

NENS - Network of European Neuroscience Schools

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News from the NENS Office

NENS events within the 7th FENS Forum 2010 in Amsterdam

The NENS Symposium and the Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday, 4th July, 2010 at FENS Forum Amsterdam. Detailed information will follow at the beginning of the next year.

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.

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 com-

panies 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 will follow soon.

Stickers: The Forum bag will contain Job seeker/Job giver stickers for the badge.

The Committee is delighted to announce the names of the following awardees for the last NENS Stipends application:

Chiara Rolando from Italy, Milena Milošević from Serbia and Ana Coelho from Portugal, who is the awardee of the additional special stipend from the Courtesy of the Portuguese Society for Neuroscience. 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

February 26th, 2010.

Again, courtesy of the Portuguese Society for Neuroscience, an additional special stipend will be made available for a Portuguese student who wishes to train at an international NENS lab. Full details are available on the NENS website!

Thank you to all of you for helping make 2009 such a successful year for NENS! We wish you and yours a very Happy Christmas and peace and prosperity in 2010.

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"Across Europe"- NENS Member Countries: Estonia

The history of neuroscience in Estonia can be dated back to the end of the 19th century.

In 1886 Emil Kraepelin, a famous German psychiatrist, was appointed to the position of professor of psychiatry in the University of Tartu. He was instrumental not only in the field of clinical psychiatry, but he also started to perform studies in the field of psychopharmacology. Based on these studies he wrote the first scientific book in psychopharmacology, published in 1892.

More recent developments in the field of neuroscience are also linked to the scientists working in the field of

psychopharmacology. Sulev Kõks and Eero Vasar are the persons behind the idea to establish a graduate course in neuroscience in Estonia. The plan to open a doctoral program was sparked in 2000. The major prerequisite for the development of the program was a major change in the physical infrastructure of the University of Tartu. Namely, the pre-clinical departments of the Medical Faculty, formerly distributed over Tartu, moved into the Biomedicum, built in 1999.

Target group of the programme are young people who hold a master's degree and are interested in studying neurosciences at different levels by applying various methods. The first five doctorate candidates started their studies in academic year 2001/2002. The goals of research of a doctoral candidate are to acquire both the skills and techniques of conducting research and new theoretical know-

ledge in neurosciences. The theoretical courses are taught by experienced scientists from the Faculties of Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and Medicine. As a result of research an independent survey is prepared, presenting a reasoned original solution to an important problem in a specific area of research requiring the publication of three research articles in respectful international journals in neurosciences. The doctoral thesis is defended by way of a public dispute in front of the Degree Committee of Neurosciences. Currently 10 young people have commenced the doctoral degree in neuroscience at the University of Tartu. There is a strong international collaborative link with the Neuroscience Program at the University of Göttingen.

Further Information:

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Facts and Figures

Area: 45.227 km²
Population: 1.340.935
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EU-member: 2004
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