

Special Interest Event: Women in Neuroscience

Organizers:

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- Late Ferdinando Rossi (NENS Committee, University of Turin, Italy)

Contributors:

- Professor Marian Joëls (Director Brain Center Rudolf Magnus, Utrecht, President FENS);
- Professor Carol Mason (Professor of Pathology & Cell Biology, Columbia University, President of Society for Neuroscience, USA);
- Dr Martha Davila-Garcia (Associate Professor, Howard University College of Medicine, Washington DC, USA);
- Dr Ilona Obara (Lecturer & Principal Investigator, University of Durham, UK);
- Dr Sarah Nickolls (Senior Principal Scientist, Neusentis, Cambridge, UK);
- Professor Elena Cattaneo (Director of the Centre for Stem Cell Research, University of Milano);

Date & time: Sunday July 6th, 18:45 (duration 2 hours)

Format:

All speakers are allocated 15 minutes (includes 5 minutes discussion) and talks will be followed by an open discussion/social get together lasting 20-30 minutes to favour direct personal interactions between the audience and the invited speakers.

Brief description:

Regardless of gender, a successful career in Neuroscience takes what? - dedication, enthusiasm, hard-work, mentoring, optimism.....a bit of serendipity or luck? Building a career as a woman in Neuroscience requires all of these and perhaps more too. In this event, we will hear about the experiences of woman at different careers stages and working in different academic/research environments (Professor Elena Cattaneo; Dr Ilona Obara; Dr Sarah Nickolls). We will also have representations (with personal reflections) from IBRO-WWN (Dr Martha Davila-Garcia), FENS (Professor Marian Joëls) and SfN (Professor Carol Mason). Together, they will consider career progression as it relates to everyone but with some emphasis on the special challenges to progression that women face and how they can be dealt with. Building on the FENS 2012 'Women in Neuroscience' event, we may consider especially the role of FENS - what has been done, is being done, should be done? Aside from the presentations, there will be time for free audience discussion and participation as well as social interaction and networking.

Programme Schedule and Details:

- 18.45 -18.50 *Welcome and Introductions*
Professor Anne King (NENS Committee & Chair)
- 18.50-19.05 *Women in European Neuroscience: What can FENS or national societies do?*
Professor Marian Joëls (President of FENS)
- 19.05-19.20 *The role of SfN in supporting gender equality*
Professor Carol Mason (President of Society for Neuroscience, USA)
- 19.20-19.35 *The role of Mentoring - a perspective from IBRO-WWN*
Dr Martha Davila-Garcia (Associate Professor, Howard University College of Medicine, Washington DC)
- 19.35-19.50 *Survival kit for new Principal Investigators*
Dr Ilona Obara (PI Durham University, UK)
- 19.50-20.05 *Survival kit for success in industry*
Dr Sarah Nickolls (Senior Principal Scientist, Neusentis/Pfizer)
- 20.05-20.20 *Survival kit for success in academia and research*
Professor Elena Cattaneo (Director of the Centre for Stem Cell Research, University of Milano)
- 20.20-20.45 *Open floor for comments & questions, followed by social event & networking*