



Newsletter December 2019

Message from the new EBBS President Mathias V. Schmidt

Our biennial meeting in Prague is already a number of weeks ago, but I still have very fond memories of this event. We again were able to experience a wonderful mixture of excellent science and fruitful discussions among colleagues and friends, and I am very grateful to everybody that worked very hard to make this meeting a success. EBBS meetings are always very special, as particularly at these meetings I have the feeling of belonging to a scientific family, a growing community that does not consist of strangers and competitors, but rather collaborators and friends. I am therefore thrilled and thankful to be leading this great society for the next 2 years.

Looking to the future of EBBS, I first want to announce two events. First, EBBS is co-organizing a one-day symposium immediately prior to the FENS Forum of Neuroscience in Glasgow (see more information below). This will be an outstanding event, where the most exciting concepts and recent findings in behavioural neuroscience will be discussed, and will certainly be a highlight of the FENS meeting. Secondly, I am very happy that Carmen Sandi, past president of EBBS and current president of FENS, agreed to host the next EBBS meeting in 2021 in Lausanne. The preparations for this meeting are already well underway, and the EBBS committee together with the local organizing



committee will work very hard to make this meeting a success.

The EBBS as a society and we as its members have the opportunity, but also the obligation, to

shape the future of neuroscience and to contribute actively in steering it to the right direction. In this regard there are a number of topics that are especially important to me and that I will emphasize on during my term as President of this society. I am very proud that EBBS has for many years already been a pioneer in equality and gender balance, long before this topic caught more international attention. It is therefore only natural that we continue on this path and fight any sort of bias and inequality in our community. We therefore became an official partner of the ALBA network (<http://www.alba.network/>) and will further heavily support all initiatives to promote equality and diversity in the brain sciences and beyond.

A second major focus of my term as EBBS president will be the support of young scientists, thereby continuing the efforts of my predecessors. Most of us became scientists because of our curiosity and will to

understand basic biological processes. However, to be successful in a scientific career is becoming more and more difficult and scientific excellence is often not sufficient to achieve this goal. Especially for a young scientist there are numerous obstacles on the way to a tenured position, and EBBS will do what it can to offer support and guidance to the next generation of behavioural neuroscientists.

Finally, we are all aware of the major challenges that lie ahead of us as society. Societies are changing, the climate is changing, and we cannot ignore these problems and carry on our lives as usually. Is it still appropriate that scientists jet from one small meeting to another across Europe and the world? How can we organize our meetings in the most eco-friendly way and reduce our carbon footprint? What new avenues can we take to promote behavioural neuroscience, break down scientific boundaries, while keeping our identity as society? These are pressing issues and I invite all of you to actively contribute to this discussion by reaching out to me and the other EBBS committee members. Together, I am confident that we will find the best possible solutions.

Kind regards,

Mathias Schmidt

EBBS President

Mini conference FENS Forum of Neuroscience Glasgow 2020

“Behavioural neuroscience for the next decade: Why behaviour matters to brain science”



The European Brain and Behaviour Society (EBBS), European Behavioural Pharmacology Society (EBPS), European Molecular and Cellular Cognition Society (EMCCS) and International Behavioural and Neural Genetics Society (IBANGS) invite you to our jointly organised mini conference. A variety of topics will be covered, focusing on the role of behaviour in Neuroscience and the translatability of animal models to human traits and psychiatric disorders.

Registration is open!

Visit the website:



Travel grants for the FENS Forum 2020

In order to attend the 12th FENS Forum 2020 which will be held in Glasgow, UK, 11-15 July 2020, EBBS offers 5 travel awards: 1 for a post-doc and 4 for PhD students. Award winners will receive a cash award of € 500 (after the end of the meeting via Bank Transfer).

All applicants must be EBBS members at the time of application and in good standing with their membership fees.

Applications for the Travel Fellowship should include:

- A copy of the abstract identical to the one that will be submitted to the meeting. Please note that the applicant must be the first author.
- A one-page CV.
- Applications should be sent by email to the Secretary General of EBBS (AntonisStamatakis, astam@nurs.uoa.gr) by February 17, 2019.

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 January 31st, 2019

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 C.V. of the nominated lecturer**. They should be made **at least 6 months before the meeting and addressed to the Secretary AntonisStamatakis** (astam@nurs.uoa.gr).

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