

NENS - Network of European Neuroscience Schools

NENS Newsletter

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News from the NENS Office

NENS Stipends for Training Stays have now been awarded to Master and PhD students from all around Europe.

The NENS Committee would like to thank all applicants for sending in such a large number of excellent applications as a response to our last call. We faced a difficult task selecting the successful candidates among those submissions.

The Committee is delighted to announce the names of the following awardees: Emanuelle Basaldella, Eduardo Beltran, Giusi Manassero, Krisztina Nagy, Julia Suchan and Joanna Wabno. The NENS Stipends cover accommodation and travel costs of up to 1000 Euro and are awarded to Master and early PhD students registered within NENS member schools.

The deadline for the new round of applications is 15 Feb 2009. This time, courtesy of the Portuguese Society for Neuroscience, an additional spe-

cial stipend will be made available for a Portuguese student who wishes to train at an international NENS lab. Full details on the NENS website!

Next year's NENS Annual General Meeting will be held at Ruhr University Bochum from 25 to 26 of April 2009.

On the Saturday, the event will be kicked-off on 14:00 and will comprise five parallel workshops on 1. the upcoming NENS Job Fair, 2. further development of the online Lecture Database, 3. using the NENS website to promote our schools, 4. the development of training and support between NENS schools. In the 5. workshop, Marie Curie *Think Tank* you will have the opportunity to find partners and develop concepts for an Initial Training Network grant application within FP7.

On day two the morning session will comprise workshops on funding opportunities for NENS Schools and on

novel strategies in graduate training and career options. Reports on the outcome of the five workshops will also be presented.

The AGM will not only present speakers from the NENS community, but will also feature key speakers from major European institutions. As usual one night's accommodation will be funded by NENS for all attending programme coordinators and all participants will be invited to attend our traditional AGM dinner. For detailed programme information and to register for the event go to <http://fens.org/nens/about/>.

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“Across Europe”- NENS Member Countries: Denmark

Danish Neuroscience dates back to the 1960s but came of age with the foundation of The Danish Society for Neuroscience in 1984.

At an early stage Danish Neuroscience bifurcated into two sub disciplines with little overlap, the major discipline of Medical Neuroscience located mainly in the greater Copenhagen area and a minor discipline of Neuroethology-Auditory Neuroscience established at University of Southern Denmark in Odense.

This bifurcation is reflected in the two existing NENS schools, The Graduate School of Neuroscience (GSN) located in Copenhagen and SNAK (Sen-

se organs, Nerve Systems, Behaviour, and Communication) based in Odense but including research groups at Aarhus University, Copenhagen University and at the Technical University of Denmark.

GSN is based at Copenhagen University's Panum Institute next to Copenhagen University Hospital's strong neuroscience departments (e.g. the Neurobiology Research Unit and the Center for Integrated Molecular Brain Imaging) in the center of a major concentration of hospitals (e.g. Hvidovre Hospital) and neuro-pharmaceutical companies. This school is a continuation of the Neuroscience Center, which started organizing Ph.D.-courses in the early 1980s. About 60 Ph.D.-students being offered a variety of advanced courses are constantly enrolled in GSN, which aims at enrolling 20 Ph.D.-students per year from both Danish universi-

ties and university partners in Europe and from other continents. Other important neuroscience environments are located elsewhere in Denmark, e.g. the Danish National Research Foundation's Center of Functionally Integrative Neuroscience at Aarhus University.

SNAK covers a broad field of neuro-ethological subjects with emphasis on auditory neuroscience across species ranging from humans over bats, whales and other mammals to birds and frogs. Each year it offers Ph.D.-courses in various aspects of acoustic communication to its about 25 Ph.D.-students and with participation of graduate students from all over the world.

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Facts and Figures

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Population: 5,400,00
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