

Prof. Alex Easton is a behavioural neuroscientist at Durham University (UK) with an interest in memory broadly, and episodic memory in particular, across primate and rodent species and with a strong interest in comparative tasks of cognition across humans and non-human species. In particular he has developed rodent tasks of episodic memory, shown translation of these tasks into humans, has specific interests in the role of the cholinergic system, and the hippocampus in these forms of memory.

Alex cares passionately about the need for clear and precise understanding of behaviour in neuroscience, and is a supporter of interdisciplinary approaches to cognition. As the Director of Durham University's Institute of Advanced Study, he leads interdisciplinary programmes of work tackling large scale questions, including integrating neuroscience with anthropology, philosophy, and other key disciplines to build an integrated understanding of the key issues in memory research.

Alex has been a member of the European Brain and Behavior Society for 20 years, and has been at the heart of the society's decision making for the last 8 years, joining the executive committee in 2016 as an ordinary member, and having been elected Secretary General in 2020 and again in 2023. He is passionate about the society's mission to exchange ideas across researchers at all career stages and disciplines focused on the relationship between brain and behavior. He is particularly keen to continue the Society's long-term focus on the support of early career researchers, and building on the current efforts to provide more activities of benefit to all our members.

Nominated by Ewelina Knapska (EBBS President) and Igor Branchi (EBBS Past-President)