



Ewelina Knapska is a Professor and Group Leader at the Nencki Institute, Warsaw, Poland. In her research, she studies neural circuits underlying social behavior. In particular, she is interested in social learning about threats in rodents and humans and impaired social behavior in mouse models. To ensure translational relevance of her results and to study animals in maximally natural conditions, she has used and developed systems for automatic monitoring of spontaneously acting animals housed in large groups. She has also recently taken on studies on impaired social behavior in the human brain by teaming up with clinicians. Ewelina Knapska would like to know how animals are motivated to undertake social interactions and how they process information about the emotional states of others to adapt to the environment.

Ewelina Knapska has been a member of EBBS, including as a member of the Executive Committee, not only because of the subject of her research but also because the organization exemplifies her values as a scientist and an active member of the community.

If she is elected EBBS President, Ewelina Knapska will seek the members to reunite animal and human research by utilizing the full potential of the translational approach to brain and natural behavior. To this end, she will work to ensure smooth communication of scientific information, making EBBS a melting pot of ideas to stimulate breakthrough discoveries. Paths leading to that goal include:

1. supporting the professional growth of students and early career scientists from all walks of life,
2. enabling and reinforcing scientific exchanges to utilize the added value of different scientific points of view,
3. assisting in this growth and those exchanges by helping to create meeting platforms during conferences and summer schools,
4. establishing a recognized expert pool so that EBBS can provide first-class advice for national, European, and global policymakers.

Realizing those goals will make sure that EBBS continues to be a thriving scientific society, promptly responding to the challenges of modern times.

Nominated by:

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