



Special Interest Event: Women in Neuroscience

5 July 2015, 18:45 - 21:15

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Over the last decades, great progress has been made to increase the ranks of female scientists. Yet women remain underrepresented within STEM fields (science, technology, engineering and math). Although women may now comprise a majority of PhDs in neuroscience, an unequal gender distribution persists at the upper ranks of academia. The FENS-WIN event will discuss topics relevant to women in science and business, including the ongoing gender equality strategy by the European Commission, networking and mentoring initiatives at the international level, and a rendering of concrete experiences from young scientists. This highly interactive event will provide attendees with awareness of gender aspects in research, knowledge about ongoing initiatives, and networking opportunities. Refreshments will be provided at the end.

Programme

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| 18:45 – 18:50 | Welcome Address
Angela Cenci Nilsson
FENS Committee for Higher Education and Training (CHET)
Basal Ganglia Pathophysiology, Lund University, Sweden | (5') |
| 18:50-19:10 | Gender Equality strategy in European Research
Viviane Willis-Mazzichi
Head of Sector Gender, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission | (20') |
| 19:10 -19:30 | Gender quotas in academia: a solution or a burden?
Gerlind Wallon
EMDO Deputy Director
EMBO, Frankfurt Am Main Area, Germany | (20') |
| 19:30 – 19:50 | Initiatives implemented by the Society for Neuroscience (SfN)
Mara Dierssen
Chair, SfN Women in Neuroscience Subcommittee
CRG - Center for Genomic Regulations, Barcelona, Spain | (20') |
| 19.50-20:05 | Mentoring, Networking and Promoting: a WWN Perspective
Martha Davila-Garcia
Women World in Neuroscience (WWN) Executive Committee
Associate Professor of Pharmacology, Co-Director of Graduate Programs
Howard University College of Medicine, USA | (15') |



20.05-20:25	The young scientists' perspective on career-and-life balance (20') My Journey from post-doc to FENS-Kavli Scholar and lab director (10') Camilla Bellone Assistant Professor, University of Geneva, Switzerland Handling 'career-and-family': a matter for emancipated women and men alike Tim Fieblinger Post-doctoral scientist, Lund University, Sweden
20:25-20:55	General discussion (30') All speakers reply to questions from the audience. Overarching topic: What more can be done at the local, national and European level to support women in science? Marian Joëls (moderator) Director, Brain Center Rudolf Magnus, Utrecht, the Netherlands
20:55-21:20	Refreshments and networking (25')

