

SPN General Assembly – May 3rd, 2023 (19h30)

Activity Report
Portuguese Society for Neuroscience
(July 2022 – May 2023)

2022

13th July, 2022: **João Relvas** was nominated and elected to the *FENS History of Neuroscience Committee* (two years role, until the FENS Forum 2024 in Vienna, Austria)

7th September, 2022: The President signed a letter from *European Brain Council* (EBC) to the European Commission urging for the expansion of the proposed topic to ‘Brain Health’, covering both mental and neurological disorders.

27th September, 2022: **Teresa Summavielle** (SPN Treasurer) was nominated and elected to the *FENS CARE Committee* (two years role, until the FENS Forum 2024 in Vienna, Austria)

18th October, 2022: SPN supported the **VI Symposium of the Portuguese Glia Network** that took place in Porto at i3S (co-supported by NCBio ERA Chair), hosted by João Relvas and Matthew Holt.

15th November, 2022: SPN supported the application of the NOVA MEDICAL SCHOOL – for the Brain Awareness Week: “CAN WE KEEP OUR BRAINS HEALTHY TO LIVE BETTER AND LONGER?”- which was funded

22nd-23rd November, 2022: SPN Voter (**Clévio Nóbrega**) participated at FENS Governing Council (GC), by zoom.

Ana Cristina Rego (SPN President) and **Rodrigo Cunha** were nominated by SPN as members of the Programme Committee (PC) for FENS Forum 2024, in Vienna, Austria.

- Ana Cristina Rego was elected as a PC member for FENS Forum 2024, in Vienna, Austria.

September and November, 2022: FRM2023 meetings with FENS regarding the organization of the FRM2023 in Algarve

6th December, 2022: Nomination of FENS member society representative to the ALBA Network – **Sara Xapelli**

2023

11th January, 2023: SPN Governing Board Meeting

6th March, 2022: Extraordinary General Assembly (online session) – updated **Bylaw changes** have been **approved**.

13th to 19th March, 2022 Semana do Cérebro – The **BAW2023** week was held on the theme “**O Cérebro Digital**”

More than 1300 students participated in “Scientists go to school” in collaboration with Ciência Viva.

13th March, 2023: BAW2023 opening session (online session): “Digital Brain from Different Perspectives” (“**Cérebro Digital sob Diferentes Perspetivas**”)

Speakers:

- Alexandre Castro-Caldas (Portuguese Catholic University)
- Miguel Castelo Branco (Univ. of Coimbra)
- Victor Alves (Univ. do Minho)
- Paulo Aguiar (Univ. of Porto)

Organization: SPN and CPC

13th March – 5th April, 2023: BAW2023 event – Award session and opening of the exhibition “ZINE IT – the unknown side of the brain”, organized in collaboration with the i3S educational program and the i3S NCBio ERAChair.

14th March, 2023: SPN Governing Board Meeting

21st March, 2023: Announcement of the winners of SPN Travel Award to attend the FRM2023.

International Travel Award (For SPN members working abroad):

2 PhD Students:

- Ana Margarida Marques Pinto (Neurophysiology of Brain Circuits Team, Institut de Biologie de l'École Normale Supérieure, Inserm U1024, CNRS UMR8197, Paris, France)
- Carolina Rodrigues Duro (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Graduate Systemic School of Neurosciences)

2 Post-doctoral Fellows (Postdoc fellowship or Junior Researcher level max 8 years post-PhD):

- Haissa de Castro (Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne)
- Soraia Barão (Johns Hopkins University)

National Travel Award (For SPN members working in Portugal):

8 MSc or MSc Students:

- Beatriz Marques (Centre for Neuroscience and Cell Biology (CNC))
- Elza Quirina Ribeiro Rocha (Instituto de Farmacologia e Neurociências, Faculdade de Medicina, Universidade de Lisboa; Instituto de Medicina Molecular | João Lobo Antunes, Faculdade de Medicina, Universidade de Lisboa)
- João Francisco Galvão Dias e Vasconcelos Ferreira (Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade do Porto (FMUP) Instituto de Investigação e Inovação em Saúde da Universidade do Porto (i3s))

- João Francisco Machado (Center for Neuroscience and Cell Biology from the University of Coimbra (CNC-UC))
- Madalena Gualdino (Instituto de Medicina Molecular João Lobo Antunes, Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade de Lisboa, Lisboa, Portugal; 2 - Instituto de Farmacologia e Neurociências, Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade de Lisboa, Lisboa, Portugal)
- Nuno Alemã Serrano (Instituto de Farmacologia e Neurociências, Faculdade de Medicina, Universidade de Lisboa, Avenida Professor Egas Moniz, 1649-028 Lisbon, Portugal; Instituto de Medicina Molecular - João Lobo Antunes, Faculdade de Medicina, Universidade de Lisboa, Avenida Professor Egas Moniz, 1649-028 Lisbon, Portugal)
- Sara Inteiro-Oliveira (Instituto de Farmacologia e Neurociências, Faculdade de Medicina, Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal, Instituto de Medicina Molecular - João Lobo Antunes, Faculdade de Medicina, Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal)
- Tatiana Saraiva (Fundação Champalimaud)

17 PhD Students:

- Adriana Mateus Capucho (NOVA Medical School, NMS, Faculdade de Ciências Médicas, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, 1169-056, Lisboa, Portugal)
- Ana Catarina Rodrigues Neves (iCBR-FMUC, University of Coimbra)
- Ana Caulino Rocha (Multidisciplinary Institute of Ageing, University of Coimbra, Coimbra, Portugal)
- Bárbara M. de Sousa (Institute of Biomedicine (iBiMED), Department of Medical Sciences, University of Aveiro)
- Catarina Isabel Carvalhas de Almeida (Center for Neurosciences and Cell Biology)
- Diogo Miguel Lourenço (Instituto de Farmacologia e Neurociências, Faculdade de Medicina, Universidade de Lisboa, 1649-028 Lisboa, Portugal; Instituto de Medicina Molecular João Lobo Antunes, Faculdade de Medicina, Universidade de Lisboa, 1649-028 Lisboa, Portugal)
- Francisco Almeida (Life and Health Sciences Research Institute (ICVS), ICVS/3B's; School of Medicine, University of Minho)
- Gonçalo Cosme (Instituto de Biofísica e Engenharia Biomédica)
- Inês Moreira Ribeiro (ICVS - Life and Health Research Institute)
- Joana do Amaral Saavedra (Institute for Research and Innovation in Health (i3S))
- Joana Filipa Gonçalves Ribeiro (Instituto de Medicina Molecular)
- Marcelo Dias IMM (ULisboa, ICVS Uminho)
- Patrícia A. Gomes (Life and Health Sciences Research Institute (ICVS) Life and Health Sciences Research Institute (ICVS))
- Rita Abrunhosa Soares (Instituto de Medicina Molecular João Lobo Antunes & Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade de Lisboa, Lisboa, Portugal)

- Sara Costa-Pinto (Instituto de Medicina Molecular João Lobo Antunes, Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade de Lisboa, Lisboa, Portugal)
- Tiago André Braga Gião (i3S - Instituto de Investigação e Inovação em Saúde, IBMC - Instituto de Biologia Molecular e Celular, ICBAS - Instituto de Ciências Biomédicas Abel Salazar)
- Tiago de Oliveira Almeida (Instituto de Investigação e Inovação em Saúde da Universidade do Porto (i3s) and Instituto de Ciências Biomédicas Abel Salazar (ICBAS))

5 Post-doctoral Fellows (Postdoc fellowship or Junior Researcher level max 8 years post-PhD)

- Ana Sofia Machado (Champalimaud Foundation)
- João Duarte (University of Coimbra)
- Tatiana Silva (Champalimaud Foundation / Research)
- Torcato Duarte Novo Meira (University of Minho)
- Vanessa Coelho-Santos (CIBIT/ICNAS - University of Coimbra)

31st March, 2023: Application for the FCT call “Support for the operation of scientific societies” (*awaiting results*).

4th April, 2023: SPN supported two nominations to FENS KAVLI Network of Excellence (*awaiting results*): Ana João Rodrigues and João Peça.

22nd April, 2023: Announcement of the winners of SPN Travel Award to attend the IBRO203 _ 6 awards

- Ana Verónica Domingues (ICVS- Life and Health Sciences Research Institute)
- Daniela Monteiro-Fernandes (Life and Health Sciences Research Institute (ICVS), School of Health Sciences, University of Minho, Braga, Portugal; ICVS/3B's–PT Government Associate Laboratory, Braga/Guimarães, Portugal)
- Joana Sofia Correia (Life and Health Sciences Research Institute (ICVS), School of Medicine, University of Minho)
- Lília Jorge (University of Coimbra – CIBIT)
- Liliana Dias (Center for Neurosciences and Cell Biology, University of Coimbra; Faculty of Medicine, University of Coimbra)
- Miguel Farinha-Ferreira (Instituto de Medicina Molecular João Lobo Antunes; Instituto de Farmacologia e Neurociências, Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade de Lisboa; Institute of Psychiatry and Neuroscience of Paris)

2nd May, 2023: SPN supported the **VII Symposium of the Portuguese Glia Network** that took place in Albufeira (Algarve) on May 2, 2023, as a satellite meeting of the FENS Regional Meeting 2023, hosted by Inês Araújo and João Oliveira.

3rd-5th May, 2023: Supported the organization of the FRM2023 in Albufeira, Algarve, Portugal

Chair: Clévio Nóbrega; Co-Chairs: Ana Cristina Rego and Inês Araújo

SPN Commitment with other Societies:

17-18th March: *Congresso Anual da SPDMov*

Simpósio/sessão SPN_proposta de moderadores: Ana Cristina Rego e Tiago Gil Oliveira

Oradores:

- Patrícia Maciel (ICVS, Univ.Minho)

Título: "Glucocorticoid receptor dysfunction as a biomarker and target for bile acid therapy in SCA3/MJD"

- Bruno Manadas (CNC-Univ. Coimbra)

Título: "New approaches for PD characterization and patient stratification using translational research"

SPN initiatives support: 6 initiatives were selected in Nov22

- 2nd Symposium on Alzheimer's Disease (Joana Loureiro)
- ENCODS 2023 (Prune Mazer)
- Medical Cannabis Coimbra (Attila Kofalvi)
- Workshop on Novel Diagnostic Tools for Alzheimer's Disease (Ana Gabriela Henriques)
- Advanced imaging in neuroscience school (Luísa Cortes)
- 3rd International Meeting of Portuguese Spinal Cord Injury Researchers (Sandra Vieira)

Funding of diverse activities of:

- Brain Gain <https://braingain.pt/>

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