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.

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 American Society for Neuroscience.

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2012-2014)

President: Marian Joëls, The Netherlands
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Chair Schools Committee: Martine Ammassari-Teule, Italy
Chair NENS Committee: Ferdinando Rossi, Italy
Chair Host Society Committee: Marina Bentivoglio, Italy
Chair Communication Committee: Kyriaki (Kiki) Thermos, Greece

FENS is governed by the FENS Council, a body 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.

An Executive Committee consisting of elected FENS officers oversees and decides on FENS regular activities.

An Executive Director alongside the FENS administrative offices in Brussels and Berlin supports the combined governance of FENS and its committees.

MEMBERS THE FENS ADVISORY BOARD (2012-2014)

President-Elect: Monica Di Luca, Italy
Past President: Sten Grillner, Sweden
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FENS ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director: Lars Kristiansen, Belgium
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 all advantages that come with the FENS membership.
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
- SRNT-E Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco - Europe Chapter

AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

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

- Grete Lundbeck European Brain Research Foundation
FENS FORUM

The biennial FENS Forum is an international scientific conference organized by FENS. Open to scientists from a wide range of disciplines from all over the world, the FENS Forum welcomes over 6500 participants to a different European city every even year as part of a collaboration between FENS and one of its national member societies. The FENS Forum covers all fields of neuroscience research and comprises a range of symposia, plenary lectures and poster sessions as well as social and student events. The Forum is “a must in Europe” for neuroscientists from all over the world looking to present their cutting-edge research and attend lectures and symposia presented by renowned experts who share their knowledge and latest findings. The FENS Forum of Neuroscience is the ideal place to meet and exchange ideas with like minded colleagues and neuroscientists with similar interests. FENS members benefit from a reduced registration fee for participation in the FENS Forum.

FENS FORUMS

- 1998 Berlin, Germany: June 2–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: July 5–9
- 2016 Copenhagen, Denmark: July 2–6
- 2018 Berlin, Germany: July 7–11

http://forum.fens.org/2012

Organized by the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS)
Hosted by the Società Italiana di Neuroscienze (SINS)
Milan   Italy July 5–9, 2014

Five good reasons to attend the Forum in Milan:
- State-of-the-art neuroscience
- Interaction with neuroscientists world-wide
- Conveniently located and sized venue
- Excellent transportation to and in Milan
- Lively European city
“THE NEUROBIOLOGY OF...”

The Dynamic Brain conference series is a new initiative of FENS for organizing high-level meetings on the neurosciences in Europe. Co-organized with the European Science Foundation (ESF), conferences in the “neurobiology of” series will bring together outstanding researchers in key defined areas of contemporary neuroscience.

THE DYNAMIC BRAIN SERIES 2012-2013

  Co-chairs: Ray Dolan (UCL, London) and David Anderson (California Institute of Technology, Pasadena)

  Co-chairs: Nils Brose (MPI, Göttingen) and Michael Greenberg (Harvard Medical School, Boston)

  Co-chairs: Sten Grillner (Karolinska Institute, Solna) and Ann Graybiel (MIT, Cambridge)

*Information and registration: www.esf.org/emotion*
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 and are held in odd years to alternate with the FENS Forum. They are either organized by member societies alone or in partnership between several societies. They receive FENS support and the FENS label to increase the visibility of the meeting, promote its scientific excellence, and support neuroscience at a national/regional level.

- 2009 Warsaw, Poland: September 9-11
- 2011 Ljubljana, Slovenia: September 22-25
- 2012 Prague, Czech Republic: September 11-14
**FENS - IBRO SCHOOLS**

The FENS-IBRO European Neuroscience Schools Programme is a collaborative schools programme in Europe organised by FENS and the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO).

The programme aims to train students and young investigators in a variety of neuroscience disciplines and techniques. It brings together educational activities sponsored by FENS through its Schools Committee and by IBRO’s Regional Committee for Europe.

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

Over several years, the Society for Neuroscience (SfN) and the Hertie Foundation have become partners with FENS & IBRO and each organisation supports one additional school per year in Europe.

Particular attention is given to proposals from organisers that encourage an active involvement of students and teachers during the entire event. Students can apply for a travel grant.
The Network of European Neuroscience Schools (NENS) is a formal structure within FENS. NENS is particularly engaged with providing transparency within European educational programmes in the field of neuroscience.

NENS has the goal of fostering interactions between the different European graduate programmes in the neurosciences. 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 2,000 EUR and is intended to cover travel and accommodation costs.

During the FENS Forum NENS organizes and sponsors events devoted to the career development and job placement of young European neuroscientists.

These include «meet the expert» events, where academic and non-academic career strategies and job opportunities are presented by invited experts with diverse experiences, such as industry, communication or research management.

Young Research Exchange Programmes: In order to facilitate scientific experience in a foreign laboratory, FENS has signed bilateral agreements with the Japan Neuroscience Society and the Chinese Neuroscience Society. The exchange is open to applicants and host PI members of the partner societies.

Stipends are announced three times per year (submission deadlines: February 15th, June 15th, and October 15th) and support the travel cost of job interviews for postdoctoral and Ph. D. student positions.
EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF NEUROSCIENCE (EJN)

EJN is the 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.

Individuals affiliated to any of the FENS member societies and members of the Society for Neuroscience enjoy free online access to EJN. Please contact your national society to obtain access instructions.

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

The assets of the journal are used by FENS to sponsor its activities, such as educational and training events for young neuroscientists and travel stipends to scientific meetings.

Editors in Chief:
Jean-Marc Fritschy (Switzerland),
Martin Sarter (USA)
FENS AWARDS

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

FENS EJN AWARD

This award is sponsored by the EJN publisher Wiley-Blackwell and is given in recognition of an outstanding scientific career in any area 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 EJN.

The FENS EJN Award is awarded by a Nominating Committee consisting of the EJN Editors in chief, the Chair of the Programme Committee, the Chair of the Communication Committee and the President of FENS.
**FENS EJN YOUNG INVESTIGATOR PRIZE**

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

Candidates must either be working in a European research institution or be of European origin if working abroad. Individuals may either apply themselves or be nominated by a FENS member. The age limit is 35 years. The prize is presented at the FENS Forum.

The awardee is required to give a special lecture at the Forum and to write a review article for publication in EJN. The candidates are evaluated by a committee formed by members of the FENS Executive Committee and the co-Editors in Chief of EJN.

**Requirements**
- Candidates must either be working in a European research institution or be of European origin if working abroad.
- Individuals may apply themselves or be nominated by a FENS member.
- The age limit is 35 years (at the nomination deadline).
- The Award will be presented at the FENS Forum in Milan (July 5 – 9, 2014).
- The awardee will be required to give a Special Lecture at the Forum and to write a review article for publication in EJN.

**Application**
- Short CV
- A one page statement of research interests and achievements to date
- A list of up to 10 publications by the applicant, including pdf versions of the two most prominent articles by the applicant
- A short half-page summary of current research
- The names and e-mail addresses of two key scientists in the field willing to provide a letter of recommendation on request

**Evaluation**
- The applications will be evaluated by a Committee formed by members of the FENS Executive Committee and the co-Editors in Chief of EJN:
  - Silvia Arber, Switzerland (Chair of the FENS Programme Committee)
  - Jean-Marc Fritschy, Switzerland (Co-Editor-in-Chief EJN)
  - Marian Joëls, The Netherlands (FENS President)
  - Martin Sarter, USA (Co-Editor-in-Chief EJN)
  - Kyriaki Thermos, Greece (Chair of FENS Communication and Publication Committee)

Application is open from January 1 to February 15, 2013. Applications should be submitted through the FENS website: http://www.fens.org (see FENS Awards).

The deadline for Application is February 15, 2013.
**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 Meeting that is held in the odd year after the Call. 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 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. Please note that the deadline for application deadline is August 1st, 2013.

Ilka Diester, PhD

Dr. Ilka Diester’s scientific interest in the neural mechanisms controlling movements with a particular focus on the impact of neuronal connectivity differences between mammalian species has been acknowledged with the 2012 FENS award. Dr. Diester’s outstanding awarded work combines optogenetic techniques with complex behaviors in rodents and rhesus monkeys to dissect the neural circuits underlying movements.
FENS PARTNERS

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

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 special discounted rate
- access to abstract slot for the annual SfN-meeting
- subscription at very attractive discounts to several leading neuroscience journals

- book 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 NENS-associated schools for training.