

FENS-HERTIE WINTER SCHOOL 2025-2026

"SINGLE-CELL AND SPATIAL OMICS TO UNDERSTAND BRAIN HETEROGENEITY"

11-17 January 2026

Hotel Port Alicante, Spain

Scientific Chairs:

Gonçalo Castelo-Branco & Ana Mendanha Falcão

Programme

Sunday 11th January

16:00 - 17:30 Arrivals and Registration

17:30 - 19:00 Welcome/Intro, goals of the winter school, discussion of the work programme
Scientific speed dating, short intros of participants

19:00 - 20:00 Free time

20:00 - 21:30 Dinner

Monday 12th January

08:00 - 09:30 Bosiljka Tasic
Allen Institute for Brain Science, United States

09:30 - 09:50 Coffee break

09:50 - 11:20 Gabriel Santpere Baró
HMRIB – Hospital del Mar Research Institute, Spain

11:20 - 15:30 Team building activities

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 17:30 TBC

17:30 - 19:00 Flash talks (5 mins) from participants
Roundtable discussion with all the speakers of the day

19:00 - 20:00 Free time

20:00 - 21:30 Dinner

Tuesday 13th January

08:00 - 09:30 **Gioele La Manno**
EPFL, Switzerland

09:30 - 09:50 *Coffee break*

09:50 - 11:20 **José P. López-Atalaya**
Institute of Neurosciences in Alicante, Spain

11:20 - 15:30 *Free time*

15:30 - 16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00 - 19:00 [Visit to lab](#)

19:00 - 20:00 *Free time*

20:00 - 21:30 *Dinner*

Wednesday 14th January

08:00 - 09:30 **Sara Bizzotto**
CRCN Inserm, Institut Imagine, France

09:30 - 09:50 *Coffee break*

09:50 - 11:20 **Özgun Gökce**
DZNE, Germany
[Brain Heterogeneity: Single-Cell and Spatial Omics Across the Preclinical-Clinical space](#)

11:20 - 15:30 [Team building activities](#)

15:30 - 16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00 - 17:30 **TBC**

17:30 - 19:00 [Flash talks \(5 mins\) from participants](#)
[Roundtable discussion with all the speakers of the day](#)

19:00 - 20:00 *Free time*

20:00 - 21:30 *Dinner*

Thursday 15th January

08:00 - 09:30 **Sarah Marzi**
King's College London, United Kingdom

09:30 - 09:50 *Coffee break*

09:50 - 11:20 **TBC**

11:20 - 15:30 *Free time*

15:30 - 16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00 - 17:30 **Rong Fan**
Yale School of Medicine, United States

17:30 - 19:00 *Flash talks (5 mins) from participants*
Roundtable discussion with all the speakers of the day

19:00 - 20:00 *Free time*

20:00 - 21:30 *Dinner*

Friday 16th January

08:00 - 09:30 **Ana Mendanha Falcão**
Life and Health Sciences Research Institute (ICVS), University of Minho, Portugal

09:30 - 09:50 *Coffee break*

09:50 - 11:20 **Gonçalo Castelo-Branco**
Karolinska Institute, Sweden

11:20 - 15:30 *Team building activities*

15:30 - 16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00 - 17:30 *Interactive session*

17:30 - 19:00 *Flash talks (5 mins) from participants*
Roundtable discussion with all the speakers of the day

19:00 - 20:00 *Conclusions by co-chairs, Wrap-up & Feedback session*

20:00 - 21:30 *Dinner*

Saturday 17th January

Breakfast and departure