



Dear Members,

For many of us, 2022 began with a sense of trepidation. Was everything really back to “normal” or were we to continue living with the uncertainty associated with the pandemic?! Looking back, we’ve had a number of scientific meetings go ahead including FENS in Paris as well as our EBPS workshop in Rome. While COVID precautions were not always mandatory, overall these events were a success and most of us grew a bit more confident that the severity of the pandemic had dissipated for the time-being. To be sure, with such mass gatherings, it was inevitable that we would see cases emerge and I hope those who were affected have recovered fully. But this undoubtedly contributed to the ongoing discussion about whether we should make such meetings more accessible to everyone via “hybrid” or “virtual” formats. EBPS has taken a stand on this issue, deciding to revert to the in-person format for its biennial conference in 2023, as have many other societies (see FENS calendar). Our decision was influenced by many factors but mostly the benefit to be gained from interacting with people in real life. This could, of course, all change with the passage of time.

I want to take this opportunity to pay my homage to the late Nadia Chaudhri who was taken from us just over a year ago. Nadia was not just a luminary in the field of psychopharmacology but a compassionate human being who even in her final days, launched a campaign to raise funds to support the next generation of young researchers. Nadia shared her journey through her illness openly on media platforms including Twitter and I interacted with her briefly during this time. I consider myself truly blessed and lucky. She always had a kind word and was so supportive. Nadia was only 43. To acknowledge her academic excellence, Psychopharmacology will soon be releasing a special issue dedicated to her work.

In closing out this final issue for 2022, I hope all of you have a well deserved end of year break. Take the time to reflect, rest and cherish your loved ones.

[Anand Gururajan](#)

EBPS Communications Officer

EBPS Biennial 2023 - Workshop



In late August 2023 we will have our biannual EBPS meeting in Mannheim, Germany. Adjunct to the main meeting we invite applications for a workshop that will be held from 14th to 21st in Heidelberg (15min train ride from Mannheim). The workshop is entitled: **“Skills and Methods Training for a Modern Behavioural Pharmacologist”**.

The next generation of behavioural pharmacologists have to be well trained in translational research. Hence, we will provide an intense training course in different animal models, in particular on rodent models of addiction, anxiety-like and depressive-like behavior, as well as animal models of early social adversity. We will also provide training in translational neuroimaging and convergent genomics. The later involves multi-omics analyses (also on a single-cell level) in animals and in post-mortem human brain tissue. We will also educate on the 3R as well as on the new 6R principles – the later involves new quality measures for doing reproducible research. In addition, to the hand-on training courses we will invite experts on animal models of psychiatric disorders and translational brain research.

We received financial support for this workshop and can thus offer for free registration for 25 students. If you are interested please write for the selection process a brief letter of motivation along with your CV. This information should be send to the LOC Chair, [Rainer Spanagel](#). Deadline for applications is **15th of April, 2023**.

Nominations for President-Elect

We are seeking nominations for President-Elect of EBPS, to follow current President-Elect Shelly Flagel, who will be serving as President from 2023 - 2025. The individual will serve as President-Elect from 2023 - 2025, President from 2025 - 2027 and Past-President from 2027 - 2029. A list of previous Presidents can be found [here](#). To increase the participation of the EBPS membership in the appointment of the President-Elect, the Executive Committee would like to ask members for nominations. Individuals who are nominated will be reviewed by the Executive Committee, to determine a slate of candidates willing to be considered, and there will then be an advisory election held via an online voting system. Based on the outcome of this election, the Full Committee will present their recommendation for President-Elect to the General Assembly meeting at the EBPS Biennial Meeting, which will be held in Mannheim between 22nd-25th August, 2023. Please send your nominations, including a nomination letter and CV of the nominee, to the EBPS General Secretary, [Amy Milton](#) by **March 31st, 2023**, with **“EBPS President-Elect nomination”** in the subject line. Note that both the member who nominates and the nominee should be paid-up members of EBPS.

Nominations to Full Committee

We will have three vacant positions opening up on the EBPS Full Committee and are seeking nominations. The Full Committee serves in an advisory role to the Executive Committee and assigned delegates may serve on a specific task force, such as the Travel Award Selection Committee or Poster Prize Committee. The term of each Full Committee member is 6 years (i.e. three Biennial Meetings). For Full Committee nominations, please send a nomination letter and CV of the nominee, to the EBPS General Secretary, [Amy Milton](#) by **March 31st, 2023** with **“EBPS FC nomination”** in the subject line. The nominee must be a fully paid-up member of EBPS, as should be the nominator. The nominator may also be a fully paid-up student member of EBPS. Self-nominations are accepted. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Full Committee members, Daniele Caprioli, Veronique Deroche-Gamonet and Michela Marinelli, for their service.

EBPS Workshop 2024

We are seeking proposals for the 2024 EBPS Workshop as an organiser and host. Our workshops have a focused theme. Besides being an opportunity for experts in the specific field to share their vision and provide direction, it is also a chance for early career researchers to present their research findings and expand their academic networks. If you have an idea for the topic of the next workshop, and if you'd like to play a key role in its organisation, please submit your proposal with the **subject line “EBPS Workshop 2024”** to the EBPS General Secretary, [Amy Milton](#) by **February 28th, 2023**. Note, you must be a current member to submit a proposal, so please ensure that your subscription is up-to-date. The proposal should include a brief paragraph describing the basis for the workshop (~500 words) and why it is a timely topic, as well as a tentative outline of the workshop (including potential speakers) and a description/justification of the proposed location. A list of past workshops can be found [here](#).

EBPS Biennial Meeting 2025

The next EBPS Biennial Meeting to be held in 2025. If you would like to propose a location and take a lead role in the organisation of the next Biennial Meeting, please send a proposal to the EBPS General Secretary, [Amy Milton](#) by **February 28th, 2023**, with the **subject line “EBPS 2025”**. The initial proposal can be a brief description of the proposed location and the resources available at that location to ensure that EBPS 2025 will be as wonderful and attractive as [past meetings](#).

Psychopharmacology: Special Issue

We are pleased to announce an upcoming Special Issue of Psychopharmacology on Social Behaviors based on the 2022 EBPS Workshop. The Special Issue, entitled "Spanning the spectrum of social behavior: towards more translationally relevant animal models" mirrors the scope of the EBPS workshop confined to basic and clinical studies involving social behaviors, the nervous system and focused on mechanisms that intersect social behavior and addiction. The co-editors of this Special Issue, [Christelle Baunez](#), [Marco Venniro](#), [Daniele Caprioli](#) and [Sam Golden](#), are open to receiving various article types including original research reports, reviews and perspectives. We kindly ask you to notify co-editors as soon as possible. We are currently operating with a submission deadline of **April 30th 2023**, so please submit as soon as possible.

Psychopharmacology on Youtube

Stephen Mahler is the Social Media Editor for our society journal, Psychopharmacology, and over the past 12 months, he has conducted in-depth, 'behind the paper' Youtube interviews with leading researchers including Kent Berridge, Christelle Baunez, David Epstein, Erin Calipari as well as incoming EBPS president, Shelly Flagel. A list of recent interviews is provided below and the link to the channel is [here](#).

[Gary Aston Jones](#) - 17/11/22
Rutgers University

[Mathiu Wimmer](#) - 15/11/22
Temple University

[Benjamin Saunders](#) - 3/11/22
University of Minnesota

[David Jentsch](#) - 30/10/22
Binghamton University

[Jocelyn Richard](#) - 20/10/22
University of Minnesota

[Sam Golden](#) - 13/10/22
University of Washington

[Jonathon Morrow](#) - 6/10/22
University of Michigan

[Stan Floresco](#) - 4/10/22
University of British Columbia

[Catherine Winstanley](#) - 22/9/22
University of British Columbia

[James McGaugh](#) - 16/9/22
University of California Irvine

[Christelle Baunez](#) - 2/6/22
CNRS Marseille

[Shelly Flagel](#) - 27/5/22
University of Michigan

[David Epstein](#) - 20/5/22
National Institute of Drug Abuse

[Erin Calipari](#) - 12/5/22
Vanderbilt University

FENS Calendar

12th World Congress for Neurorehabilitation
14-17/12/2022, In person, Vienna, Austria [Link](#)

Joint Meeting of the Hungarian Neuroscience Society and the Austrian Neuroscience Association

1-3/2/2023, In person, Budapest, Hungary [Link](#)

15 Göttingen Meeting of the German Neuroscience Society
22-25/3/2023, In person, Göttingen, Germany [Link](#)

International Festivals of Neuroscience
23-26/3/2023, In person, Brighton, UK [Link](#)

FENS Regional Meeting
3-5/5/2023, In person, Algarve, Portugal [Link](#)

International Conference on Neurology and Brain Disorders
25-26/5/2023, Hybrid, Tokyo, Japan [Link](#)

EBPS Committee

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