

MEDIA RELEASE**Brussels, 15 April 2015****FENS and EJN announce the winners of the 2016 FENS-EJN award and the 2016 FENS-EJN Young Investigator Prize**

The Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS) and EJN, in partnership with the publisher Wiley, hereby announce the winners of their prestigious 2016 awards:

- FENS-EJN Award: **Dr Antonello Bonci**
- FENS-EJN Young Investigator Award: **Dr Jerry Chen** and **Dr Lars Schwabe**

The awardees were selected for their excellent contributions to neuroscience by a committee comprising FENS leadership representatives and the EJN co-Editors-in-Chief.

Antonello Bonci, [the seventh FENS-EJN Award winner](#), was acknowledged for his research into the synaptic mechanisms and neurocircuitry underlying reward- and drug abuse-related behaviours. Dr Bonci, an Italian national with an MD from the Sacred Heart School of Medicine in Rome, Italy, is currently a principal investigator at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), Bethesda, USA, where he is also scientific director of the Intramural Research Program.

[The 2016 FENS-EJN Young Investigator Prize](#) is shared between two outstanding young researchers working in unrelated research fields. Dr Jerry Chen is a postdoctoral fellow at the Brain Research Institute at the University of Zurich, Switzerland, where he studies the representation and function of cortical neurons in the context of different behavioural paradigms. Dr Schwabe is Professor of Cognitive Psychology at the University of Hamburg. His research investigates how stressful experiences shape our memories.

FENS president Monica Di Luca, who chaired the selection committee, says that *“the three awardees are all in their own right perfect examples of the very best of European neuroscience”*

Paul Bolam and John Foxe, co-Editors in chief of EJN, say that *“while the three awardees come from quite distinct areas of neuroscience, they share a record of highly significant and important contributions to modern brain research”*.

FENS, Wiley and EJN congratulate the awardees on their important achievements and on their selection for the 2016 FENS-EJN awards.

The award ceremony will take place on 6 July 2016 in Copenhagen during the FENS Forum.

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