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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 43 European national and single discipline neuroscience societies, with 22,000 member scientists from 33 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 policy-makers, 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.
FENS BENEFITS AT A GLANCE

Benefits of being a FENS member

- Reduced-rate registration at the FENS Forum, FRM and The Brain Conferences
- Travel grants and stipends to attend major events
- Dedicated exchange programmes and training activities within and outside Europe
- Free abstract slot submission at SfN annual meetings
- Privileged access to online training resources and material
- Free online access to EJN
FENS FORUM   Where neuroscience meets the world

The FENS Forum is the main 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 5,000 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 diverse 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, allowing them to present their cutting-edge research and attend lectures and symposia presented by renowned experts sharing their latest findings.

Key Dates

1 February - 1 March 2019
Call for Symposia and Technical Workshops

1 July 2019
Preliminary scientific programme available online

1 December 2019 - 13 February 2020
Early registration and abstract submission

1 December 2019 - 13 February 2020
FENS - IBRO/PERC travel grant applications

Next Forum

11 - 15 July 2020, Glasgow, United Kingdom

Past FENS Forums

27 June - 01 July 1998, Berlin, Germany
24 - 28 July 2000, Brighton, UK
13 - 17 July 2002, Paris, France
10 - 14 July 2004, Lisbon, Portugal
08 - 12 July 2006, Vienna, Austria
12 - 16 July 2008, Geneva, Switzerland
03 - 07 July 2010, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
14 - 18 July 2012, Barcelona, Spain
05 - 09 July 2014, Milan, Italy
02 - 06 July 2016, Copenhagen, Denmark
07 - 11 July 2018, Berlin, Germany

Forthcoming Forum meetings

09 - 13 July 2022, Paris, France

Website: www.fens.org/2020

Make your contribution!

The FENS Forum is a meeting point for neuroscientists from all disciplines. The scientific programme is selected from proposals in all areas of neuroscience. Neuroscientists can submit their proposal for symposia and technical workshops.

Not yet a FENS member? Don’t miss out on the opportunity to benefit from reduced-rate registration and much more!
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12th FENS Forum of Neuroscience
11-15 July 2020 | Glasgow, UK

Organised by the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS)
Hosted by The British Neuroscience Association (BNA)

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THE BRAIN CONFERENCES

Forthcoming Brain Conferences

The Necessity of Cell Types for Brain Function
7 - 10 October 2018, Moltkes Palæ, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Understanding and targeting Alzheimer’s disease
5 - 8 May 2019 - Rungstedgaard, Denmark
Co-chairs: Christian Haass (LMU & DZNE-Munich) and Maria Spillantini (Cambridge Neuroscience).

Dynamics of the brain: temporal aspects of computation
9 - 12 June 2019 - Rungstedgaard, Denmark
Co-chairs: Gilles Laurent (MPI Brain Research, Frankfurt, Germany) and Ila Fiete (UT Austin Texas, USA).

FENS REGIONAL MEETING

In odd years, FENS supports the FENS Regional Meeting (FRM). FRMs are national or regional scientific meetings organised by FENS member societies with FENS’ support and label.

Forthcoming meetings:

FENS Regional Meeting 2019:
Belgrade, Serbia, 10 - 13 July 2019
www.fensfrm2019.rs

FRM2019 is jointly organised by the Neuroscience Societies of Serbia, Romania and Turkey.
FENS aims to increase public awareness about the benefits of brain research. These activities are carried out in collaboration with global partners, such as The DANA Foundation, the European Brain Council (EBC), the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO) and the Society for Neuroscience (SfN) as well as with FENS member organisations. In addition, FENS is committed to providing solid advice to policymakers 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, IBRO initiative (with international partner organisations)
- Year of the Brain, an EBC initiative
- Dissemination on the responsible use of animals in research through FENS’ CARE committee
- Neuroscience Outreach Awards (in collaboration with Dana/EDAB)

History of European Neuroscience

In its mission to advance European neuroscience, FENS also plays an active role in supporting the history of neuroscience. Through a series of local and online global activities, the History Committee promotes significant past breakthroughs and prominent figures in the field of brain research.
FENS-Kavli Network of Excellence

Shaping the future of neuroscience in Europe and beyond

Inaugurated in 2014 by FENS and The Kavli Foundation, the FENS-Kavli Network of Excellence (FKNE) is a self-organised and multidisciplinary Network comprising 30 outstanding early- to mid-career independent European neuroscientists.

The FENS-Kavli Scholars aim to improve neuroscience research in Europe and beyond through scientific exchange, providing opportunities for young scientists and facilitating dialogue between scientists policymakers, and society.

Activities include:

Scientific exchange within and beyond the Network. FKNE Scholars participate in 2 meetings per year that allow for lively discussion of a range of topics across neuroscience as well as challenges and opportunities for European neuroscientists.

Science policy actions through white-paper recommendations to European stakeholders on major barriers encountered by young and mid-career neuroscientists (funding schemes, scientific publishing, etc.).

Community activities. Childcare grants and mentoring & PhD thesis prizes established by FKNE are awarded during the FENS Forum. Scholars have co-authored several opinion articles about key issues for early-stage researchers.

Outreach activities through communications with the general public about brain research.
The CAJAL Advanced Neuroscience Training

The CAJAL Advanced Neuroscience Training Programme represents commitment by the five partner institutions - FENS, IBRO, the Gatsby Charitable Foundation, the University of Bordeaux and the Champalimaud Foundation - to establish a dedicated neuroscience training facility in Europe. It combines lectures by renowned scientists with methodological training sessions, by guiding the students through hands-on experiments within the framework of short scientific projects.

All information on the new course programme can be found at www.cajal-training.org

Training Programme 2019

Interacting with Neural Circuits
14 July - 3 August 2019, Champalimaud Centre for the Unknown, Portugal

Computational Neuroscience
11 - 31 August 2019, Champalimaud Centre for the Unknown, Portugal

Brain Homeostasis and Neurovascular Coupling
19 May - 8 June 2019, Bordeaux Neurocampus, France

Biosensors and actuators for cellular and systems neuroscience
Integrating optogenetics, chemogenetics and optical readouts
23 June - 13 July 2019, Bordeaux Neurocampus, France

Whole brain imaging
8 - 28 September 2019, Bordeaux Neurocampus, France

Advanced Techniques for Synapse Biology
13 October - 1st November 2019, Bordeaux Neurocampus, France
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. Both are run by front-line scientists in a programme where the participant is at the centre. Novel concepts and theories in neuroscience are discussed within an intimate setting that helps promote both formal and informal exchange.

SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

FENS-Hertie Winter School 2018
Neural control of instinctive and innate behaviour,
6 - 12 January 2019, Obergurgl, Austria

FENS-SfN Summer School 2019
Brain reading and writing: neurotechnology for interfacing with the human mind
June 2019, Bertinoro, Italy

FENS-Hertie Winter School 2019
Genetic and epigenetic mechanisms underlying brain disease
December 2019, Obergurgl, Austria

The European Neuroscience Conference by Doctoral Students

ENCODS holds annual cross-disciplinary conferences to prepare young researchers to meet current and future challenges in Neuroscience.
ENCODS 2018 (5 - 6 July 2018, Berlin, Germany)

Network of European Neuroscience Schools (NENS)

NENS represents over 160 graduate schools and neuroscience programmes across Europe. It offers the most comprehensive online source of information on neuroscience training opportunities, as well as professional and personal network 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/
Available grants and stipends to support students and early career scientists

FENS and its partners provide financial aid meant to facilitate students and early career scientists’ attendance of a number of neuroscience meetings and higher education and training activities.

Travel grants for the following meetings:

• FENS Forum
• FENS Regional Meeting
• The Brain Conferences
• The Society for Neuroscience (SfN), the Australasian Neuroscience Society (ANS), The Japan Neuroscience Society (JNS), the Chinese Neuroscience Society (CNS), IBRO World Congress.

Grants and stipends for the following training activities:

• NENS exchange grants
• Cajal courses
• FENS-SfN Summer School
• FENS-Hertie Foundation Winter School
• Slots in NENS national courses

For detailed information, please visit: http://www.fens.org/News-Activities/Grants-and-Stipends/
In collaboration with Boehringer Ingelheim and EJN, FENS offers four prestigious research awards every other year:

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

FENS Research Award

€25,000 awarded in recognition of outstanding research in the field of neuroscience.
FENS EJN Award
Recognising outstanding scientific work in all areas of neuroscience. Personal prize of £10,000.

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

EJN Best Publication Award
Recognising the best research article published in EJN over the preceding two-year period. This personal prize of £3,000 will be awarded to the first author(s) of the selected article.
The European Journal of Neuroscience (EJN) is the official journal of FENS. It publishes papers on a broad range of topics, aiming to advance our understanding of the nervous system in health and disease, thereby improving the diagnosis and treatment of disorders. It is published biweekly.

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.

Wiley will be offering reviewers a 30% discount on books purchased from wiley.com. The discount is available to reviewers of both original and revised manuscripts.
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
- Malta Neuroscience Network
- 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 Neurociencias
- Sociedade Portuguesa de Neurociências
- Società Italiana di Neuroscienze
- Société des Neurosciences
- Société des Neurosciences
- Swedish Society for Neuroscience
- Swiss Society for Neuroscience
- Ukrainian Society for Neuroscience

Single discipline 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.

Affiliate Members:

- Lundbeck Foundation, The Brain Prize
- International Neuroethics Society

* any member of these national societies has full access to all FENS benefits
FENS works in partnership with European and international organisations to promote neuroscience:

- Boehringer Ingelheim
- Lundbeck Foundation, The Brain Prize
- The DANA Foundation
- European Brain Council
- European Animal Research Association (EARA)
- The Hertie Foundation
- International Brain Research Organization
- Society for Neuroscience
- Wiley
- The Kavli Foundation
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