

News from the NENS Office

NENS events within the 7th FENS Forum 2010 in Amsterdam

The NENS Symposium will take place on 4th July from 18:45 - 20:15 in the Amsterdam RAI Convention Center.

Besides the NENS Chair Denise Mahan-Vaughan (Bochum, Germany) speakers will include Erkki Raulo (Helsinki, Finland), who will give a talk about the Network of European Funding for Neuroscience Research (ERA-NET NEURON) and Sebastian Granderath (Bonn, Germany), who will speak about DFG-funded International Research Training Groups.

The Symposium will be followed by the NENS Annual Meeting which will give you the opportunity to pose follow-up questions from the symposium and share your experiences in coordinating neuroscience programmes with the NENS Committee and colleagues from across Europe.

At the FENS Forum 2010, NENS

together with the Local Organizing Committee will offer the following two services for those who are looking for a job and those who have a job to offer.

NENS Jobs fair hospitality suites for interviews:

Institutions and companies can register for 0.5 hour time slots in NENS Jobs fair hospitality suites, to receive candidates for their job vacancies. The location of the NENS Jobs Fair hospitality suites will be published in the Programme book.

Booking can only be done following registration for the FENS Forum 2010 or by registered delegates of the companies or non-profit organisations of the exhibition. At the meeting a NENS rolling slide show will display the bookings so that interviewers and interested candidates can find out what happens when and where. Booking is free of charge, but reservations are handled on the basis of "first come

first served". Detailed information about the booking procedure and further information on the FENS Forum is available on <http://fens2010.neurosciences.asso.fr/>.

Stickers:

The Forum bag will contain Job-seeker/Job-giver stickers for your conference badges.

Reminder: Travel Stipends for graduate students

Deadline for the first call for applications for a NENS Stipend this year is

February 26th, 2010

For application details please contact nens-office@rub.de or visit <http://fens.org/nens/about.html>.

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"Across Europe"- NENS Member Countries: Portugal

Portugal upholds a great tradition in neuroscience research epitomised by Egas Moniz's 1949 winning of the Nobel Prize and Corino de Andrade's seminal achievements.

It was only in 1994, however, when some neuroscience research groups got together on a national level to form the Portuguese Society for Neuroscience (SPN).

Although only of medium size the SPN today is a highly active society, having been involved in the organisation of the 4th FENS Forum in Lisbon 2004 and the FENS/PENS Summer Schools in Ofir. Among others, SPN's

activities focus on the building of a strong Portuguese neuroscience community and the return of young expatriate scientists to Portugal.

What's more, neuroscience education at PhD level has existed for a long time in Portugal- albeit not in a programme-oriented format.

In Portugal the first structured programme was set up at the University of Lisbon in 1999 when a Master in Neuroscience was introduced. This training opportunity has recently been remodelled into a combined PhD and Master degree.

The University of Coimbra followed suit in 2002 with the set up of a PhD course in Experimental Biology and Biomedicine which strongly focuses on the neurosciences. In addition, the University of Porto is about to launch

its very first cutting-edge doctoral programme in neuroscience.

The postgraduate neuroscience curricula in those three Portuguese NENS member programmes are characterised by their broad thematic and disciplinary outlook ranging from molecular biology to computational and cognitive neuroscience.

This particular approach allows doctoral students to pursue their specialist research interests. The NENS schools also collaborate within a strong national network and uphold close links to renowned neuroscience departments all around the world.

Further information
www.spn.org.pt
<http://cnc.cj.uc.pt/beb>
www.cnbc.up.pt
www.ul.pt

Facts and Figures

Area: 92,072 km²
Population: 10,400,000
Capital: Lisbon
EU-member: 1 Jan 1986
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