

SPN General Assembly – December 1st, 2021 (18h)

Actitivity Report
Portuguese Society for Neuroscience
(August 2021 - November 2021)

2020

22nd July, 2020:

The World Brain Day was celebrated in Coimbra on the theme “Move together to end Parkinson's disease” (promoted by the 'World Federation of Neurology'), organized by the CPC-Conselho Português para o Cérebro, of which the SPN is an effective member. Catarina R. Oliveira gave a lecture on “Research in Neurosciences”.

30th of August, 2020: 2020 IBRO Regional Committee Elections - APRC, ARC, LARC [Election of IBRO Asia/Pacific Regional Committee (IBRO-APRC), the IBRO Africa Regional Committee (IBRO-ARC) and the IBRO Latin America Regional Committee (IBRO-LARC) for the period 2021-2023]

24th of August, 2020: Fellowships for participation in SfN2020 – *No fellowships were awarded due to the SARS Cov-2 pandemic (SfN2020 was cancelled)*

9th of September, 2020: SPN Governing Board Meeting

11-17 de outubro, 2020: The **BAW2020** week was held on the theme “Brain and Environment” (BAW previously scheduled for the week 14-20 March, 2020). *All events (opening sessions, closing sessions and visits to school) were canceled due to the SARS Cov-2 pandemic.*

14th of October, 2020: BAW2020 virtual session with the theme “Brain and Environment: Impact of the Pandemic” (speakers: Cristina Januário, CPC; Helena Freitas, CEF, FCTUC; Inês Araújo, CBMR, UAlg; Leonor Faleiro, CBMR, UAlg; Miguel Castanho, IMM, FMUL) organized by Clévio Nóbrega, Cristina Rego and Sara Xapelli.

24 and 25 of November, 2020: The President was present at the **FENS Governing Council** (virtual): vote for FENS Program Committee and Chair Committee
Names proposed by the SPN: Rodrigo Cunha, Isaura Tavares, João Relvas (*not selected*)

19th and 20th of November, 2020: The President and Secretary participated, on behalf of the SPN, the “III Encontro das Secções da Sociedade Portuguesa de Psiquiatria e Saúde Mental”.

11th of December, 2020: The President participated in **IBRO Governing Council Meeting** (Webinar)

2021

5th of January, 2021: The SPN endorsed the **ALBA Declaration on Equity and Inclusion**, presented at *SfN Connectome (Jan 12, 2021)*

11th of January, 2021: SPN Governing Board Meeting

11th of January, 2021: SPN proposed Teresa Summavielle as the contact person for the FENS CARE Committee on Animal Research

12th of February, 2021: Ana Sebastião accepted the invitation to represent SPN on the **Jury of the 9th Edition of the SANTA CASA Neurosciences Awards (SCML) 2021.**

16th of February, 2021: SPN Governing Board Meeting

26th of February to 27th of March, 2021: SPN sponsored scientifically the “Advanced Course in Neurodegenerative Diseases”, coordinated by António Freire (virtual)
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EK7F7HibZQEidB4K-yZZto3zCilFULo/>

15th to 21st of March, 2021: The Brain Awareness Week 2021 (**BAW2021**) was held on the Theme: “**Pandemia and Mental health**”.
34 events were held (“Scientists go to school”, virtual) in collaboration with Ciência Viva.

15th of March, 2021: Opening session of BAW2021 with the theme: “Pandemia and Mental Health” (speakers: Ana João Rodrigues and Pedro Morgado, ICVS, UMinho, the session took place virtual and in person at the Mariano Gago auditorium at i3S). Session Organized by Teresa Summavielle and Tiago Gil Oliveira.

24th of March, 2021: Meeting of the FENS **CARE Committee on Animal Research** (SPN was represented by Teresa Summavielle).

10th of April, 2021: SPN wrote a **Letter of Support of EBRAINS** (the Research Infrastructure developed by the Human Brain Project) and requested a meeting with the FCT to request official support (FCT and MCTES). It was later included in the ESFRI Roadmap 2021.

13th to 14th of May, 2021: SPN sponsored scientifically the “**15^o Congresso da Sociedade Portuguesa de Neuropediatria - Epilepsia dos 0 aos 18 anos - Novas realidades**” (virtual).

02nd of June, 2021: The President and Secretary participated, on behalf of the SPN, in the “**FENS Session One: Results of the survey and discussion**” with the FENS President and Executive.

02nd of June, 2021: The Secretary participated, on behalf of the SPN, in the “**FENS Session Two: New FENS website and further updates of interest to member societies**; How society administrators can use the FENS website to edit their society profile and manage their member database”.

08th of June, 2021: SPN appointed the Chair and Vice-Chair to the **European IBRO Regional Committee** (not selected).

28th of June, 2021: SPN Governing Board Meeting

29th of June, 2021: The Secretary participated, on behalf of SPN, in the “**2021 FENS advocacy training series**: program overview - presentation of training series and Q&A”.

16th of July, 2021: Re-launch of the Call “**SPN Best Manuscript Award**” (5 eligible applications)

22nd of July, 2021: World Brain Day – commemoration in the Claustros do Colégio da Trindade, University of Coimbra. Participation of Dr. Ivan Lalanda in the Forum “Together for Multiple Sclerosis”, representing the SPN.

30th of Agosto, 2021: SPN submitted a proposal to organize the **FENS Regional Meeting in 2023 (FRM2023)** in Albufeira.

07th of October, 2021: The Secretary participated, on behalf of SPN, in the “**2021 FENS advocacy training series**”: Advocacy in a European context: do’s and don’ts”.

23rd of October, 2021: Announcement of selected **SPN Scholarships** to participate in SPN2021 (National Scholarships: 17 MSc or MSc Students, 31 PhD Students, 8 Post-doctoral Fellows; International Scholarships: 2 Post-doctoral Fellows)

9th of November, 2021: The Secretary participated, on behalf of SPN, in the “**9th Edition of the Maria José Nogueira Pinto Award in Social Responsibility**”, which took place at Centro Cultural de Belém, Lisbon.

10th of November, 2021: The President participated, on behalf of SPN, in “**2021 FENS advocacy training series**”: Funding opportunities for health and research projects in the EU”.

16th of November, 2021: The Vice President was present at the **IBRO Governing Council**, representing the SPN.

17th to 20th of November, 2021: Participation of Nuno Sousa at the **XV Congresso Nacional de Psiquiatria 2021** (Simpósio: Comorbilidade Psiquiátrica), in representation of SPN.

20th of November, 2021: Workshop organized by **ANIPIA (“Pruning Neuroscience: Neurosciences in the light of mental health”)** with the participation of the SPN members: João Peça, Catarina Seabra, Catarina Gomes

22nd of November, 2021: SPN Governing Board Meeting

29th of November, 2021: Announcement of the SPN Best Manuscript Award 2020: Soares-Cunha et al., Nucleus accumbens medium spiny neurons subtypes signal both reward and aversion from Ana João Rodrigues' group.
The SPN Board decided to give an honorable mention to the manuscript that was in second given its quality. Fernandes et al, Postingestive Modulation of Food Seeking Depends on Vagus-Mediated Dopamine Neuron Activity from Albino Maia group.
Jury composed by Cristina Rego, Isaura Tavares, João Malva, João Relvas and Catarina Resende de Oliveira

30th of November, 2021: SPN supported the Portuguese **V Glial Network symposium** under the protocol signed in November 2019.

30th of November to 1st of December, 2021: The voter was present at the FENS Governing Council (virtual): presentation of the proposal for the **FRM2023**.

Established Protocols:

- Fala-me Neuro <https://www.facebook.com/falameneuro>:

Fala-me Neuro won the 1st place in the "Pitch your Communication Project" event at the FENS Regional Meeting 2021

- Associação Nacional de Internos de Psiquiatria da Infância e da Adolescência (ANIPIA) <https://www.anipia.pt/>
- Societal Impact of Pain (SIP) <https://www.sip-platform.eu/en>

SPN Commitment with other Societies:

- Spanish society meeting – Participation of **Marta Moita** (Champalimaud Foundation) at **SENC2021 meeting** (3-5 de novembro, 2021) _ 19th meeting of the Spanish Society of Neuroscience (in Lleida). **Guillermina López-Bendito** (Instituto de Neurociencias, Alicante, Spain) is present at the SPN2021 meeting (1-3 dezembro, 2021), in Coimbra.

- Participation of Tiago Outeiro representing SPN at **SPDMov meeting**, 10 and 11 of April, 2021 (virtual).

- **SPN co-Organization** of Symposium S5 - SPB-SPN “Neurobiology and aging and stress” at **SPB meeting XXI National Congress of Biochemistry ‘Tunning Biochemistry with Life and Society’** (Évora, 14-16 outubro, 2021). Co-Chairs: João Laranjinha & A. Cristina Rego; speakers: Tiago Oliveira & Miguel Castelo Branco (hybrid meeting).

-SPN initiatives support:

Nov 2020: 3 applications: 1 selected “Brain Gain - À descoberta das Neurociências” (by Catarina Seabra, CNC)

May 2021: No applications

Nov 2021: 5 applications