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ABOUT FENS

FENS, the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies, represents national European neuroscience societies and several monodisciplinary societies. FENS was founded in 1998 at the Forum of European Neuroscience in Berlin and is the successor organization to ENA, the European Neuroscience Association.

FENS was founded with the goals of advancing research and education in neuroscience and of representing neuroscience research to the European Commission, IBRO, and funding agencies. FENS is the European partner of the Society for Neuroscience.

FENS is governed by the FENS Council. The FENS Council is comprised of representatives from all member societies. The Council convenes at least once a year and chooses committee members, officers, the venue of the next meeting etc. Routine FENS administration is delegated to the Executive Committee as elected by the Council. Members of the Executive Committee hold office for two years. The Executive Committee is supported by three offices based in Berlin, Brussels and Athens.

Members of the Executive Committee (2010–2012):

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MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER SOCIETIES

Each individual member of a FENS member society, i.e. of either a national or a monodisciplinary society, is automatically a member of FENS and is entitled to take advantage of all FENS offers.

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 Physiological Society
- ★ Serbian Neuroscience Society
- ★ Slovak Society for Neuroscience
- ★ Slovenian Neuroscience Society
- ★ 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

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
- ★ 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

Affiliate Membership

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

- ★ KF Technology
- ★ Grete Lundbeck European Brain Research Foundation

FENS FORUM



FENS organizes biennially a large scientific meeting, the FENS Forum of Neuroscience, in Europe. The FENS Forum covers all fields of neuroscience research. It comprises of symposia, plenary lectures and poster sessions. Every two years this Forum of Neuroscience is “a must in Europe” for researchers all over the world who want to present their best and most recent data and to attend outstanding lectures and symposia that present state-of-the-art research in neuroscience. The FENS Forum of Neuroscience is the place to meet and exchange ideas with colleagues sharing similar interests.

FENS members are entitled to participate in the FENS Forum at the reduced member rate.

FENS Forums

- ★ 1998 – **Berlin**, Germany: June 27–July 1
- ★ 2000 – **Brighton**, UK: June 24–28
- ★ 2002 – **Paris**, France: July 13–17
- ★ 2004 – **Lisbon**, Portugal: July 10–14
- ★ 2006 – **Vienna**, Austria: July 8–12
- ★ 2008 – **Geneva**, Switzerland: July 12–16
- ★ 2010 – **Amsterdam**, The Netherlands: July 3–7
- ★ 2012 – **Barcelona**, Spain: July 14–18
- ★ 2014 – **Milan**, Italy

FENS FEATURED REGIONAL MEETING

In addition to the FENS Forum that is held in even years, FENS also supports the FENS Featured Regional Meetings that take place in odd years.

FENS Featured Regional Meetings are national or regional scientific meetings, held in odd years, alternate with the FENS Forum, organized by member societies either alone or in partnership between them. They receive FENS support and label to increase the visibility of the meeting, promote its scientific excellence, and support neuroscience at the national/regional level.

FENS Featured Regional Meetings

- ★ 2009 – **Warsaw**, Poland: September 9–12
- ★ 2011 – **Ljubljana**, Slovenia: September 22–25

FENS – IBRO SCHOOLS



The FENS-IBRO European Neuroscience Schools Programme is a collaboration between FENS and IBRO (International Brain Research Organization) and SfN (Society for Neuroscience). This programme aims to train students and young investigators and brings together educational activities sponsored by FENS through its Schools Committee and by IBRO's Regional Committees for Europe: the Western Europe Regional Committee (WERC) and the Central and Eastern Europe Regional Committee (CEERC).

FENS-IBRO Schools provide funds to support high-quality courses and schools on a wide range of important topics in the neurosciences.

Recently, the Society for Neuroscience (SfN) has developed a partnership with FENS & IBRO to jointly organize one such school per year in Europe. Particular attention is given to proposals from members that encourage an active involvement of students and teachers during the entire event.

Students are able to apply for a travel grant.

NENS

The Network of European Neuroscience Schools (NENS) is a formal structure within FENS. NENS is particularly engaged with providing transparency within educational programmes in the field of neuroscience. NENS has the goal of fostering interactions between the different European graduate programmes in the neurosciences. Over the last few years the number of graduate programmes in the field of neuroscience has been growing steadily across Europe.

NENS provides stipends for students registered within NENS member schools/programmes to engage in methodological and research training in the laboratory of another NENS member school/programme. The stipend is up to 1,000 EUR and is intended to cover travel and accommodation costs.

EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF NEUROSCIENCE (EJN)

EJN is the official journal of FENS and is published by Wiley-Blackwell. EJN publishes research articles across a broad spectrum of molecular, cellular, systems, behavioural, and cognitive neurosciences. Free access to EJN online is offered to all members of FENS and to members of the Society for Neuroscience. Please contact your national society to obtain access instructions. Print subscriptions to EJN are also offered to FENS members at an advantageous rate.



Editors in Chief
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FENS AWARDS

FENS launches biennially four research awards: the FENS EJM Award, the Boehringer Ingelheim FENS Research Award, the FENS EJM Young Investigator Prize, and the EJM Best Publication Award.

FENS EJM Award

This biennial award is donated by the EJM publisher Wiley-Blackwell and is given in recognition of outstanding scientific work in all areas of neuroscience. This is a personal prize of 10,000 GBP.



Candidates should be nominated by a FENS member (i.e. no personal applications) and they must either be working in a European institute or be of European origin and working abroad. There is no age limit. The FENS award is presented during the Forum of Neuroscience. The prize winner is required to give a special lecture at the Forum and to write a review for publication in EJM.

Boehringer Ingelheim FENS Research Award

This award is donated by the pharmaceutical company Boehringer Ingelheim and is announced by FENS. It is given in recognition of outstanding and innovative scientific work from all areas of neuroscience research. The prize amounts to 25,000 EUR.



Applications can be submitted by the candidates or candidates may be proposed. The candidates must be under 40 years of age and either be working in a European institute or be of European origin and working abroad.

FENS EJM Young Investigator Prize

In collaboration with EJM, FENS also presents an award to a young researcher: the FENS EJM Young Investigator Prize. This biennial prize is donated by the EJM publisher Wiley-Blackwell and is given in recognition of outstanding scientific work in all areas of neuroscience. This is a personal prize of 7,000 GBP.

Candidates can be either nominated by a FENS member or they may apply themselves. They must either be working in a European institute or be of European origin and working abroad. The age limit is 40 years. The award is presented at the FENS Forum. The prize winner is required to give a special lecture at the Forum and to write a review article for publication in EJM. The candidates are evaluated by a committee formed by members of the FENS Executive Committee and the co-Editors in Chief of EJM.



EJN Best Publication Award

This award was launched for the first time in 2009 in collaboration with EJN and the EJN publisher Wiley-Blackwell. The EJN Best Publication Award honours the best research article published in EJN over a two-year period. This biennial award is bestowed upon the first author(s) of the selected article. This is a personal prize of 3,000 GBP.

Nominations are accepted from the readership of EJN and can include nominations from any co-author wishing to propose the first author of an original article. The award



is presented at the FENS Featured Regional Meetings that are held biennially in odd years. The award winner is required to give a Special Lecture at the meeting. The applications are evaluated by a committee formed by the co-Editors in Chief and five Associate Editors of EJN.



FENS RELATIONS

FENS has a close relationship with several other societies and associations:

- ★ International Brain Research Organisation (IBRO)
- ★ European Brain Council (EBC)
- ★ American Society for Neuroscience (SfN)
- ★ European Dana Alliance for the Brain (EDAB)
- ★ European Science Foundation (ESF)



The European Dana Alliance for the Brain

FENS OFFERS AT A GLANCE

FENS member societies benefit from the following offers:

- ★ registration at reduced rates at the FENS Forum
- ★ access to EJN online free of charge and subscription to the print edition at a reduced rate
- ★ access to a free abstract slot for the annual SfN-meeting
- ★ subscription at very attractive discounts to several leading neuroscience journals
- ★ books purchases at special FENS member rates
- ★ regular FENS mailings regarding job ads, the EJN table of contents, etc.
- ★ access to stipends to attend the FENS Forum, the FFRM, the IBRO Meeting, the FENS-IBRO School and for Training Stays within the NENS network

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