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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 24,000 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 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.
FENS BENEFITS AT A GLANCE

Benefits of being FENS member

- Reduced-rate registration at the FENS Forum, FRM and The Brain Conferences
- Travel grants and stipends for attending major events
- Dedicated exchange programmes, training activities within and outside Europe
- Free abstract slot submission at SfN annual meetings
- Free online access to EJN
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**

Call for Symposium and Technical workshop proposals
Submission for proposals: 1 February – 1 March 2017

**Forthcoming Forum meetings**

7-11 July 2018, Berlin, Germany
11-15 July 2020, Glasgow, UK

**Past FENS Forums**

02 June – 01 July 1998, Berlin, Germany (attendance 3,900)
24–28 July 2000, Brighton, UK (attendance 4,100)
13–17 July 2002, Paris, France (attendance 5,251)
10–14 July 2004, Lisbon, Portugal (attendance 4,234)
8–12 July 2006, Vienna, Austria (attendance 5,198)
12–16 July 2008, Geneva, Switzerland (attendance 5,697)
3–7 July 2010, Amsterdam, The Netherlands (attendance 6,214)
14–18 July 2012, Barcelona, Spain (attendance 6,953)
5–9 July 2014, Milan, Italy (attendance 6,091)
2-6 July 2016, Copenhagen, Denmark

**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 lose the opportunity to benefit from reduced-rate registration and much more!

www.fens.org/2018
Meetings - Federation of European Neuroscience Societies

11th FENS Forum of Neuroscience
7-11 July 2018 | Berlin, Germany

Organised by the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS)
Hosted by The German Neuroscience Society

The 20th Anniversary of FENS
Where European Neuroscience meets the world

Five good reasons to attend the Forum in Berlin:
- State-of-the-art neuroscience
- Europe’s foremost neuroscience event
- Exchange ideas and network with neuroscientists worldwide
- A diverse scientific programme with world-renowned speakers
- Visit Berlin - Germany’s capital and cultural centre

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THE BRAIN CONFERENCES

Forthcoming Brain Conferences

The Neurobiology of Memory and Neuroplasticity
23-26 April 2017, Rungstedgaard, Denmark. Co-chairs: Richard Morris (University of Edinburgh, UK) and Robert Malenka (Stanford University, USA)

Cortex Evolution and Development
24-27 September 2017, Moltkes Palæ, Copenhagen, Denmark. Co-chairs: Zoltan Molnár (University of Oxford, UK) and Arnold Kriegstein (UCSF School of Medicine, USA)

FENS REGIONAL MEETING

In the odd years FENS supports the FENS Regional Meeting (FRM). FENS Regional Meetings are national or regional scientific meetings organised by FENS member societies with FENS support and label. FRMs are biennial meetings, alternating with the FENS Forums, which are held in even years.

Forthcoming meetings:
FENS Regional Meeting 2017
21 - 23 September 2017
Pécs, Hungary
FENS aims to increase public awareness about the benefits of brain research. These activities are carried out in collaboration with global partners, like 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 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-Kavli Network of Excellence

The FENS-KAVLI Network of Excellence is a prestigious network of 30 outstanding young European neuroscientists who represent the most talented researchers among their peers.

In collaboration with the Kavli Foundation, the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS) established in 2014 a high-level multidisciplinary network of excellent early to mid-career European neuroscientists. The aim of the FENS-Kavli Network is to improve Neuroscience in Europe and beyond through providing opportunities for young scientists, influencing science policy, and facilitating the exchange between science and society.
The CAJAL Advanced Neuroscience Training Programme 2016

The Brain Prize course. The Hippocampus: from Circuits to Cognition
10-31 October 2016, Bordeaux Neurocampus
Deadline: 11 July 2016 (Brussels time, midnight)

The CAJAL-ISN course. Glial cells in health and disease
27 November – 10 December 2016, Bordeaux Neurocampus
Deadline: 29 July 2016 (Brussels time, midnight)

Check out CAJAL topics in 2017: neural circuits, computational neuroscience, synapse biology, connectomics, and ion channels
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.

NEUROSCIENCE SCHOOLS

FENS-Hertie Winter School 2016
Memory Mechanisms in Humans: from physiology to behaviour and computational models
11 – 17 December 2016, Obergurgl, Austria

FENS-SfN Summer School 2017
Long-range modulatory systems
June 2017, Bertinoro, Italy

FENS-Hertie Winter School 2017
Neural control of behaviour - Serie 1: Navigation
10 – 16 December 2017, Obergurgl, Austria

Network of European Neuroscience Schools (NENS)

NENS represents over 200 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/
GRANTS AND STIPENDS OPPORTUNITIES

NENS Exchange, National Slots, Young Researchers Exchange Programme (YREP)

FENS has several programmes offering travel grants and stipends to young researchers. At FENS, we aim to facilitate mobility and scientific exchange and to provide scientists in their early career an opportunity to attend FENS meetings, FENS training courses and schools.

NENS Grants
- NENS Exchange Grants
- Young Researchers Exchange Programme (YREP)
- Slots in national courses

And stipends for FENS schools are available too. www.fens.org/Training/Training-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.

The award is given in recognition of outstanding and innovative scientific contributions in any area of neuroscience research. Applications can either be submitted by candidates themselves, or candidates can be proposed. Applicants must be under 40 years of age and either be working in a European institute or be of European origin.

The award will be presented in Copenhagen during the 10th FENS Forum of Neuroscience 2016 (July 2 – 6, 2016). The awardee will be asked to give a special lecture at the meeting.

Deadline for application: July 31, 2015
FENS EJN Award
Recognising outstanding scientific work in all areas of neuroscience. Personal prize of £10,000.

FENS EJN Young Investigator Prize
Recognising outstanding scientific work in all areas 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
- 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 interest in neuroscience may apply to FENS for an Affiliate Membership.

Affiliate Members:
- Grete Lundbeck European Brain Research Foundation

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

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 Animal Research Association (EARA)
- The Hertie Foundation
- International Brain Research Organization
- Society for Neuroscience
- Wiley
- The Kavli Foundation
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