Establishment and Maintenance of Brain Cell States

The Brain Conferences 2022

April 3-6, 2022
Rungstedgaard, North Copenhagen, Denmark

The brain is made up of multiple cell types, predominantly neurons and glia, whose structures and interactions determine nervous system function. At the molecular level, each cell is defined during development by accurate specification of gene expression patterns. Also crucial are mechanisms that stabilise the various cell states once established, sometimes over many decades. Failure of these processes contributes to neurological disorders associated with aging and disease. This symposium will feature the latest research covering genetic and epigenetic mechanism responsible for creating and maintaining the integrity of the brain.

Photo Description: Human neurons differentiated in culture from LUHMES cells, with acetylated tubulin (blue), MAP2 (red) and MeCP2 (green) visualised by immunofluorescence. Image courtesy of Mike Linhoff and Gail Mandel.

Co-Chairs:

• **Adrian Bird** (The University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom)
• **Anne Schaefer** (Max Planck Institute for Biology of Ageing, Germany)
  Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, USA

The list of speakers and the preliminary programme are available on [The Brain Conference page](#).
Registration for the conference

Early registration deadline: 2 December 2021 (midnight, Brussels time)
Regular registration deadline: 3 January 2022 (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 prioritized during the selection process.

Conference fee includes:
- registration, programme book with abstracts and meeting costs;
- all meals, coffee breaks and drinks;
- conference Gala Dinner (6 April).

### REGISTRATION CATEGORIES

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| Early registration                        | October 3 - December 2, 2021                           |
| Regular registration                      | December 3, - January 3, 2022                          |

* 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.

Registration includes abstract submission and poster presentation.

**Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit an abstract**, although this is not a mandatory requirement for being accepted as a participant.
Following the end of regular registration on 3 January 2022, 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](mailto:brain@fens.org).
Poster boards

The poster board dimensions for the scheduled Poster Sessions are of 1 meter wide and 2 meters high (portrait format).

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 (3 January 2022).

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.

COVID Cancellation Policy

If the event is cancelled, we will offer you a full refund.

If you are not able to travel due to Covid-19 related restrictions, we will refund you accordingly. Please submit proof of change in travel restrictions or government regulations to the Administration Team as soon as possible [brain@fens.org].

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

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

You can easily reach the conference location: there are direct trains, every 20 minutes, from the Copenhagen central airport Kastrup (Københavns Lufthavn) to Runsted Kyst station, which is 1,6 Km distance from the conference venue/Rungstedgaard.

3 direct trains are available every hour, from the Copenhagen central airport (CPH) to Rungsted Kystst as per the following algorithm:

**Xx:06** (hour:minutes)  **xx:26** (hour:minutes)  **xx:46** (hour:minutes)

Please be aware that some trains are not direct trains, select the ones with 0 changes (ie. 3 direct trains per hour).

Train tickets can be bought at the airport. The ticket office is located in Terminal 3 above the railway station. There are lifts between the platforms and Terminal 3.

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

When buying the train ticket, please select "Zone 8". The duration of the train trip is about 40 minutes. The price of a train ticket is 84 DKK (approx. 12 EUR).

This is the correct ticket:
Avoid taking a taxi instead of a direct train, the prices are very expensive and the trip takes the same amount of time.

The Conference Center is about 20 minutes’ walk from the train station (1.6 kilometers, see below map).

Taxi number: +45 4848 4848.
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 dialing code to Denmark is +45.