

FENS aims to increase public awareness about the benefits of brain research. These activities are carried out in collaboration with its global partners: the Dana Foundation, the European Brain Council, the International Brain Research Organization, the Kavli Foundation, and the Society for Neuroscience.

FENS is also committed to providing advice to policymakers and stakeholders on the importance of continuous support for brain research in order to solve the burden of brain-related diseases in Europe.

# Outreach & Advocacy



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## 🕒 Advocacy

FENS is committed to working with leading world organisations to raise public awareness on the importance of brain research and to providing evidence-based advice to policymakers and stakeholders on the importance of continued support for brain research in order to improve health of millions of people around the world.

## 🕒 Responsible Use of Animals in Research

The FENS Committee on Animals in Research (CARE) plays a key role in FENS actions to promote and advocate for the responsible use of animals in scientific research. As an advisor to FENS, the committee supports the development of resources, promotes public education and contributes to topical international discussions.

## 🕒 International Brain Bee

FENS is a founding member of the International Brain Bee (IBB). Established in 1998, the IBB mission is to inspire high school students to pursue careers in basic and clinical neuroscience so they can help treat and find cures for brain disorders.

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## 🕒 Brain Awareness Week

Brain Awareness Week (BAW) is a global campaign to increase public awareness of the progress and benefits of brain research. FENS, on behalf of the Dana Foundation, offers financial support to event organisers within Europe each year.

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## 🕒 History of neuroscience

FENS, through its History Committee, promotes activities about the history of neuroscience. The aim is to preserve and promote scientific heritage about the brain in Europe and beyond by making available to the global public several open resources. These include autobiographies and biographies of neuroscientists, videos, pictures and other digital materials related to the development of scientific discovery about the brain and central nervous system.

## 🕒 FENS-Kavli Network of Excellence (FKNE)

FKNE is a dynamic and prestigious network of 30 outstanding early to mid-career European neuroscientists. The network aims to improve Neuroscience in Europe and beyond through scientific exchange, providing opportunities for young scientists, and facilitating dialogue between scientists, policymakers and society.

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## 🕒 ALBA Network

The ALBA Network aims to promote diversity, equity and inclusion in the brain sciences. As a global network, the goal of ALBA is to empower neuroscientists to recognise and combat implicit bias and discrimination at the workplace, to share best practices and to provide better visibility, networking and mentoring opportunities to scientists from underrepresented groups in brain research.

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