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I am a research group leader and lecturer in Neuroscience at the Rowett Institute, University of Aberdeen, UK. My research focuses on the development of motivated behaviours and their neurobiological substrates, and how early life dietary habits can impact this development. To achieve this, I combine the study of animal cognition, especially associative learning, in vivo recordings and manipulations of neuronal populations (fibre photometry, chemogenetics, optogenetics) and nutritional approaches. I received my PhD in Neuroscience from the University of Bordeaux (France) in 2012. I did my first postdoctoral training at the Bordeaux Neurocampus (France) before to join the University of Leicester (UK) in 2017. In 2020, I joined the Rowett Institute and the University of Aberdeen to start my own group where my work is funded by several organisation including the Royal Society and the Wellcome Trust. I also regularly engage with a broader audience using public events (Explorathon, Brain Awareness week) and social networks (@FabNaneix; @NaneixLab) to communicate about my research work.

I have been an active member of the EBBS since 2009. The EBBS 2009 meeting was my first international conference, and I had the chance to present some of my PhD work in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. I participated in several EBBS meetings since and had the opportunity to chair a symposium in 2019 in Prague. Now I hope to be able to contribute further to the EBBS to promote scientific exchanges in Europe and foster the roles of early-career researchers.