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Since I began my scientific career, I have attended several EBBS meetings. I have contributed to a symposium at the 49th EBBS meeting in Lausanne (CH) and several prominent international meetings across the EU on neural circuits and behaviour. I have dedicated a significant amount of time investigating research topics involving flexible behaviour, promoting behavioural neuroscience and collaborative research in the past several years. I am deeply committed to democratising the scientific process, and I believe dissemination accessible to the public is vital for the future of science in the EU. I have developed innovative ways of making science accessible for students (conceiving 'Cortex club', a discussion forum I founded in Oxford in 2009) and, more recently, an Early PI Network (2022). I would be delighted to continue these efforts based on cooperation, inclusion, and collaboration, closely working with EBBS colleagues.