Dear EBBS members,

as 2022 is ended and a new year is head, I am happy to briefly describe you the recent society activities and provide you with an outlook of EBBS plans for 2023.

<p style="text-align:center"><strong style="color:red">EBBS @ 2022 FENS meeting</p>

The past year has been very successful. During the FENS meeting in Paris, we organized several initiatives that have been highly attended and elicited a large number of enthusiastic feedbacks. These included:

- A satellite event titled *Understanding Behaviour: Molecular, Cellular & Systems Approaches*, co-organized with EBPS, IBANGS and EMCCS, and aimed at discussing the most advanced theoretical and technical approaches linking brain activity and behavioural outcome with renowned scientists and worldwide experts.
- The FENS Networking event titled *Are we equipped to work interdisciplinary? - On the lack of philosophical education for neuroscientists,* organized in collaboration with the Austrian Neuroscience Association (ANA) and aimed at discussing theoretical frameworks at the interface between neuroscience and philosophy.
- The special *EBBS/Behavioural Brain Research lecture* in which Timothy Behrens, from Oxford University and University College London, has been invited to present his most recent studies on brain circuits involved in flexibility. As a highly important consequence, the number of EBBS members increased over 1000, demonstrating that a continuous and growing interest toward the Society activities and community.

<p style="text-align:center"><strong style="color:red">50th EBBS MEETING in August 2023</p>

For the incoming year, the most relevant planned event is the **50th EBBS meeting** that will be held on **26-29 August 2023 in Amsterdam**, The Netherlands (https://ebbs2023.azuleon.org/welcome). After the pandemic, we are looking forward to give access to the EBBS scientific community to a unique platform for exchanging scientific knowledge and building new collaborations.

We have assembled an exciting meeting programme that involves scientists from all over the world interested in bridging brain and behaviour, in health and disease, and using innovative theoretical and technical approaches in the neuroscience field. The plenary speakers are experts at the forefront of different behavioural neuroscience fields:

- **Julie Bakker**, University of Liège, Liège, Belgium
- **Tallie Z. Baram**, University of California Irvine, Irvine, CA, USA

- **John Cryan**, University College Cork, Cork, Ireland
- **Paul Frankland**, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Canada
- **Gerd Kempermann**, Center for Regenerative Therapies Dresden, Dresden, Germany
- **Hugo Spiers**, University College London, London, United Kingdom

In addition to plenaries, the programme includes exciting symposia, hot topic discussions and, for young neuroscientists, meet-the-expert events in which students will have the opportunity to meet and discuss with renowned scientists about topics, ranging from scientific ideas to career opportunities. Please, visit https://ebbs2023.azuleon.org/programme for further information.

In the framework of the meeting, EBBS will continue promoting equity and diversity in the brain science field, in collaboration with the ALBA Network (https://www.alba.network/) and specific initiatives will be organized.

Amsterdam is a beautiful and exciting city that attracts many tourists in summer. As many meetings in different disciplines are planned in parallel at that time of the year, **I suggest to book the hotel as soon as possible to find the best solutions.** For suggestions about the hotel close to the meeting venue, visit: https://ebbs2023.azuleon.org/venue

NEW EBBS AWARDS !

The EBBS community is made up of excellent scientists who, on the one hand, propose breaking-through theoretical and technical approaches able to dramatically advance our understanding of the brain and, on the other, who promote equity and diversity in the field. Therefore, EBBS is proud to announce new awards aimed at fostering these excellences: the **EBBS Mid-Career Award** and the **EBBS Diversity Award**, in addition to the already existing **EBBS Young Investigator Awards**. The awardees will be announced during the 2023 EBBS conference (see below for further details).

Looking forward to meeting you in Amsterdam to enjoy the EBBS meeting together!

Igor Branchi
President of European Brain and Behaviour Society

EBBS YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD

EBBS is offering **10 Young Investigator Awards** [2 for post-docs (up to maximum 2 years postdoc experience) and 8 for PhD students] to attend the EBBS meeting in Amsterdam in August 2023.

Award winners are expected to attend the meeting as they will have the opportunity to present their work during the meeting and will receive a **€ 600** bank transfer after the meeting as well as a special EBBS Young Investigator AwardCertificate.

All applicants should be EBBS members at the time of application and should not have previously received an EBBS travel award (for a previous FENS Forum or EBBS meeting).

Applications should be sent to the Secretary General of EBBS (Alex Easton, secretary@ebbs-science.org) by Sunday 19th March 2023.

Applications should include:

- a copy of the poster abstract identical to the one which will be submitted to the meeting. The applicant must be the first author on the abstract
- a **one page** CV

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EBBS MID CAREER AWARD

The EBBS wishes to establish a **Mid-Career Award**. Its purpose is to recognise a researcher whose work falls within the areas covered by the society and who is currently active in research, and has a distinguished research record over a substantial period (10-20 years post award of their Ph.D., with adjustment for career breaks).

The committee will consider a number of factors in making the award, such as:

- Evidence of strong research leadership, including mentoring and building research networks
- Engaging with and enhancing public understanding of the brain and/or neuroscience
- Interdisciplinary approaches providing novel perspectives

Self-nominations are not permitted. Individuals should be nominated by a member of the society AND those nominated should be a fully paid-up member of the society by the time the nomination is submitted.

Nominations should include:

- No more than 2 sides of A4 which outline five major contributions to the field
- 1 page CV of the nominated individual
- No more than 2 side supporting statement from the member nominating, outlining the impact the individual has had on the field

Winners of the award will be notified directly by the Society and will be expected to accept the award and present a talk in person at the Society's meeting in Amsterdam in August 2023

The Society actively encourages nominations of individuals from traditionally underrepresented groups.

Nominations should be sent to the EBBS Secretary (secretary@ebbs-science.org) by February 24th 2023.

EBBS DIVERSITY AWARD

The EBBS wishes to establish a **Diversity Award**. Its purpose is to recognise a researcher whose work falls within the areas covered by the society and who has made a significant contribution to promoting and/or supporting diversity within the field.

The committee will consider a number of factors in making the award, such as:

- Initiatives to promote diversity in the field of behavioral neuroscience
- Contribution to promoting gender equality in the field
- Mentoring young students from diverse backgrounds

Individuals should nominate themselves AND should be a fully paid-up member of the society at the time the application is submitted.

Nominations should include:

- No more than 2 sides of A4 which outline five major contributions to promoting and/or supporting diversity in the field of behavioural neuroscience
- No more than 2 sides of testimonials from individuals commenting on the contribution the member has made to the issue of diversity

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