

Igor Branchi is Visiting Professor of Behavioral Sciences at Sapienza, University of Rome, and Group leader and Researcher at the Center for Behavioral Sciences and Mental Health, Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome, Italy. His research applies an integrative approach, spanning from molecules to behavior and the living environment, to investigate the neural bases of physiological and pathological behavior. Specifically, his work focuses on cognitive, emotional and social domains. His research approach combines state-of-the-art techniques, ranging from epigenetics to electrophysiology and behavioral phenotyping, to comprehensively exploring the bridge between genes, neural circuits and behavior. Although much of his work has used preclinical models, he is now involved in clinical investigations aimed at exploring resilience to stress and environmental changes. Dr. Branchi has co-authored more than 100 publications and has several research collaborations across Europe and worldwide.

He has been actively involved in the EBBS for many years. From 2011 to 2015, he served as member of the EBBS Executive Committee and participated in the organization of the Munich (2013) and Verona (2015) meetings. He is particularly attracted by the EBBS multidisciplinary and comprehensive approach to neuroscientific issues and by the attitude of the members to collaborate and exchange scientific ideas. If elected EBBS President, Igor Branchi would support, expand and strengthen the society at all its fronts, in a continuous dialogue with EBBS members. Specifically, he would like to support EBBS activities and opportunities aimed at (i) students and early-career scientists, (ii) reinforcing scientific exchanges, (iii) connecting scientists from different brain disciplines, (iv) supporting dissemination in international schools and conferences by renowned scientists, and (v) shaping scientific policies at European and international level.

Igor Branchi is nominated by:

- Carmen Sandi, EBBS President 2011-12, President of FENS
- Francesca Cirulli, EBBS President 2017-19