

SPN General Assembly – July 10th, 2022 (18h45)

Activity Report

Portuguese Society for Neuroscience
(December 2021 – July 2022)

2022

28th January, 2022: SPN Governing Board Meeting

4th February, 2022: FRM2023 *kick-off* meeting with FENS Governing Board regarding the organization of the FRM2023 in Algarve

10th February, 2022: Nomination for the jury of Santa Casa Awards 2022: João Malva, representing SPN

28th February, 2022: SPN Governing Board Meeting with FRM2023 local Organizing Committee (in Algarve)

14th to 18th March, 2022 *Semana do Cérebro* – The **BAW2020** week was held on the theme “**Cérebro e o Tempo**”

76 schools registered to “Scientists go to school” in collaboration with Ciência Viva.

14th March, 2022: Opening session of BAW2022 with the theme: “**Cérebro e o Tempo**”. Speakers: **Ana Rita Álvaro, Luísa Lopes, Rosa Afonso, Sara Coelho**. The session took place *online*. Session Organized by Sara Xapelli
Around 90 participants

31st March, 2022: FRM2023 *catch up* meeting with FENS

26th April, 2022: SPN President and FRM2023 co-Chair (A. Cristina Rego) presented an **update of FRM2023 organization** to the **FENS Executive Committee** meeting (by zoom)

30th April, 2022: Announcement of the winners of SPN Travel Award to attend the FENS2022.

- PhD students: Ana Spencer (i3S), Daniela Madeira (CNC), Daniela Vilas Boas da Silva Campos (ICVS), Joana Sofia Correia (ICVS), Leonor Ribeiro Rodrigues (iMM), Miguel Farinha-Ferreira (iMM), Sara L. Paulo (iMM)

- Postdocs: Catarina Morais Seabra (CNC), Dominique Moreira Fernandes (CNC), Joana Guedes (CNC)

2nd May, 2022: The SPN (A. Cristina Rego) and “**Brain Gain - À Descoberta das Neurociências**” (www.braingain.pt) (Catarina Seabra) signed a protocol, aiming to reinforce promotion of Neurosciences through the organization of non-formal education events for higher education students in Portugal and the production of materials and resources for the dissemination of Neurosciences to stimulate public interest.

5th to 6th May, 2022: The SPN Treasurer participated *online*, on behalf of the SPN, at the “**FENS advocacy training**”

11th May, 2022: Meeting of the FRM2023 Scientific Committee (*by zoom*)_ Defined names of researchers to invite as Plenary Lecturers at the FRM, in Algarve.

19th to 20th May, 2022: SPN sponsored scientifically the “**16^o Congresso da Sociedade Portuguesa de Neuropediatria – Interdisciplinaridade em Neuropediatria**”

2nd June, 2022: Meeting of the FRM2023 Organizing Committee

7th June, 2022: Round table within a Symposium on Neuroscience Applied to Neuroeconomics, *Neuromanagement* and Neuromarketing.

8th July, 2022: SPN President participated at FENS Governing Council, *part I* (at Paris Expo Porte de Versailles)

Several elections were conducted aiming to approve and select:

- Host Society Committee chair for FENS Forum 2024 in Vienna
- Programme Committee chair for FENS Forum 2024 in Vienna
- CHET_Committee on Higher Education and Training (2 new members)
- Communication Committee (3 new members)
- Treasurer-Elect ~
- Secretary General-Elect, and
- President-Elect

SPN Vice-President will participate at FENS Governing Council, *part II*, held on July 13

10th July, 2022: Announcement of the SPN Best Manuscript Award 2021 at SPN General Assembly, in Paris, the work by Mateus-Pinheiro A and Patrício P et al. Hippocampal cytotogenesis abrogation impairs inter-regional communication between the hippocampus and prefrontal cortex and promotes the time-dependent manifestation of emotional and cognitive deficits from Luísa Pinto group.

The SPN Board also decided to give an honorable mention to the manuscript that was in second given their high quality and scores: Ribeiro LF et al., Ligand-independent activity of the ghrelin receptor modulates AMPA receptor trafficking and supports memory formation from Ana Luísa Carvalho group.

Jury composed by: João Malva, Isaura Tavares, Catarina R. Oliveira, João Relvas and A. Cristina Rego

Criteria for evaluation: Innovation (40%), Scientific relevance (30%), Interdisciplinarity (10%), Journal impact factor (10%) and Overall quality (10%)

SPN Commitment with other Societies:

1st to 2nd April, 2022: Ana Cristina Rego and Tiago Gil Oliveira organized the ‘*Conference SPN*’ at the “**Congresso SPDMov 2022: Parkinsonismos clássicos e atípicos**”, held in Luso, for which SPN invited, as speakers, **António Salgado** (ICVS, Univ. Minho) and **Luís Pereira de Almeida** (CNC & FFUC).

SPN initiatives support:

May 2022 - 3 initiatives were selected:

- “8th European Synapse Meeting” (Ana Luísa Carvalho),
- “Playback the music of the brain - From sound to emotion” (Bruno Leitão);
- “YES meeting” (Isaura Tavares)