



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring School 2010: "Optical imaging and electrophysiological recording in neuroscience"

Tuesday April 20th – Friday April 30th 2010
Paris

To apply online:

<http://www.paris-neuroscience.fr/enp-uk/calls-for-proposals/index.php>

Deadline March 2010, 1st

NeRF, 2009

(Neuropôle de recherche francilien)

Projets d'investissement
Deadline March, 7, 2010

Allocations post-doctorales
Deadline February, 21, 2010

Manifestations scientifiques
Deadline February, 21, 2010

Allocations doctorales
Deadline July, 17, 2010

To apply online:

<http://www.paris-neuroscience.fr/nerf/appels-d-offres/index.php>

Alliance pour les Sciences de la Vie et de la Santé (AVIESAN)

Six research institutes (CNRS, INSERM, CEA, INRA, INRIA, IRD), the Institut Pasteur, the Conférence des Présidents d'Université and the university hospitals jointly created AVIESAN, April 2009.

Its missions are to improve the interactions between the clinical studies and the fundamental research.

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EDITORIAL

Dear Colleagues,

First of all I wish you an excellent year 2010 with exciting discoveries and all the success you deserve.

Although it is still very young, the ENP has, I believe, started to change a little the way we perceive the Neuroscience community in the Paris region. At a time when we all know we live in a "global" world (a wonderful truism), it is critical that at the "local" level we find innovative ways of improving our activities. I was indeed happy to hear colleagues from various countries, including on the other side of the Channel or the Atlantic Ocean, tell me that they should start something similar to the ENP in their cities or regions.... I strongly believe that regional networks such as ENP provide a unique opportunity to reach a strong position at the international level, unlikely to be attained by isolated universities or institutes...

For our network to be successful it is critical that scientists and students hear about it all over the world. One important means to reach that aim is that YOU do some advertisement for Neuroscience in Paris region, when you give a lecture or when you talk with people... don't forget to mention the ENP. To help you being the ambassadors of Neuroscience in Paris Region, ENP will provide you with the necessary tools, i.e. good resolution logo to put on your slides, and a few slides to include when appropriate in your lectures (will be sent by mail).

In addition, please do not forget to mention ENP affiliation (a label of excellence!) in your publications. From the beginning we agreed that it is not necessary to add the ENP as an author affiliation on the first page. However, we ask you to mention your affiliation to ENP in the Acknowledgements section with the following sentence: "the team(s) of Your name(s) is(are) affiliated to the Paris School of Neuroscience (ENP)". In addition, if your group has received specific funding (e.g. collaborative project) this should be mentioned, as well as the support provided to students, post-doct or sabbaticals if applicable.

This is an easy step that will be beneficial for all.

Best wishes

Jean-Antoine Girault
ENP Director

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Post-doctoral fellowships approved by the ENP Steering Committee

Erika Cerasti will join for one year the ENP as a post-doc in Sidney Wiener's research group, "Neural bases of spatial memory and navigation", Collège de France. Erika has been working on "Hippocampus and Spatial Representations" at the Cognitive Neuroscience Sector of the International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA), Trieste, Italy.

Sabbatical approved by the ENP Steering Committee

Karl Pfenninger (from the Colorado Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center, University of Colorado, Denver, USA) will join Thierry Galli's research group, for six weeks. K. Pfenninger will share his expertise on growth cone isolation, proteomics and the biology of axonal growth and give training on fractionation techniques.

Scientific advisory board

The next scientific advisory board will take place on June, 21 & 22, 2010. This year, the ENP students from the first and second sessions and the responsible of the current collaboration projects will present the progress of their research.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Paris Neuroscience Website & Extranet

The interface for information about courses or biological resources is now available on the ENP Extranet. For further details or to create an account, please contact [sabah.boumaza\[at\]paris-neuroscience.com](mailto:sabah.boumaza[at]paris-neuroscience.com). In order to improve the quality of the Paris Neuroscience website, a satisfaction survey will be sent soon by email, to its members.

INCOMING EVENTS

Colloquia: three proposals of "Schools, workshops, seminars" were approved by the steering committee of the ENP.

- **Translational research days**, MIRcen, Fontenay-aux-Roses, 3 & 4 June, 2010 submitted by Sylvie Guigon, from MIRcen. This event is dedicated to preclinical research promoting interdisciplinary. Scientific committee: G. Bloch, F. Lachapelle, M. Peschanski, P. Hantraye, N. Degion, E. Brouillet.

- **Brain plasticity and Development**, Paris, 1 & 2 April, 2010 submitted by Jean-Luc Martinot, from the "Neuroimaging & Psychiatry" research group, (CEA, Orsay), an event organised with the Neuroimaging group of the European Psychiatry Association (EPA). This symposium concerns cerebral imaging of mental diseases.

Scientific committee: P. Mc Guire, E. Meisenzahl, S. Lawrie, S. Frangou.

- **1st French-British Conference on Visual Perception**, Paris, 16 & 17 December, 2010 submitted by Andrei Gorea, from the Psychology of Perception laboratory, (Paris Descartes & CNRS, Paris). This symposium will be dedicated to fundamental and practical aspects of research on visual perception, sensorimotoricity and will promote interdisciplinary.

ENP Days 2010

The next annual retreat of the ENP will be held in September 2010. The steering committee will confirm next month their choice of speakers, format, the exact date & place of the event.

Tous autour des Neurosciences Day - 13, March, 2010, Jardin du Luxembourg

A walk, kids' animation and a movie projection followed by a debate, will be proposed on the thematic of schizophrenia. This event aims at gathering the scientists, the different mental health associations and the general public. Further details on the website of the Fédération pour la Recherche sur le Cerveau www.frc.asso.fr

The Brain Awareness Week - 15-21, March, 2010, Paris and its region, will propose several conferences at the ENS, lectures and discussion in middle and high schools of Paris and its region, a *café-littéraire* at the Café des Editeurs, etc. For further details, www.semaineducerveau.fr