Understanding and targeting Alzheimer’s disease

The Brain Conferences 2019

May 5-8, 2019

Rungstedgaard, North Copenhagen, Denmark

Dementia poses one of the largest health and economic problems in the world with over 50 million people worldwide living with dementia, no disease modifying treatments available, and numbers set to dramatically increase as our population ages. Neuroscience research has the real potential to change this bleak future and develop effective ways to prevent or treat the diseases that cause dementia.

Three of our current grand challenges towards this goal are to understand why certain brain regions are susceptible to the accumulation of pathology and neurodegeneration early in Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, how pathologies then spread from these vulnerable regions to damage the rest of the brain, and finally how risk factors like ApoE modulate disease progression.

In this meeting, we will address the best way to move forward as a field in addressing these knowledge gaps with an emphasis on the emerging data in the field implicating non-neuronal contributors to disease risk and regional vulnerability. The latest clinical trials and the requirement of biomarkers for early risk assessment will be discussed on the background of our understanding of disease mechanisms. The meeting will end with a podiums discussion on the pros and cons of the amyloid cascade hypothesis.

Co-Chairs:

- Christian Haass (LMU Munich and German Centre for Neurodegenerative Diseases, Germany)
- Beth Stevens (Harvard Medical School, USA)

The list of speakers and the preliminary programme are available on The Brain Conference page.
Registration for the conference

Early registration deadline: 1 February 2019 (midnight, Brussels time)
Regular registration deadline: 27 February 2019 (midnight, Brussels time)

By submitting an abstract:
- your application will be considered for a FENS, IBRO-PERC and The Brain Prize stipend (if “Yes” was selected in the “Stipend requested” field);
- you might be asked to present your abstract in the form of a short talk;
- you agree to present a poster during the conference;
- you are prioritised during the selection process.

Conference fee includes:
- registration, programme book with abstracts and meeting costs;
- all meals, coffee breaks and drinks;
- conference Gala Dinner (8 May).

Registration includes abstract submission and poster presentation.

### REGISTRATION CATEGORIES

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* Part of the grant (635, 685 or 750 EUR/depending on the registration fee type) will be used to cover the registration fee of the awardee.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit an abstract, although this is not mandatory requirement for being accepted as participant.

Following the end of regular registration on 27 February 2019, invited participants will receive an email containing detailed information on how to proceed with the payment of registration. Please note that attendance is not guaranteed until the full payment of the registration fee has been confirmed. For enquiries, please contact the Brain Conference coordinator at brain@fens.org.
Available IBRO-PERC, The Brain Prize and FENS stipends

FENS, The Brain Prize and IBRO-PERC offer a limited number of stipends of 1,000 EUR for international students or early career scientist who attend the conference. Part of the grant (635, 685 or 750 EUR depending on the registration category) will cover the registration fee for the awardees.

To be considered for a stipend, the applicants have to submit an abstract during the online registration. The grant awardees will be selected following the regular application deadline (27 February 2019), based on the submitted abstracts.

Cancellation Policy

Should you need to cancel your participation, please contact the conference coordinator (brain@fens.org) immediately. If notice of cancellation is received more than two weeks before the conference, the paid registration fee will be refunded except EUR 100 cancellation fee. No refund is possible if notice of cancellation is received less than two weeks before the conference.

Accommodation

Please note that the accommodation is not included in the conference registration fee. Single and shared rooms were preliminary booked by the organisers at Rungstedgaard (the location where the meeting takes place). Accepted participants can book their type of accommodation when proceeding with the conference fee payment.

Accommodation at Rungstedgaard (breakfast included):

- Standard room, single occupancy: 910 DKK (approx. 122 EUR)
- Standard room, double occupancy (double bed): 540 DKK (approx. 73 EUR/person)
- Shared room, double occupancy/Park (twin beds): 695 DKK (approx. 94 EUR/person)

For alternative accommodation options to Rungstedgaard, you can check Kokkedal Slot (6 km from Rungstedgaard) or Airbnb.

Venues

Conference meeting takes place in the stunning location of Rungstedgaard (north of Copenhagen, Denmark):
Rungsted Strandvej 107, 2960 Rungsted Kyst
Phone: +45 45 86 44 22
Email: rec@rungstedgaard.dk

You can easily reach the conference location: there are direct trains, every 20 minutes, from the Copenhagen central airport (Kastrup) to Runsted Kyst station, which is 1.6 Km distance from the conference venues/Rungstedgaard.

3 direct trains are available every hour, from the Copenhagen central airport (CPH) to Rungsted Kyst as per the following algorithm:
The duration of the train trip is about 40 minutes. The price of a train ticket is 84 DKK (approx. 11 EUR).

! Avoid taking a taxi instead of a direct train; the prices are very expensive and the trip takes the same amount of time.

How to reach Rungstedgaard from the Copenhagen central airport (CPH Kastrup)?

The best way to reach the conference location from Copenhagen airport is to take a train from the Airport train station to the station: Rungsted Kyst st.

Direct connections are available every 20 minutes (see below for examples) with duration of 50 minutes. Please be aware that some trains are not direct one – chose the ones with “0 Changes”.

Train tickets can be bought at the airport.

The ticket office is located in Terminal 3 above the railway station. There are lifts and travolators between the platforms and Terminal 3.

You can take the free shuttle bus, which runs between Terminal 1 and Terminal 3, where the station is located. The bus journey lasts about 5 minutes.

The Conference Center is about 20 minutes walk from the train station (1.6 kilometers, see below map).
Worthwhile attractions and things to do during your stay

- **Karen Blixen Museum** (next to Runsstedgaard)
  http://blixen.dk/?lang=en

- **Kronborg Castle, Hamlet** (train goes direct from Rungsted to Helsingør)
  http://www.kronborg.dk/english/

- **Insider’s guide to Copenhagen** (updated every week)
  http://www.aok.dk/english

- **Restaurant ‘Madklubben’** (in English: the Food Club) a newer Danish chain of restaurants with very good food to reasonable prices; means that student affords to go there. There is a restaurant in Klampenborg 5 minutes with the train from Rungsted, but also in Copenhagen there are ‘Madklubben’-restaurants.
  http://madklubben.dk/en/

- **Top 30 attractions in Copenhagen**
  http://www.visitcopenhagen.com/copenhagen/sightseeing/top-30-attractions

- **Various**
Currency: Danish Krone (DKK)
1 EUR = 7.46 DKK
1 USD = 6.61 DKK
Currency rate converter website: http://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/
The international dialling code to Denmark is 45.