

The Federation of European Neuroscience Societies

FENS is the voice of European neuroscience, and aims to advance research and education in neuroscience. Within this context, FENS promotes collaboration, networking and career development for the neuroscience community at large, with a particular focus on early-career scientists.



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⊕ Societies & Membership

As an umbrella organisation federating numerous European neuroscience societies, the core of FENS are the neuroscientists who make up the membership of these societies. FENS currently represents 44 European neuroscience societies with 20,000 neuroscientists from 33 European countries.

⊕ Meetings

FENS organises and supports a series of international meetings, which provide a wide range of learning, networking and professional development opportunities. These include the biennial FENS Forum and FENS Regional Meetings, as well as the biannual neuroscience conference series “The Brain Conferences”.

⊕ Higher Education & Training

FENS actively supports graduate education, postgraduate training and professional development in neuroscience in Europe through a variety of initiatives. These include the FENS Schools, the Network of European Neuroscience Schools (NENS), the CAJAL Advanced Neuroscience Training Programme and the European Neuroscience Conference by Doctoral Students (ENCODS).

⊕ Outreach & Advocacy

FENS, in collaboration with its global partners (Dana, EBC, IBRO and SfN), aims to increase public awareness about the benefits of brain research. FENS is also committed to providing advice to policy makers and stakeholders on the importance of continuous support for brain research in order to solve the burden of brain-related diseases in Europe.

⊕ EJN & other publications

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. In addition to EJN, FENS facilitates the dissemination of scientific information through a series of online resources, available to all.

⊕ Awards

In collaboration with EJN and Boehringer Ingelheim, FENS offers four prestigious awards every other year:

- FENS Research Award, in collaboration with Boehringer Ingelheim
- FENS-EJN Award
- FENS-EJN Young Investigator Prize
- EJN Best Publication Award

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