

Dear EBBS members,

I am reaching out to you hoping to find you in good health notwithstanding the challenging times. The 2022 FENS Forum (<https://forum.fens.org/>) will be held in Paris in July and the deadline for early registration is fast approaching (February 22<sup>nd</sup>). I am hoping that this will be an occasion to meet in person and would like to present you the exciting EBBS initiatives that will take place in the framework of the Forum.

#### **2022 FENS Mini-conference *Understanding Behaviour: Molecular, Cellular & Systems Approaches***

I am delighted to announce that our society is co-organizing, together with International Behavioural and Neural Genetics Society, European Behavioural Pharmacology Society and European Molecular and Cellular Cognition Society, a satellite mini-conference at the 2022 FENS Forum that will be held in Paris on the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup> of July. The mini-conference is titled ***Understanding Behaviour: Molecular, Cellular & Systems Approaches*** and will be aimed at discussing theoretical and technical approaches linking brain activity and behavioural outcome. Renewed scientists and worldwide experts have been invited to provide multiple and complementary perspectives. For details about registration and the programme, see <https://ebbs-science.org/miniconference2022>. We look forward to meeting you at the mini-conference for an exciting scientific exchange!

#### **2022 FENS Networking event *Are we equipped to work interdisciplinary? - On the lack of philosophical education for neuroscientists***

EBBS will be involved as well in a 2022 FENS Networking event titled ***Are we equipped to work interdisciplinary? - On the lack of philosophical education for neuroscientists***, which is co-organized with the Austrian Neuroscience Association and will be held on the evening of the 10<sup>th</sup> of July. The event will be aimed at discussing theoretical frameworks at the interface between neuroscience and philosophy that, in parallel with technical innovations, will help progressing the neuroscience field beyond its current limitations. These theoretical frameworks will foster the formulation of innovative hypotheses to understand the complexity of the brain and the mind, leading to the definition of novel scientific concepts and the critical assessment of scientific assumptions. The keynote lecturers are the neuroscientist **Jean-Pierre Changeux** (Institut Pasteur & Collège de France, Paris, France) and the philosopher **Anne-Sophie Barwich** (Indiana University Bloomington, USA). More information will soon be available at the EBBS website (<https://ebbs-science.org/>).

#### **Call for Travel Grant applications for the 2022 FENS Forum**

EBBS is offering **5 travel awards** (1 for post-docs and 4 for PhD students) to attend the 2022 FENS Forum (<https://forum.fens.org/>). Award winners will receive a **€500** bank transfer after the meeting as well as a special EBBS Travel Award Certificate. Travel awards will only be made to people attending the FENS forum in person.

All applicants should be EBBS members at the time of application and should not have previously received an EBBS travel award (for a previous FENS Forum or an EBBS meeting). Applications should be sent to the Secretary General of the EBBS (Alex Easton, [secretary@ebbs-science.org](mailto:secretary@ebbs-science.org)) by Sunday **20th March 2022**.

Applications should include:

- a copy of the poster abstract identical to the one which will be submitted to the meeting. The applicant must be the first author on the abstract
- a one page CV

Looking forward to meeting you in Paris to enjoy the EBBS initiatives and the FENS Forum together.

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