



Newsletter July 2021

Message from the president

It is incredible how fast time is flying by if you are busy. Having taken over the Presidency of the EBBS at the 2019 meeting in Prague seems like yesterday, and at the same time so much has happened in the meantime and the world has changed. At the upcoming meeting in Lausanne in only a few weeks, I will hand over the presidency to Igor Branchi. Looking back at the last two years, it is of course the Covid19 pandemic which overshadows everything and left the biggest impression. Still, as a society we were moving forward and continued on our path to promote behavioural neuroscience in Europe and worldwide. In particular, I want to highlight our co-organized FENS satellite "Behavioural neuroscience for the next decade: Why behaviour matters to brain science" and the EBBS symposium at the British Neuroscience Association meeting. EBBS was active within FENS, IBRO or the ALBA network. We actively supported young scientists by providing travel grants, and we reduced our carbon foot-print by holding all committee meetings virtually (although admittedly the corona pandemic made this decision easy). A tremendous effort was the organization of our society's meeting in Lausanne this year, the decision to hold this meeting as fully hybrid and to keep fighting for the possibility to be able to attend this meeting in person. I want to especially thank the local organizer Carmen Sandi, who has done an amazing job and, because of her tireless work, I am certain that the meeting will be a full success.

When I set out as President of the EBBS, I had three major goals that I also communicated to you in the first newsletter after the last meeting: (1) continue on our path to pioneer and support equality and gender balance, (2) to support young scientists and (3) to pave the way to an eco-friendlier society. I believe that we have succeeded with these goals and EBBS is well-prepared to face the challenges the future will bring. As past-president I will continue to work for our society and support its leadership and the members in every way I can.

Thank you all for your support, all the best and see you in Lausanne,

Mathias Schmidt

The European Brain and Behavior Society 2021 meeting in Lausanne

The society is looking forward to welcoming members to our hybrid meeting in Lausanne. Whether you are attending in person, or virtually, we have an outstanding programme of science for you.

Registration for attendance is still open and full information about the meeting can be found at <https://www.ebbs2021.org/>

Annual General Meeting

The Society will hold its annual general meeting at the Lausanne Meeting on September 7th at 11:30am (CEST). This is an opportunity for members to feed into the society as well as hear about the most society's most recent plans.

Proposed Change to the Society's Bylaws

The EBBS committee is proposing a small change to the Society's bylaws. Our committee membership rules do not currently allow for a transition period when there is a change of Secretary or Treasurer. To allow for the committee to work smoothly when there is a transition, there will be a vote to change article 12 of the bylaws at the AGM in September. The current wording of the bylaw is below, with the proposed additional text highlighted in yellow.

12. The Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office for three years and shall always be eligible for re- election to the Committee. **At the end of their term, each may be co-opted to the committee for one further year.**

New Committee Members

Following our recent election, the society is pleased to welcome Dr Mathieu Wolff as an ordinary member of the committee as well as Dr Dorothy Tse as the Young Scientist member of the committee. In addition, Dr Aniko Korosi continues as our Treasurer for a further 3 years. Congratulations to them all.

NOW OPEN: Call for 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 September 1st 2021**

A travel grant of €700 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 (Alex Easton; secretary@ebbs-science.org).