

NEUROSCIENCE

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Introduction

Welcome to the first edition of the Neuroscience Ireland Newsletter which will be published on a quarterly basis to keep members updated regarding recent achievements and upcoming events.

We're now part of FENS

Neuroscience Ireland has recently become a member of the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS) represents Ireland on the governing council of FENS.

As a member of Neuroscience Ireland you can now avail of all the privileges of being a member of FENS. These include reduced registration costs for FENS meetings, and being eligible to apply for one of the free abstract slots for the SfN meeting, linked to a reduced registration fee: <http://fens.mdc-berlin.de/>



Federation of European Neuroscience Societies

The 6th Annual Meeting

Mark your diaries:

The 6th Annual meeting of Neuroscience Ireland will be held on 1st & 2nd September in NUI, Maynooth.

There is a strong programme of invited speakers of world-class standing, and also ample opportunity for early-stage researchers to present their work. Symposia will address the themes of Schizophrenia, Stroke, Cognition, Synaptic Plasticity and Learning, Circadian Rhythms and Sleep, Neuroinflammation and Neurodegeneration, as well as others areas of neuroscience. Accepted abstracts will be published in the Irish Journal of Medical Science.

Register and submit your abstract before the **Early-Bird registration deadline of July 16th**. The preliminary timetable, registration and abstract submission details can now be viewed at: www.eventelephant.com/neuroscienceconference2011

Winners of the 1st Travel Bursaries

Going to an International Conference?

If so, Neuroscience Ireland has recently introduced travel bursaries for student/post-doctoral members whose work has been accepted for presentation at an international conference. Travel bursaries are worth up to €500 each, and there will be two calls per year.

The deadline for applications for the first call was May 20th. The first three winners were:

- **Donal Skelly** who is giving an oral communication at the 18th Annual Meeting of the Psychoneuro-immunology Research Society in Chicago, USA on 8-11 June. His talk is entitled 'The roles of disease stage and COX1-dependent prostaglandins in delirious episodes during neurodegeneration.'

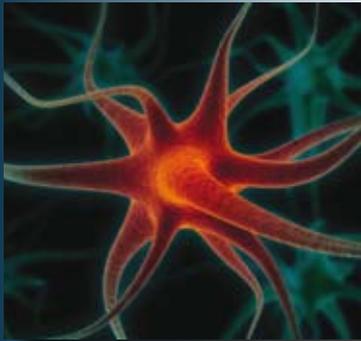


- **Graham Sheridan** who is presenting a poster at the 8th IBRO World Congress of Neuroscience in Florence, Italy on 14-18 July. The title of his poster is 'Sphingosine 1-phosphate receptor activation inhibits demyelination in cerebellar slice cultures and controls the release of chemokines from astrocytes.'
- **Elizabeth Kehoe** who is giving a poster presentation at Organisation of Human Brain Mapping in Quebec, Canada on 26-30 June. Her poster is entitled 'Age-related Differences in the Neural Representation of Emotional Arousal and Valence'

Congratulations to the winners!

We wish the three enjoyable conference trips.

Successful travel bursary awardees will be required to contribute a conference report article for the Neuroscience Ireland Newsletter. An update on their events will be given in the next newsletter. The next call will be announced in August. An application form for the travel bursary will be sent out with the next call so look out for that.



Publication Awards

Just got a paper accepted?

Neuroscience Ireland is offering €200 quarterly prizes to young scientists (PhD students/post-doctoral fellows) who have just published an original research paper in an international journal.

Applicants should be the first author, and should send a PDF of their paper to Neuroscience Ireland at neuroscience.ireland@gmail.com with a cover letter explaining the importance of their research findings.

A winner will be selected on the last Friday of January, April, July and October. The first winner will be announced in July so send in your publications before then.

Winning papers will be highlighted in the **Neuroscience Ireland Newsletter**, and winners will also be invited to present an oral communication at the **Neuroscience Ireland** annual meeting.

BESA EEG/ERPs Workshop

BESA have organised an EEG/ERP workshop to coincide with the Neuroscience Ireland Annual Meeting. The workshop will take place on the two days after the meeting, on September 3/4, at the Brooks Hotel in Dublin. The workshop includes lectures and hands-on sessions from preprocessing of human EEG data to advanced source analysis.

Participants also receive a printed tutorial and have the opportunity to hold on to a HASP dongle as a 4-weeks trial version.

The workshop will include a full lunch as well as coffee and snacks in the morning and afternoon on both days.

For workshop registration, visit:

<http://www.besa.de/events/workshops/>

Other Workshops and Meetings

If you would like to send us details of any workshops or meetings you are holding please send to the email address below. We will make every effort to include details of your meeting in the next Newsletter. We also welcome any news on the success of workshops and meetings that have been recently held.

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