



## ANA News - December 2019

On behalf of the ANA board, I want to wish you a wonderful holiday season. Please take a few minutes to read the important information provided below!

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### 1. Best Thesis Award

ANA announces the “**2019 Best PhD Thesis Award.**” Submissions are for dissertations successfully defended between January 1st and December 31st of the year 2019. The **submission period is January 1st to 31st, 2020.** The ANA President in office of the year 2019 will be the chair of the prize committee, which shall consist of three previous Loewi Prize Awardees in addition to the chair. The prize money will be €500. An abstract of the thesis will be published on the ANA website.

Ph.D. dissertations of ANA Members are eligible for consideration, regardless of home discipline. Dissertations must clearly show the contributions made by the applicant student. Hence, experimental work carried out by co-authors, where pertinent, should be clearly indicated.

Nominations should be submitted electronically to the ANA President and must include the thesis, a one-page abstract (300 word), a statement on experimental work carried out by co-authors, a list of publications (if available), the CV, and a letter of recommendation from the thesis adviser or committee member, all in English.

## **2. FENS Forum 2020 in Glasgow**

The 12<sup>th</sup> FENS Forum organised by FENS and the British Neuroscience Association will take place 11-15 July 2020 in Glasgow. The event will feature an enticing blend of plenary lectures, symposia and poster sessions, combined with an exciting [programme](#) of professional development, public engagement and networking events.

To [register](#) or [submit your abstract](#), visit the [FENS Forum website](#). FENS [Travel grants](#) are available for eligible early career scientists.

**Save the date:** the ANA **General Assembly** will take place during the FENS Forum, **Sunday 12 July, 2020** evening followed by an informal get-together in a local Glaswegian pub. A more detailed invitation will follow.

## **3. ANA Travel Grants for the FENS Forum 2020 in Glasgow**

ANA sponsors 6 travel grants à € 600,- to participate in the FENS Forum 2020 in Glasgow. If you are an ANA Student member or early career researcher (less than 3 years after having obtained your PhD) and have submitted an abstract to the FENS Forum 2020, you may apply for a travel grant. Given the limited number of our travel grants, we strongly recommend that you first apply for a FENS/IBRO travel grant. If not successful there, please send your application by April 15, 2020 to the ANA Secretary René Seiger ([rene.seiger@meduniwien.ac.at](mailto:rene.seiger@meduniwien.ac.at)). Your message must contain the abstract, your CV, a list of publication (if any), and your letter of motivation why you want to participate in the meeting. A letter of support by your supervisor may be added but is not obligatory. You are not eligible to apply if you have received an ANA travel grant for the previous 2018 FENS Forum.

## **4. Renew your ANA Membership for 2020**

To give basic research in general and neuroscience in particular a stronger voice, ANA needs your support. Don't forget to renew your membership for 2020 and encourage your colleagues to [join ANA](#). Consult our website to learn more about the benefits of becoming and being ANA member.

## 5. New ANA Board Will Take Office

Please take note that the new ANA board will take office on February 28, 2020.

The new officers are:

Francesco Ferraguti, President

Isabella Sarto-Jackson, Vice-President

René Seiger, Secretary

Ramon Tasan, Vice-Secretary

Petra Scholze, Treasurer

Rupert Lanzenberger, Vice-Treasurer

Simon Hippenmeyer, Counselor

Sébastien Couillard-Després, Counselor

Updates on the new members of the extended ANA board and auditors can be found on the ANA website after the transition period.

## 6. Brain Conference "Brain Stroke: Why, How, and Hope"

Application for the Spring Brain Conference "**Brain Stroke: Why, how, and hope**" are now open. The programme and further information is available on the FENS [website](#). The event will take place 19-22 April 2020: Rungstedgaard, north of Copenhagen, Denmark

Co-chairs: [Costantino Iadecola](#) (Weill Cornell Medicine, USA) and [Timothy Murphy](#) (the University of British Columbia)

Early application deadline: **17 January 2020**

## 7. FKNE Mentoring & PhD Thesis Prizes and FKNE-ALBA Diversity Prize

Call for nominations open!

The calls for nominations for the **FKNE Mentoring and PhD Prizes** as well as for the **FKNE-ALBA Diversity Prize** are now open. All prizes will be awarded at the FENS Forum 2020.

[FKNE Mentoring Prize](#)

**Application deadline: 28 February 2020**

[FKNE PhD Thesis Prize](#)

**Application deadline: 28 February 2020**

## [FKNE-ALBA Diversity Prize](#)

**Application deadline: 1 March 2020**

### **8. Follow Us on Social Media**

Young ANA is developing a new social media initiative for ANA. If you use social media, please follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and learn more about Young ANA's [social media award](#)!

### **9. ANA Partners**

ANA is grateful to our partners for supporting our endeavors. Please check out offers, services, and products from our ANA partners.

Isabella Sarto-Jackson

Secretary