

PRESS RELEASE

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INCF welcomed as a new FENS member society

The Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS) is delighted to announce that the FENS Governing Council has welcomed the **International Neuroinformatics Coordinating Facility (INCF) as a new member**. FENS now counts 44 neuroscience member societies across 33 European countries.

Prof. Carmen Sandi, FENS President, welcomed this new stakeholder: “I am extremely happy to welcome INCF as a new FENS member society. This new partnership is highly relevant as neuroscience is dealing with increasingly complex data and computational approaches are becoming central to understand the brain.”

Prof Maryann Martone, chair of the INCF Governing Board, commented:

“We are very happy to have INCF be a part of FENS, as this new partnership provides us with a direct link to European neuroscience societies and makes it easier for us to provide this community with services such as training in neuroinformatics and how to implement standards and best practices.”

The Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS) is the main organisation for neuroscience in Europe. FENS currently represents 44 European national and single-discipline neuroscience societies across 33 European countries. FENS promotes neuroscience research to policy makers, funding bodies and the general public, both regionally and internationally. The Governing Council, composed of FENS member society representatives, meets annually to adopt decisions related to FENS’ organisation and activities. In November 2019, the FENS Governing Council voted to welcome the INCF as a full member society.

INCF members can now benefit from the services of the FENS membership, which includes in particular: reduced rate registration at FENS meetings, travel grants, stipends, free online access to the *European Journal of Neuroscience*. Details of the full package of services can be found on the FENS website: www.fens.org.

INCF is a network composed of researchers, infrastructure providers, industry and publishers from 18 countries spanning four continents. Its mission is to develop, evaluate and endorse standards and best practices that embrace the principles of Open, FAIR, and Citable neuroscience.

INCF also provides training on how standards and best practices facilitate reproducibility and enables the publishing of the entirety of research output, including data and code. www.incf.org