



Newsletter April 2020

✓ MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Even the older ones among us agree that what we are all experiencing now are unprecedented challenges. Only a few weeks ago life was going on in expected and dependable ways, and now the whole world seems to be upside down and many things that we took for granted are now put to the test. The difficulties that we were facing last year now seem often small and petty compared to the major problems individuals and our whole society are currently dealing with.

In these difficult times, it is most important to remember that nobody is alone in this situation. You are part of a large community, and in this community we will support each other in any way possible. I believe that one of the biggest problems related to the Covid-19 crisis is the uncertainty and unpredictability of the situation, which requires a high degree of resilience. Our society harbors a lot of expertise on this matter. In the end, the question of how we deal with the Covid-19 pandemic and all the negative consequences related to this will be an issue of brain, mind and behavior – all of which are of core interest to the EBBS. Our mission statement is to be “committed to maintain high standards in the field of behavioural neuroscience and, more generally, to shape a positive future for neuroscience and wider society”. This is now more important than ever.

We, the members of the Executive Committee of EBBS, will mobilize all resources available to this society, to assist in successfully overcoming this crisis. I hope that all of you, your families and loved ones are healthy, safe and weather these challenges as good as possible.

Mathias Schmidt
President of EBBS

✓ **ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT - Call for nominations: President-elect Secretary General and Three Ordinary Members**

We invite nominations for candidates (who should be members of EBBS) to stand for election for **President-elect, Secretary General and three Ordinary Members**.

Nominations should be sent by e-mail to the current Secretary General Antonis Stamatakis (astam@nurs.uoa.gr) **no later than April 15, 2020**.

Nominations should include a short CV of the candidate (about ½ A4 along with a photo if possible). This will be published together with the web-on-line ballots.

✓ **EBBS Sponsored International Lecturers**

Members are invited to submit proposals for support of an EBBS sponsored International Lecturer at meetings, workshops or summer/winter schools. Applications for small, local meetings are discouraged.

Deadline May 31st, 2020

A travel grant of 700 Euros will be awarded to defray the additional costs of a lecturer from another country.

Applicants (who have to be members of EBBS) should provide sufficient details to satisfy the following points:

- the lecturer will make an **important contribution and enhance the quality of the meeting**
- the lecturer **will raise the profile of both the meeting and the EBBS**
- the meeting will be **advertised widely**, with EBBS support clearly acknowledged
- the meeting will be **open to all EBBS members**

Please note that a **brief report** on the meeting and lecture should be submitted after the meeting.

Applications should include a **one-page CV of the nominated lecturer**. They should be made **at least 6 months before the meeting and addressed to the Secretary Antonis Stamatakis** (astam@nurs.uoa.gr).

✓ **EBBS in social media**

You can follow EBBS in Facebook and Twitter for scientific news, meeting announcements and funding opportunities.

Facebook: **EBBS.science**

Twitter: **EBBStweets**