



NENS - Network of European Neuroscience Schools

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Dear NENS member,

We are pleased to announce that the 2009 NENS Annual General Meeting will take place at the Ruhr University Bochum on March 21th and 22th.

Our network has continued to grow over the last year. NENS now counts almost 150 member programmes from 26 countries.

This year, therefore, we are not only looking forward to seeing familiar faces from programmes which have been actively part of NENS since its inception, but are also excited about welcoming coordinators to our annual meeting from programmes that have recently joined NENS.

The Network of European Neuroscience Schools has pleasure in inviting you to attend the NENS Annual General Meeting 2009 from 21 – 22 March 2009 at Ruhr University Bochum.

The preliminary programme is as follows:

NENS Annual General Meeting

Ruhr University Bochum

Saturday, 21 March 2009

13:00

Arrival and Registration

14:00

Welcome Address

NENS Chair Prof. D. Manahan-Vaughan
Rector of Ruhr University Prof. E. Weiler

15:00

Parallel Workshops

1. Goals and Strategies for NENS Job Fair
2. Development of Online NENS Syllabus and Lecture Database
3. Using the NENS Website as a Tool to Promote Our Schools
4. Development of Training and Support between NENS Schools
5. Marie Curie Think Tank: Finding Partners and Devising Concepts for an Initial Training Network within EU FP7

19:30

NENS AGM Dinner

Sunday, 22 March 2009

9:00

Presentations on

Funding Opportunities for NENS Schools
Novel Strategies in Graduate Training and Career Options

10:30

Workshop Reports and Open Discussion

End: 14:00

The NENS Annual Meeting will offer you insight into progress made by the NENS Committee in meeting the network's objectives. Also, the event will provide a forum to discuss and highlight current issues faced by NENS members and will give you the opportunity to exchange information and ideas with the NENS Committee and colleagues from across Europe.

As part of the parallel workshops on Saturday the following specific issues will be highlighted:

You will be able to discuss opportunities for schools and students arising from the introduction of a NENS Job Fair. Further workshops will focus on the development of the online NENS Syllabus and Lecture Database as well as on the development of additional features for the NENS website. Workshop 4 will offer you the chance to explore options for joint training and support within NENS Schools. In the Marie Curie Think Tank you can meet possible partners and develop ideas for applying for EU-funding for your graduate programme within FP7.

At the sessions on Sunday you will be able to find out more about funding opportunities for your schools, and hear from experts that will share their knowledge on strategies in graduate training and career options. The workshop reports will give you the opportunity to learn about issues discussed during the 5 workshops on Saturday. What is more, the NENS community will have further time for open discussion on various topics.

As in 2007 NENS will fund one night's accommodation for attending programme coordinators at the IBIS Hotel in Bochum (the NENS Office is happy to organise accommodation for you) and invites you to join the traditional AGM Dinner on Saturday.

In order to register please fill in your registration form and submit this to the NENS Office by no later than February 28th 2009.

Please do not hesitate to contact the NENS office for further information on the event via nens-office@rub.de. For further details and update on the AGM please visit the NENS website on <http://fens.mdc-berlin.de/nens/about.html>.

Also please let us know whether there are any specific issues you would like to see addressed during the NENS Annual Meeting.

We are very much looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards
Denise Manahan-Vaughan (NENS Chair)