of initiatives. A new training framework launched in 2014 proposes appealing activities for students, post-doctoral researchers and early career neuroscientists. Looking ahead and supporting the next generation is a key priority for FENS.

The CAJAL Advanced Neuroscience Training Programme

This programme, with FENS and IBRO as founding partners, is organised in partnership with the Bordeaux University and the Champalimaud Foundation in Lisbon. The CAJAL Advanced Neuroscience Training Programme offers an annual programme of high-level, hands-on training courses in neuroscience, organised by leading scientists as course directors. The training courses are scheduled for 2-3 weeks and have a high faculty to student ratio. They provide opportunities for neuroscientists to learn new techniques and advanced concepts in neuroscience from world-leading experts. The annual course programme is implemented in Bordeaux (Bordeaux Neurocampus) and Lisbon (Champalimaud Foundation).

FENS-Kavli Network of Excellence

Starting in 2014, FENS and the Kavli Foundation will establish a new network of excellent young neuroscientists in Europe. As members, the network targets neuroscientists with an already established recognised independent research-line. It aims at reinforcing a link between the current neuroscience community and the generation of emerging group leaders, and provides a pool of future scientific leaders in Europe.

The network shall be self-organised and will meet annually in the Kavli Royal Society International Centre – Chicheley Hall in London.

FENS will open the call for nominations in July 2014 with an aim to welcome the first 20 FENS-Kavli Scholars by the end of 2014.
Neuroscience schools

FENS organises two neuroscience schools per year – a summer school in collaboration with the Society for Neuroscience and a winter school in collaboration with the Hertie Foundation. FENS’ neuroscience schools offer front-line scientists as expert chairs and faculty in a programme where the participant is in the centre. Novel concepts and theories in neuroscience are discussed within an intimate setting that helps promote both formal and informal exchange.

Network of European Neuroscience Schools (NENS)

NENS represents over 180 graduate schools and programmes in neuroscience across Europe. It offers the most comprehensive online source of information on neuroscience training opportunities. For more information on exchange visits and training stays within and outside of Europe as well as various opportunities for stipends to participate in excellent training programmes, please visit: www.fens.org/Training/

The NENS programme represents an expansion of professional and personal network opportunities across the European neuroscience community. Join NENS and its activities today!

Neuroscience schools in 2014 and 2015

2014
FENS-SfN Summer School
“Neurodevelopmental Psychiatric Disorders”
June 23-29, 2014
Organisers: Oscar Marin (Alicante, Spain) & David A. Lewis (Pittsburgh, USA)

FENS-Hertie Winter School
“The Neurocognition of Decision Making”
January 12-18, 2015
Organisers: Daniel Wolpert (Cambridge, UK) & Mike Shadlen (Washington DC, USA)

2015
FENS-SfN Summer School:
“Shared mechanisms and specificity in neurodegenerative diseases”
(dates to be confirmed)

FENS-Hertie Winter School
“Neurobiology of language and communication”
(dates to be confirmed)
In collaboration with Boehringer Ingelheim and EJN, FENS offers four prestigious research awards every other year:

- FENS EJN Award
- FENS Research Award in collaboration with Boehringer Ingelheim
- FENS EJN Young Investigator Prize
- EJN Best Publication Award

**THE FENS EJN AWARD 2016**

Recognising outstanding scientific work in any area of neuroscience. Prize: £ 10,000

**FENS EJN Award**

Recognising outstanding scientific work in all areas of neuroscience. Personal prize of 10,000 GBP
FENS Research Award
25,000 EUR awarded in recognition of outstanding research in the field of neuroscience

FENS EJN Young Investigator Prize
Awarded in recognition of outstanding scientific work in any area of neuroscience. Personal prize of 7,000 GBP

EJN Best Publication Award
Recognising the best research article published in EJN over the preceding two-year period. This personal prize of 3,000 GBP will be awarded to the first author(s) of the selected article.
EJN is the official journal of FENS, published in association with Wiley. EJN publishes research articles across a broad spectrum of molecular, cellular, systems, behavioural, and cognitive neurosciences, including in areas of more clinical relevance. EJN offers a high standard, rigorous and fair peer-review with rapid publication times. Publishing in EJN is free of charge, including online color figures. EJN offers different routes for authors to publish their accepted manuscripts as open access papers (with a publication fee).

All FENS members and members of the Society for Neuroscience (SfN) enjoy free online access to EJN. By logging in to the FENS website, members obtain hassle-free and direct access to full text EJN papers.

Subscriptions to the print edition of EJN are also available to FENS’ members at a special discounted rate.

Revenue from the EJN helps FENS fund its diverse activities to the benefit of European neuroscience. EJN offers various resources for the neuroscience community, including an interactive website, the EJN News (www.ejnnews.org).
FENS benefits at a glance

Why join FENS?

Members of FENS’ societies benefit from:

- reduced-rate registration at the FENS Forum and other FENS activities
- stipends available to attend the FENS Forum, the SfN and IBRO Meetings
- free online access to EJN, and a special discount rate for subscription to the print edition
- free abstract slot submission at the annual meeting of the SfN
- attractive discounts on subscription to several top neuroscience journals
- unlimited access to FENS electronic newsletters, FENS job advertisements in Europe and overseas
- special offers on books from several publishers
- meetings, the FENS summer and winter schools as well as stipends to visit NENS-associated schools for training purposes
- regular electronic updates (FENS news-alerts) on events, grants, awards, news and more from FENS and its member societies
- possibilities to participate in NENS activities in Europe and beyond
National Member Societies

- Armenian Neuroscience Society
- Austrian Neuroscience Association
- Belgian Society of Neuroscience
- Brain Research Society of Finland
- British Neuroscience Association
- Croatian Society for Neuroscience
- Czech Neuroscience Society
- Danish Society for Neuroscience
- Dutch Neurofederation
- Georgian Neuroscience Association
- German Neuroscience Society
- Hellenic Society for Neuroscience
- Hungarian Neuroscience Society
- Icelandic Society for Neuroscience
- Israel Society for Neurosciences
- Lithuanian Neuroscience Association
- National Neuroscience Society of Romania
- Neuroscience Ireland
- Neuroscience Society of Turkey
- Norwegian Neuroscience Society
- Polish Neuroscience Society
- Russian Neuroscience Society
- Serbian Neuroscience Society
- Slovak Society for Neuroscience
- Slovenian Neuroscience Association
- Sociedad Española de Neurociencia
- Sociedade Portuguesa de Neurociências
- Società Italiana di Neuroscienze
- Société des Neurosciences
- Swedish Society for Neuroscience
- Swiss Society for Neuroscience
- Ukrainian Society for Neuroscience

* any member of these national societies has full access to all FENS benefits
Monodisciplinary Societies

- EBBS — European Brain and Behaviour Society
- EBPS — European Behavioural Pharmacology Society
- ECNP — European College of Neuropsychopharmacology
- EMCCS — European Molecular and Cellular Cognition Society
- ESRS — European Sleep Research Society
- ESN — European Society of Neurochemistry
- Euro-CNS — European Confederation of Neuropathological Societies
- FEPS — Federation of European Physiological Societies
- IBANGS — The International Behavioural and Neural Genetics Society
- SRNT-E — Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco – Europe Chapter

Affiliate Membership

Any industrial or non-industrial organisation with an interest in neuroscience may apply to FENS for an Affiliate Membership.

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