

FENS elects its new leadership at the 10th FENS Forum of Neuroscience

FENS welcomes the new leadership for the years 2016 -2018, elected at the 10th FENS Forum of Neuroscience in Copenhagen.

New president of FENS is Professor Barry Everitt FRS, FMedSci, Department of Psychology at the University of Cambridge (UK), and Provost of the Gates Cambridge Trust, University of Cambridge. As a highly recognised and renowned neuroscientist, Barry Everitt has served FENS in many ways over the years, including as chair of the first FENS Forum programme committee (1998-2000) and as past editor in chief of the FENS journal, EJN.

Professor Everitt replaces Professor Monica Di Luca who stepped down following the conclusion of her two-year term at the end of the FENS Forum in July 2016. Monica Di Luca will continue in the FENS advisory committee as past president.

The new secretary-general of FENS is Juan Lerma, Research Professor and Director of the CSIC-UMH Instituto de Neurociencias in Alicante (Spain). Juan Lerma replaces professor Marianne Amalric, Laboratoire de Neurosciences Cognitives, University of Marseille, France.

The FENS advisory board now comprises new president-elect, Carmen Sandi, director of the laboratory of behavioural genetics at the Brain Mind Institute in Lausanne, Switzerland, past president Monica Di Luca, secretary-general-elect, Eero Castren, professor and director at the Neuroscience Center, University of Helsinki, Finland and treasurer-elect, Andreas Draguhn, professor and chair of the Department of Neurophysiology at the Institute for Physiology and Pathophysiology in Heidelberg, Germany.

New elected members of the communication committee are: Elżbieta Pyza (Krakow University, Poland) and Dervila Glynn (University of Cambridge, UK), who both have extensive experience in neuroscience outreach.

The Committee of higher education and training (CHET) welcomes two new members: Ileana Hanganu-Opatz (University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf, Germany) and Domna Karageos (University of Crete Medical School, Greece).

All new FENS officers were elected on the basis of their professional and academic backgrounds, and their visions and aspirations for future FENS

activities. They have all demonstrated their commitment to FENS and are ready to put all their efforts into expanding its activities within Europe and beyond.

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