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Dear Colleagues,

FENS and the host Swiss Society for Neuroscience would like to welcome you to the 6th Forum of European Neuroscience to be held in Geneva, Switzerland from July 12th to 16th, 2008. We are proud to have been selected as the site of the FENS Forum and are committed to make this event a must for European Neuroscience. Geneva, which is ideally situated in the middle of Europe in close proximity to the Alps, has kept the charms of a small city but with all advantages of a major international centre. We are confident that you will enjoy your visit to Geneva and will do everything to make this event a scientific highlight and a memorable experience.

The scientific committee has established a very rich programme of high scientific level that integrates a large diversity of research themes on the nervous system. Outstanding lecturers will cover all aspects of neuroscience from molecules to brain function and from modelling to disease. We have reserved a large area for the poster presentations to ensure that there is sufficient space to allow easy communication. Furthermore, the exhibits will be situated in the poster area to facilitate interaction between our commercial partners and the scientific audience.

Although our main focus is the quality of the scientific meeting, we would also like to invite you to discover the exceptional natural setting of Geneva and the historical, artistic and cultural life of the Lemanic Area. We have planned a rich social programme that will include as a highlight the “FENS Jazz nite” organised in association with the world famous Montreux Jazz Festival. Another novel addition to this meeting will be the activities organised by students of the Lemanic Doctoral School in Neuroscience who will welcome their foreign colleagues during three evenings at a beautiful location at the lake-side for a lively social gathering. Practical information will be provided on their web site, “Jump-the-FENS” (http://web.mac.com/jumppfens). Finally, we provide the possibility for various Social Interest Groups to meet in an informal environment.

Please check our web site (http://forum.fens.org/2008) not only for the scientific programme but also for all the details of the cultural events that are specifically designed for this FENS Forum.

We encourage all European students and young scientists to take advantage of the opportunities and assistance that will be provided to make their attendance possible at this large meeting. Information concerning low cost travel and accommodation will be regularly posted on the web site, “Jump-the-FENS”. Furthermore FENS, IBRO and their affiliated societies have a strong tradition in providing hundreds of competitive travel grants and we strongly encourage young scientists to apply.

For the interest of our commercial partners, we will again be working with the company Herlitz that has worldwide experience in the field. We are dedicated to satisfying the requirements of both our exhibitors and our sponsors.

Following an exceptional meeting in Vienna in 2006, we look forward to welcoming you to Geneva.

Richard Morris
FENS President
Ann Kato
President of the Local Organising Committee
Stephanie Clarke
President of the Swiss Society for Neuroscience, Local Organising Committee
### Programme at a Glance

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- **Poster Session 3**: 14:00 – 15:30
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### Symposium

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### Special Events

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### Plenary Lectures

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### Additional Events

- **Opening Ceremony**: 17:00 – 18:30
- **Welcome Reception**: 18:30 – 20:00
- **Buffet Dinner**: 18:30 – 19:30
- **FENS Jazz Night**: 19:30 – 22:00
**Preliminary Programme**

**Saturday, July 12th 2008**

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### TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS  
**13:30 – 16:30**

**W01**  
Investigating dendritic membrane potential with voltage sensitive dyes.  
**CHAIRIED BY:**  
M. Canepari (Basel, Switzerland),  
D. Zecevic (New Haven, USA)

→ Zecevic D. (New Haven, USA)  
Dendritic signals from CA3 neurons during coincident pre- and post-synaptic activity: a combined voltage- and calcium-imaging study.

→ Antic S. (Farmington, USA)  
Imaging regenerative potentials in thin dendrites of cortical pyramidal neurons.

→ Stuart G. (Canberra, Australia)  
Imaging membrane potential in dendritic spines.

→ Canepari M. (Basel, Switzerland)  
Combined voltage- and calcium-imaging from the dendrites of cerebellar Purkinje neurons.

→ Webb W.W. (Ithaca, USA)  
Optical imaging of membrane potential and neuronal polarity by multiphoton and second harmonic generation microscopy.

→ Cohen L.B. (New Haven, USA)  
Genetic approaches to optical imaging of neuronal activity.

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**W02**  
Integrated open-source solutions for data acquisition, management and dynamic analysis of cell structures in the nervous system.  
**CHAIRIED BY:**  
D. Prodanov (Brussels, Belgium),  
A. Cardona (Los Angeles, USA)

→ Cardona A. (Los Angeles, USA)  
TrakEM2, a free software package for data mining of large image sets, three-dimensional modelling and annotation.

→ Schmid B. (Wuerzburg, Germany)  
3D registration and morphing of confocal stacks towards the Drosophila standard brain model using the VIB protocol.

→ Prodanov D. (Brussels, Belgium)  
Management and acquisition of quantitative microscopic data.

→ Sage D. (Lausanne, Switzerland)  
Tracking particles in live cell imaging: ImageJ solutions.

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**W03**  
Pre-clinical evaluation of stem cell therapy in stroke.  
**CHAIRIED BY:**  
B. Onteniente (Paris, France)

→ Onteniente B. (Paris, France)  
Introduction.

→ Steinberg G.K. (Stanford, USA)  
Stem cell therapy for stroke: optimal stem cell type, delivery mode and timing of transplantation.

→ Finsen B. (Odense, Denmark)  
Safety and compatibility aspects, host-graft interactions.

→ Chopp M. (Detroit, USA)  
Cell-based treatment of neurological disease-induction of brain plasticity and recovery of function.

→ Braun H. (Magdeburg, Germany)  
Evaluation of functional recovery.

→ Jendelova P. (Prague, Czech Republic)  
In vivo stem cell tracking in brain and spinal cord.

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**W04**  
Emerging high-resolution in vivo technologies.  
**CHAIRIED BY:**  
M. Brecht (Berlin, Germany),  
O. Garaschuk (Munich, Germany)

→ Lampl I. (Rehovot, Israel)  
Unveiling correlations of excitatory and inhibitory synaptic inputs using dual intracellular recordings in vivo.

→ Brecht M. (Berlin, Germany)  
Head anchored whole-cell recordings in freely moving animals.

→ Schnitzer M. (Stanford, USA)  
Fluorescence microendoscopy as a new modality for in vivo brain imaging.

→ Helmchen F. (Zurich, Switzerland)  
Garaschuk O. (Munich, Germany)
The use of genetically encoded and small molecule indicators for in vivo calcium imaging of the mammalian brain.

OPENING CEREMONY
17:00 – 17:30

PLENARY LECTURE
17:30 – 18:30
LO2
Barry J. Dickson (Vienna, Austria)
Neural circuits subserving innate behaviour in Drosophila.

EXHIBITS
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WELCOME RECEPTION
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FENS JAZZ NITE
19:30 – 22:00
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PLENARY LECTURE
08:30 – 09:30
LO1
Thomas M. Jessell (New York, USA)
Genetic analysis of spinal sensory-motor circuits.

POSTER SESSION 1
09:30 – 13:30

SYMPOSIA
09:45 – 11:15
S01
Geneic control of neuronal circuit assembly.
CHAIRIED BY:
S. Arber (Basel, Switzerland)

Wilson S.W. (London, UK)
Breaking symmetry in the brain.

Arber S. (Basel, Switzerland)
Pathways specifying connectivity in the vertebrate spinal cord.

Chedotal A.C. (Paris, France)
Axon guidance in the cerebellar system.

Zou Y. (La Jolla, USA)
Patterning neural circuits with morphogens.

S02
Recent advances in neurotrophin signalling at central synapses.
CHAIRIED BY:
V. Lessmann (Mainz, Germany),
L. Pozzo-Miller (Birmingham, USA)

Tsumoto T. (Wako City, Japan)
Activity-dependent trafficking of BDNF in axons of cortical neurons analysed by live-cell imaging.

Lessmann V. (Mainz, Germany)
Signalling cascades regulating the efficiency and the time course of synaptic neurotrophin secretion.

PLENARY LECTURE
09:30 – 10:30
SO3
Epigenetic regulation of cognitive functions and behaviour.
CHAIRIED BY:
I.M. Mansuy (Zurich, Switzerland),
T. Abel (Philadelphia, USA)

Sweatt D. (Birmingham, USA)
Epigenetic mechanisms in long-term memory formation.

Abel T. (Philadelphia, USA)
The role of CBP and histone acetylation in memory storage and synaptic plasticity.

Caboche J. (Paris, France)
ERK/MSK1 signalling and chromatin remodelling in the striatum: a key role in drug addiction.

Wilkinson L. (Cambridge, UK)
The effect of imprinting on brain and behaviour.

S04
Cerebellar network function: new imaging and modelling approaches.
CHAIRIED BY:
R.A. Silver (London, UK),
E. D’Angelo (Pavia, Italy)

Diana M. (Paris, France)
High speed imaging of the granular layer of the vestibulocerebellum.

D’Angelo E. (Pavia, Italy)
Spatio-temporal information processing in the cerebellum granular layer.

Silver R.A. (London, UK)
Modelling cerebellar networks in 3D with neuroConstruct.

Knopfel T. (Wako-Shi, Japan)
Imaging cerebellar network activity with new genetic probes.
**S05**
New insights into cortico-amygdala interactions: implications for disorders of emotion.
CHAIRIED BY: J. Cryan (Cork, Ireland)

- **Fendt M. (Basel, Switzerland)**
  Role of cortico-amygdala pathways in the mediation and modulation of conditioned fear.
- **Singewald N. (Innsbruck, Austria)**
  Impaired extinction of learned fear in high anxiety rodents: neural correlates.
- **Holmes A. (Rockville, USA)**
  Impaired stress-coping and fear extinction and abnormal corticolimbic morphology in serotonin transporter knock-out mice.
- **Pezawas L. (Vienna, Austria)**
  Interactions of SERT & BDNF: a complex genetic model of human depression.

**S06**
Mitochondrial transport and its emerging impact on synaptic transmission and neurodegeneration.
CHAIRIED BY: Z.H. Sheng (Bethesda, USA)

- **Schwarz T. L. (Boston, USA)**
  Linking mitochondria to their motors: regulating mitochondrial distribution in axons and dendrites.
- **Sheng Z. H. (Bethesda, USA)**
  A docking mechanism controlling axonal mitochondrial motility and its impact on synaptic plasticity.
- **Hollenbeck P. J. (West Lafayette, USA)**
  The life cycle of mitochondria in the axon.
- **Mandelkow E. M. (Hamburg, Germany)**
  Inhibition of mitochondrial transport by Tau protein in neurons leads to choking of synapses.

**S07**
Molecular mechanisms in Parkinson’s disease and other synucleinopathies.
CHAIRIED BY: H. Lashuel (Lausanne, Switzerland)

- **Spillantini M.G. (Cambridge, UK)**
  The role of alpha-synuclein in neurodegenerative diseases.
- **Rego A.C. (Coimbra, Portugal)**
  Mitochondrial dysfunction and post-translational modifications of alpha-synuclein.
- **Lashuel H. (Lausanne, Switzerland)**
  Elucidating the molecular and structural basis of a-synuclein toxicity in Parkinson’s disease and related synucleinopathies.
- **Outeiro T.F. (Lisbon, Portugal)**
  Formation of toxic oligomeric alpha-synuclein species in living cells.
**S08**

Antigen drainage out of the brain: a new role for microglia?

CHAIRER BY:
K. Biber (Groningen, Netherlands), I. Bechmann (Frankfurt/Main, Germany)

→ Weller R. (Southampton, UK)
Lymphatic drainage of the brain from mice to men.

→ Laman J. (Rotterdam, Netherlands)
Brain components reach draining cervical lymph nodes in MS and distinct animal models.

→ Bechmann I. (Frankfurt/Main, Germany)
Migration of cells from the brain to cervical lymph nodes: routes, implications and open questions.

→ Biber K. (Groningen, Netherlands)
Antigen challenge induces microglia CCR7 expression and renders them sensitive to lymphoid chemokines.

**S09**

Endocannabinoids in the developing brain.

CHAIRER BY:
B. Lutz (Mainz, Germany)

→ Galve-Roperh I. (Madrid, Spain)
The endocannabinoid system and the regulation of neurogenesis.

→ Harkany T. (Stockholm, Sweden)
Endocannabinoids specify cortical synapses.

→ Hurd Y.L. (New York, USA)
Cannabis effects on the human fetal brain and long-term functional consequences.

→ Lenkei Z. (Paris, France)
CB1 cannabinoid receptors are negative regulators of neuronal morphogenesis.

**S10**

Actin dynamics in synaptic transmission.

CHAIRER BY:
P. Pilo Boyl (Monterotondo, Italy), M.B. Rust (Monterotondo, Italy)

→ De Camilli P. (New Haven, USA)
Regulatory mechanisms in endocytosis.

→ Shupliakov O. (Stockholm, Sweden)
Actin dynamics at the synaptic perinuclear zone.

→ Zito K. (Davis, USA)
Induction of spine growth and synapse formation by regulation of the spine actin cytoskeleton.

→ Rust M.B. (Monterotondo, Italy)
Disruption of actin dynamics in spines impairs synaptic plasticity.

**S11**

Zebrafish: a new model organism for behavioural neuroscience.

CHAIRER BY:
D.L. Glanzman (Los Angeles, USA)

→ Friedrich R. (Basel, Switzerland)
Processing of odor-evoked activity in the olfactory bulb: neurophysiological and behavioural implications.

→ Granato M. (Philadelphia, USA)
Sensorimotor gating in larval zebrafish.

→ Fetcho J. (Ithaca, USA)
Zebrafish as a model for studies of organisational principles in motor systems.

→ Panula P. (Helsinki, Finland)
Zebrafish brain modulatory networks: from structure to function.

**S12**

Entorhinal grid cells, navigation, and memory.

CHAIRER BY:
T. Hafting (Trondheim, Norway)

→ Jeffery K. (London, UK)
Interaction between learned visual cues and path integration in the determination of entorhinal grids.

→ Fyhn M. (Trondheim, Norway)
Ensemble coding in entorhinal cortex and hippocampus.

→ Giocomo L.M. (Boston, USA)
Differences in subthreshold oscillations of stellate cells map to differences in periodicity of grid cells.

→ Blair H.T. (Los Angeles, USA)
Scale-invariant memory representations emerge from moiré-interference between grid fields.

**S13**

Social brains: how we perceive and understand intentions and feelings in other people.

CHAIRER BY:
D. Sander (Geneva, Switzerland), N. George (Paris, France)

→ George N. (Paris, France)
Decoding emotions and intentions from eye-gaze.
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S16
Mechanism of mutant dynactin-induced motor neuron degeneration: a multi-compartment problem?
Chair: H. Betz (Frankfurt, Germany)

Sitte H.H. (Vienna, Austria)
Amphetamines take two to tango: neurotransmitter transporter oligomerisation, a functional necessity?
Gether U. (Copenhagen, Denmark)
Regulation of dopamine transporter function by protein-protein interactions.
Lopez-Corcuera B. (Madrid, Spain)
Functional and dynamic properties of glycine neurotransporters.
Betz H. (Frankfurt, Germany)
Genetic dissection of the in vivo functions of glycine transporters.

S14
Molecular, cellular and circuit contributions to cognitive decline in normal aging.
Chair: C.A. Barnes (Tucson, USA)

Foster T.C. (Gainesville, USA)
Threshold changes in plasticity: Relation to memory decline.
Lynch M.A. (Dublin, Ireland)
Modulating the age-related increase in microglial activation attenuates the neuroinflammatory changes which are associated with deficits in LTP.
Gallagher M. (Baltimore, USA)
Differential outcomes in neurocognitive aging.
Landfield P.W. (Lexington, USA)
New models of cognitive aging emerging from gene array and calcium-related physiological studies.

S15
Compartmental degeneration in Motor Neuron Disease: where does the end begin?
Chair: R.R. Ribchester (Edinburgh, UK), M.P. Coleman (Cambridge, UK)

Bendotti C. (Milano, Italy)
Contribution of the cell body to motor neuron death.
Coleman M.P. (Cambridge, UK)
Regulating motor axon survival: what does injury tell us about disease?
Ribchester R.R. (Edinburgh, UK)
Protection of the neuromuscular synaptic compartment.

Special Lecture
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SL04
Human Frontier Science Programme Lecture
Chair: Nobutaka Hirokawa (Tokyo, Japan)
The intraneuronal transport and kinesin superfamily proteins: from brain wiring and development to higher brain function.

Special Events
19:30 – 21:00

SE05
EDAB symposium – music and the brain: perception to emotion
Chair: P. Magistretti (Lausanne, Switzerland)

Grau L. Opera singer
Magbee G. Music teacher
Ansermet F. (Geneva, Switzerland)
The European Dana Alliance for the Brain will host an evening of music and neuroscience at the FENS Forum 2008. Pierre Magistretti and François Ansermet will be joined by an opera singer and a singing teacher to reveal how music and singing can evoke emotions so powerfully.

SE06
Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences – Théodore Ott Prize 2008 Award Ceremony
Chair: Theodor Landis (Geneva, Switzerland), Reinhard Stocker (Fribourg, Switzerland)
Preliminary Programme

MONDAY, JULY 14th 2008

PLENARY LECTURE
08:30 – 09:30
L04
→ Magdalena Götz (Munich, Germany)
Glia cells generate neurons – new views on neurogenesis and neural repair.

POSTER SESSION 3
09:30 – 13:30

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SYMPOSIA
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S17
Cell adhesion molecules: from neural recognition to connectivity.
CHAIR: L.F. Reichardt (San Francisco, USA)
→ Castellani V. (Villeurbanne, France)
IgCAMs as co-receptors for secreted Semaphorins during the development of neuronal projections.
→ Kamiguchi H. (Saitama, Japan)
The role of cell adhesion molecules and Ca2+ signals in axon guidance.
→ Ibanez C. (Stockholm, Sweden)
Formation of neuronal synapses by ligand-induced cell adhesion.
→ Reichardt L.F. (San Francisco, USA)
Integrin function in developing circuits.

S18
Subunit-specific NMDA receptor regulation.
CHAIR: K. Roche (Bethesda, USA)
→ Roche K. (Bethesda, USA)
 Trafficking and phosphorylation of NR2c-containing NMDA receptors.
→ Groc L. (Bordeaux, France)
Surface mobility of NMDA receptors.

→ Ehlers M. (Durham, USA)
NMDA receptors and postsynaptic trafficking machinery.
→ Seeburg P. (Heidelberg, Germany)
Specific impairments in hippocampal learning in mice expressing altered NMDA receptors.

S19
Metaplasticity – from molecules to behaviour.
CHAIR: G. Richter-Levin (Haifa, Israel), W.C. Abraham (Dunedin, New Zealand)
→ Abraham W.C. (Dunedin, New Zealand)
Bidirectional metaplastic regulation of hippocampal plasticity thresholds by glutamate receptor activation.
→ Bear M.F. (Cambridge, USA)
Metaplasticity in visual cortex.
→ Guzowski J.F. (Irvine, USA)
Immediate-early gene expression as a substrate for behavioural metaplasiticity.
→ Richter-Levin G. (Haifa, Israel)
Recent and long-term behavioural metaplasticity – potential relevance to psychiatric disorders.

S20
Spontaneous activity in cortical networks.
CHAIR: T. Berger (Bern, Switzerland), C.C. Petersen (Lausanne, Switzerland)
→ Timofeev I. (Quebec, Canada)
Spontaneous activity in the thalamocortical network during sleep and wakefulness.
→ Petersen C.C. (Lausanne, Switzerland)
Whole-cell recordings and voltage-sensitive dye imaging in the barrel cortex of awake behaving mice.
→ Berger T. (Bern, Switzerland)
Global upstate activity in the somatosensory cortex in vitro monitored with imaging techniques.
→ Yuste R. (New York, USA)
Imaging the spontaneous and evoked dynamics of the cortical microcircuitry.

S21
Sleep, off-line reactivation and memory consolidation.
CHAIR: C.M. Pennartz (Amsterdam, Netherlands)
→Pennartz C.M. (Amsterdam, Netherlands)
Replay of motivationally valuable information in the hippocampal-ventral striatal system.
→ Schwartz S. (Geneva, Switzerland)
Sleep affects learning-related changes in regional brain activity in adult humans.
→ Marshall L. (Lübeck, Germany)
Cortical slow oscillations and memory consolidation in humans.
→ Lengyel M. (Budapest, Hungary)
Computational approaches to hippocampal-neocortical interactions: consolidation, replay, and more.

GABA and adult neurogenesis: from cell fate to synaptic plasticity.
CHAIR: P.M. Lledo (Paris, France)
→ Schinder A.F. (Buenos Aires, Argentina)
GABAergic control of newborn neurons in the adult dentate gyrus.
→ Bordey A. (New Haven, USA)
GABA regulates progenitor migration and proliferation in the adult neurogenic forebrain.
→ Lledo P.M. (Paris, France)
Integrating new GABAergic interneurons in pre-existing circuits.
→ Nusser Z. (Budapest, Hungary)
Diversity of GABAergic neurons of the olfactory bulb.
S23 Stress-protective effects of brain oxytocin: from animal to human studies.
CHAIR BY: I.D. Neumann (Regensburg, Germany), R. Stoop (Lausanne, Switzerland)

Amico J.A. (Pittsburgh, USA)
Oxytocin gene deletion mice: a model for studying stress and anxiety related behaviours.
Neumann I.D. (Regensburg, Germany)
Brain oxytocin: molecular and cellular mechanisms involved in anxiolytic actions.
Heinrichs M. (Zurich, Switzerland)
Prosocial and anxiolytic effects of oxytocin in humans.
Meyer-Lindenberg A. (Bethesda, USA)
Localization of prosocial neuropeptide effects on human brain function.

S24 Metabotropic glutamate receptor plasticity: roles in normal and abnormal brain function.
CHAIR BY: Z.I. Bashir (Bristol, UK), S.M. Fitzjohn (Bristol, UK)

Fitzjohn S.M. (Bristol, UK)
Regulation of AMPA receptor trafficking during mGluR-dependent plasticity.
Nicoletti F. (Rome, Italy)
Regulation of mGluRs by stress; roles in learning and memory.
Mameli M. (Geneva, Switzerland)
mGluRs in the VTA and the effects of cocaine.
Huber K.M. (Dallas, USA)
mGluR-dependent plasticity and fragile X mental retardation.

S25 Imaging development and plasticity in the visual cortex: from synapses to functional networks.
CHAIR BY: C.N. Leveilt (Amsterdam, Netherlands), T.D. Mrsic-Floge (London, UK)

Huebener M. (Martinsried, Germany)
Two-photon calcium imaging reveals early development of orientation selectivity in ferret visual cortex.
Sengpiel F. (Cardiff, UK)
Binocular integration in the primary visual cortex: one plus one is not always two.
Eysel U.T. (Bochum, Germany)
Cortical reprogramming after retinal lesions in the adult.
Heimel J.A. (Amsterdam, Netherlands)
Molecular and cellular mechanisms regulating acuity in the visual cortex.

S26 Presynaptic terminals: structural constraints and molecular dynamics.
CHAIR BY: A. Triller (Paris, France)

Marty S. (Paris, France)
Three dimensional organization of the presynaptic cytomatrix.
Schoch S. (Bonn, Germany)
RIM proteins – a family of synaptic regulatory proteins.
Klingauf J. (Goettingen, Germany)
Coupling of exo- and endocytosis: insights from single-vesicle recordings.
Ziv N. (Haifa, Israel)
Maintaining the CNS synapse: insights from live imaging experiments.

S27 Nicotinic receptor signalling in the brain: from molecules to cognition.
CHAIR BY: H.D. Mansvelder (Amsterdam, Netherlands), U. Maskos (Paris, France)

Dougherty D.A. (Pasadena, USA)
Chemical-scale studies of nicotinic receptors provide new insights into activation mechanisms.
Maskos U. (Paris, France)
Nicotinic receptors control dopamine-mediated behaviours.
Mansvelder H.D. (Amsterdam, Netherlands)
Distributed network actions by nicotine alter the rules for synaptic plasticity in prefrontal cortex.
Stolerman I.P. (London, UK)
The role of nicotinic receptors in cognitive performance.

S28
The neurobiology of choice and decision-making.
CHAIRIED BY:
B. Brembs (Berlin, Germany),
B. Balleine (Los Angeles, USA)

Byrne J.H. (Houston, USA)
Neural and molecular mechanisms of operant reward learning in Aplysia.

Brembs B. (Berlin, Germany)
Mushroom-bodies regulate habit formation in Drosophila.

Balleine B. (Los Angeles, USA)
Goal-directed and habitual actions in rodents.

O’Doherty J. (Pasadena, USA)
The neural basis of reward-based action selection in the human brain.

S29
Synapse recycling, memory impairment and Alzheimer’s disease.
CHAIRIED BY:
D. Walsh (Dublin, Ireland)

Hsiao Ashe K. (Minneapolis, USA)
Pathogenic proteins impairing memory in Alzheimer’s disease.

Geinisman Y. (Chicago, USA)
De-AMPification of hippocampal synapses in a mouse model of Alzheimer’s disease.

Regan C. (Dublin, Ireland)
Role of APP in the rat hippocampal dentate gyrus during memory consolidation.

Selkoe D.J. (Boston, USA)
Soluble A-beta oligomers as the principal effector of synaptic dysfunction in Alzheimer’s disease.

S30
Computational and neural mechanisms for the control of goal directed movement in primates.
CHAIRIED BY:
A. D’Avella (Rome, Italy)

D’Avella A. (Rome, Italy)
Combinations of muscle synergies for the control of goal-directed movement.

Todorov E. (La Jolla, USA)
Recurrent network models of information processing in motor cortex.

Lemon R. (London, UK)
Neuronal mechanisms subserving visuomotor transformations between ventral premotor and primary motor cortex.

Churchland M.M. (Stanford, USA)
Neural dynamics during movement planning and execution.

S31
Pain: mechanisms and persistent symptoms.
CHAIRIED BY:
I. Decosterd (Lausanne, Switzerland),
P. Poisbeau (Strasbourg, France)

Fitzgerald M. (London, UK)
Persistent pain: a developmental view.

Woolf C.J. (Charlestown, USA)
Molecular switches that produce persistent pain.

Fleetwood-Walker S.M. (Edinburgh, UK)
Molecular interactions underlying central sensitisation.

Ji R.R. (Boston, USA)
Possible role of spinal astrocytes in maintaining chronic pain sensitisation.

S32
G protein coupled inwardly rectifying K+ channels: from structure to function.
CHAIRIED BY:
H. Cruz (Geneva, Switzerland)

Reuveny E. (Rehovot, Israel)
Molecular mechanism of GIRK gating revealed by FRET.

Luján R. (Albacete, Spain)
Molecular and cellular diversity of GIRK channels in the brain.

Slesinger P.A.
(La Jolla, San Diego, USA)

SPECIAL EVENT
15:45 – 17:15

SE09
Blue Brain Project Phase I:
The neocortical column model.
CHAIRIED BY:
S. Hill (Lausanne, Switzerland)

Schürmann F. (Lausanne, Switzerland)
Large-scale 3D reconstruction, repair and cloning the diversity of neocortical neurons.

Kozloski J. (Yorktown Heights, USA)
Structural simulations and analysis of morphologically detailed neural microcircuits.

Druckmann S. (Jerusalem, Israel)
Modelling neuron electrical properties from genes, ion channels, morphology and electrophysiology.

Hill S. (Lausanne, Switzerland)
The neocortical column: spikes, oscillations and emergent phenomena.

PLENARY LECTURE
17:30 – 18:30

S05
Barry Everitt (Cambridge, UK)
Neural systems of reinforcement for drug addiction: from impulsive actions to compulsive habits.
Tuesday, July 15th 2006

**PLENARY LECTURE**
08:30 – 09:30

- **L06**
  - **David Attwell** *(London, UK)*
  - Brain power, and its failure in pathology.

**POSTER SESSION 5**
09:30 – 13:30

**EXHIBITS**
09:30 – 17:30

**SYMPOSIA**
09:45 – 11:15

- **S33**
  - Wiring the developing brain: genes and activity in songbirds.
  - CHAIRD BY: K. Naie *(Zurich, Switzerland)*
  - **Jarvis E.D.** *(Durham, USA)*
  - Evolution of brain pathways for vocal learning.
  - **Scharff C.** *(Berlin, Germany)*
  - FoxP2 and learned birdsong.
  - **Hahnloser R.R.H.** *(Zurich, Switzerland)*
  - How the songbird brain listens to its own songs.
  - **Fee M.S.** *(Cambridge, USA)*
  - Neural mechanisms of vocal learning in juvenile songbirds.

- **S34**
  - Translation regulation subserving memory and synaptic plasticity consolidation.
  - CHAIRD BY: K. Rosenblum *(Haifa, Israel)*
  - **Rosenblum K.** *(Haifa, Israel)*
  - The role of translation regulation in the insular cortex during taste memory consolidation.
  - **Sonenberg N.** *(Montreal, Canada)*
  - elf2alpha dephosphorylation is critical for the induction of L-LTP and LTM.

- **S35**
  - Glia-mediated synaptic plasticity.
  - CHAIRD BY: J.W. Deitmer *(Kaiserslautern, Germany)*,
    A. Araque *(Madrid, Spain)*
  - **Araque A.** *(Madrid, Spain)*
  - Synaptic transmission modulation by hippocampal astrocytes.
  - **Beierlein M.** *(Boston, USA)*
  - Neuron-glial signalling in the cerebellum.
  - **Giaume C.** *(Paris, France)*
  - Role of astrocyte connexins in neuroglial interaction.
  - **Deitmer J.W.** *(Kaiserslautern, Germany)*
  - The role of glia and ATP for shaping synaptic activity in the cerebellum.

- **S36**
  - Multiple hippocampi in one? Memory and beyond along the septo-temporal axis.
  - CHAIRD BY: T. Bast *(Edinburgh, UK)*,
    M.P. Witter *(Amsterdam, Netherlands)*
  - **Bannerman D.M.** *(Oxford, UK)*
  - What does the hippocampus do? A role for the ventral hippocampus in anxiety.
  - **Kjelstrup K.B.** *(Trondheim, Norway)*
  - Spatial coding along the dorsal-to-ventral axis of the hippocampus and medial entorhinal cortex.
  - **Segal M.** *(Rehovot, Israel)*
  - Metaplasticity along the septo-temporal axis of the hippocampus.
  - **Bast T.** *(Edinburgh, UK)*
  - From rapid place learning to adaptive behaviour: functional integration in the intermediate hippocampus.

- **S37**
  - Tracing mental images in the brain.
  - CHAIRD BY: A.L. Kaas *(Frankfurt am Main, Germany)*,
    A.T. Sack *(Maastricht, Netherlands)*
  - **Sack A.T.** *(Maastricht, Netherlands)*
  - Functional segregation of parietal cortex during mental imagery.
  - **Kaas A.L.** *(Frankfurt am Main, Germany)*
  - Imagined motion: interactions between parietal cortex, human MT and early visual areas.
  - **De Lange F.** *(Nijmegen, Netherlands)*
  - Dissociating visual and motor mental images in the brain.
  - **Thirion B.** *(Orsay, France)*
  - Exploring the retinotopic structure of mental imagery.

- **S38**
  - Gene transfer for neurodegenerative diseases.
  - CHAIRD BY: N. Deglon *(Gif-sur-Yvette, France)*
  - **Kirk D.** *(Lund, Sweden)*
  - rAAV-mediated enzyme replacement strategy for Parkinson’s disease.
  - **Sue K.** *(Oxford, UK)*
  - Correction of Parkinsonian symptoms in an MPTP-lesioned primate model using lentiviral-mediated dopamine replacement strategy.
  - **Baehr M.** *(Goettingen, Germany)*
  - AAV mediated gene transfer in animal models of Parkinson’s disease.
  - **Hantraye P.** *(Orsay, France)*
  - Cell transplantation and lentiviral vector-mediated neuroprotective strategies (trophic factors, siRNA) for Huntington’s disease.

- **S39**
  - Role of sodium channels in idiopathic and chronic focal epilepsies.
  - CHAIRD BY: M. Mantegazza *(Milano, Italy)*
  - **Petrou S.** *(Melbourne, Australia)*
  - Genetics, distribution and pathophysiological aspects of neuronal voltage-gated sodium channels.
Hypotheses on the nature of man.

F. Viana

Synthetic intelligence.
The role of neuroscience in the age of ethics.

Douglas R.

Neuroscience and psychoanalysis.

Magistretti P.

Cellular trafficking of TRPV1 channels modulates the thermal sensitivity of visceral thermoreceptors.

McNaughton P.

Transient receptor potential vanilloid subtype 1 channel (TRPV1).

Viana F.

Drug response and alternate splicing of SCN1A.

Schorge S.

New TRPips in mammalian thermosensation.

Chaired by:
P. McNaughton (Cambridge, UK),
F. Viana (San Juan de Alicante, Spain),

T. Voets (Leuven, Belgium)

Modulation and gating of TRPA1 channels.

Vlachova V. (Prague, Czech Republic)

Contribution of the putative inner pore region to the gating of the transient receptor potential vanilloid subtype 1 channel (TRPV1).

Viana F. (San Juan de Alicante, Spain)

Pharmacological properties and subtype 1 channel (TRPV1).

Pharmacological properties and intrinsic regulation of native somatic and visceral thermoreceptors.

McNaughton P. (Cambridge, UK)

Cellular trafficking of TRPV1 channels modulates the thermal sensitivity of receptors.

SPECIAL LECTURES
13:00 – 14:00

SL08
EDAB – MAX COWAN LECTURE
James Fawcett (Cambridge, UK)
Stimulating plasticity and axon regeneration for CNS repair.

SL09
KEMALI PRIZE 2008
Massimo Scanziani (La Jolla, USA)
The role of excitation and inhibition in defining neuronal ensembles.

SL10
BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM FENS RESEARCH AWARD
Pascal Fries (Nijmegen, The Netherlands)
Attentional selection through selective neuronal synchronisation.

POSTER SESSION 6
13:30 – 17:30

SYMPOSIA
14:15 – 15:45

S41
Molecular mechanisms of whisker-to-barrel system development.

Chaired by:
F. Rijli (Strasbourg, France),
R. Erzurumlu (Baltimore, USA),

Rijli F. (Strasbourg, France)
Hox genes in trigeminal brainstem development and whisker-to-barrel map formation.

Erzurumlu R. (Baltimore, USA)
Molecular determinants of the trigeminal brainstem organization and trigeminothalamic projections.

Iwasato T. (Wako-shi, Japan)
Differentiation between pre- and postsynaptic mechanisms in patterning of the barrel cortex.

Kind P. (Edinburgh, UK)
Genetic dissection of the processes underlying barrel development.

S42
Regulation of neurotransmission by cytoskeletal dynamics.

Chaired by:
J. Kittler (London, UK)

Penzes P. (Chicago, USA)
Postsynaptic signalling and cytoskeletal dynamics in structural plasticity, neurotransmission and cognitive behaviour.

Kittler J. (London, UK)
Regulating inhibitory synaptic transmission with adaptors and motors.

Hanley J. (Bristol, UK)
Regulation of actin polymerisation drives AMPA receptor endocytosis.

Sheng M. (Boston, USA)
Protein dynamics at excitatory synapses.

S43
Localising memory traces – concepts, methods and organisms.

Chaired by:
M. Heisenberg (Wuerzburg, Germany)

Heisenberg M. (Wuerzburg, Germany)
The smallest memory units and their material correlates in the Drosophila brain.

Carew T.J. (Irvine, USA)
Mechanisms of memory storage in Aplysia: searching for the engram in a simple model system.

Classen J.F. (Wuerzburg, Germany)
Properties of a memory system in human motor cortex.

Wotjak C.T. (Munich, Germany)
Fear memory in the amygdala of the mouse.

S44
Modulation and metamodulation of motor control networks.

Chaired by:
K.T. Sillar (St. Andrews, UK),
A. El Manira (Stockholm, Sweden)

El Manira A. (Stockholm, Sweden)
Endocannabinoids and nitric oxide metamodulation of the spinal locomotor circuitry.
Thursday, July 17th, 2008

S45
Neuronal network architectures and graphical processing in the neocortex.
CHAIR: R. Douglas (Zurich, Switzerland)

Martin K. (Zurich, Switzerland)
The structure of lateral circuits in cat visual cortex.

Kennedy H. (Bron, France)
The organization of inter-areal circuits of monkey cortex.

Grinvald A. (Rehovot, Israel)
Imaging cortical dynamics of ongoing and evoked activity in the awake monkey.

Von Der Malsburg C. (Frankfurt am Main, Germany)
Columnar architecture for object recognition.

S46
Adaptive changes within the mammalian nervous system and functional recovery following injuries.
CHAIR: K. Fouad (Edmonton, Canada)

Schwab M.E. (Zurich, Switzerland)
Promoting circuit rearrangements following CNS injury in rats by suppression of the neurite growth inhibitor Nogo-A.

Kaas J.H. (Nashville, USA)
Rearrangements of cortical maps in spinal cord injured primates, associated functional recovery and treatments to improve cortical reactivation.

Fouad K. (Edmonton, Canada)
Rehabilitation training in rats with cervical spinal cord injury.
Wednesday, July 16th 2008

**PLENARY LECTURE**
08:30 – 09:30

**L08**

Daniel Schacter (Cambridge, USA)
Constructive memory: remembering the past to envisage the future.

**POSTER SESSION 7**
09:30 – 13:30

**EXHIBITS**
09:30 – 14:00

**SYMPOSIA**
09:45 – 11:15

**S49**
Emerging functions of neuronal migration during brain development.
CHAIRIED BY:
O. Marín (Sant Joan d’Alacant, Spain)

> Pierani A. (Paris, France)
Migrating cells and signalling centers.

> Borrell V. (Sant Joan d’Alacant, Spain)
Role of progenitor migration in region-specific cortical expansion.

> Garel S. (Paris, France)
Roles and mechanisms of cell migration in the formation of thalamicortical projections.

> Lebrand C. (Lausanne, Switzerland)
 Guidance of callosal axons by transient neuronal populations.

**S50**
Molecular mechanisms of synaptic formation and function: insight for cognitive dysfunction.
CHAIRIED BY:
M. Di Luca (Milano, Italy),
C. Sala (Milano, Italy)

> Perroy J. (Montpellier, France)
Functional role of protein-protein interactions in the modulation of metabotropic glutamate receptor function in synaptic transmission.

**S51**
Neuronal information processing in drosophila: genetics meets physiology.
CHAIRIED BY:
M. Reiff (Martinsried, Germany),
G.C. Turner (Cold Spring Harbor, USA)

> Reiff D.F. (Martinsried, Germany)
Looking into the black box: motion processing in Drosophila visual interneurons.

> Turner G.C. (Cold Spring Harbor, USA)
Electrophysiological investigation of neural coding in the Drosophila olfactory system.

> Clandinin T.R. (Stanford, USA)
Toward a genetic dissection of visual behaviour in the fruit fly.

> Fry S.N. (Zurich, Switzerland)
Functional analysis of visual motion processing in free-flying Drosophila.

**S52**
Neuronal circuits of fear extinction.
CHAIRIED BY:
A. Lüthi (Basel, Switzerland)

> Maren S.A. (Ann Arbor, USA)
Building and burying fear memories in the brain.

> Lüthi A. (Basel, Switzerland)
Neuronal plasticity in the amygdala during extinction learning.

> Seidenbecher T. (Muenster, Germany)
Crosstalk in amygdalo-hippocampal-prefrontal cortical networks during extinction of fear memory.

> Quirk G.J. (Ponce, Puerto Rico)
Physiological studies of extinction consolidation in infralimbic prefrontal cortex.

**S53**
Neuronal network oscillations in health and disease.
CHAIRIED BY:
A. Fisahn (Stockholm, Sweden)

> Hájos N. (Budapest, Hungary)
Cellular basis of gamma oscillations in the hippocampus.

> Paulsen O. (Oxford, UK)
Hippocampal network oscillations and spike timing-dependent synaptic plasticity.

> Fisahn A. (Stockholm, Sweden)
Modulation of hippocampal network oscillations and neurological disorders.

> Le Van Quyen M. (Paris, France)
The dark side of high-frequency oscillations in the epileptic brain.

**S54**
Neurogenesis and gliogenesis in brain repair.
CHAIRIED BY:
J.O. Malva (Coimbra, Portugal),
W. Gray (Southampton, UK)

> Agasse F. (Coimbra, Portugal)
Subventricular zone cells as tool for brain repair?

> Gray W. (Southampton, UK)
Pro-neurogenic peptides and neurogenesis in the normal and seizure damaged hippocampus.

> Arenas E. (Stockholm, Sweden)
Neural stem cells in Parkinson’s disease brain repair.

> Relvas J.B. (Zurich, Switzerland)
Differentiation of oligodendrocytes in demyelinating diseases.
S55  
Novel molecular mechanisms mediating cocaine addiction and its behavioural effects.  
CHAIRIED BY:  
J.A. Bibb (Dallas, USA),  
F. Fumagalli (Milan, Italy)  
→ Fumagalli F. (Milan, Italy)  
Dynamic regulation of trophic factors following repeated exposure to cocaine.  
→ Bibb J.A. (Dallas, USA)  
Novel mechanisms for the protein kinase Cdk5 and its role in mediating the effects of cocaine.  
→ Valjent E. (Paris, France)  
Role of the ERK signalling pathway in the actions of cocaine.  
→ Gainetdinov R. (Durham, USA)  
Novel intracellular pathways underlying cocaine-induced sensitisation.

S56  
Glycogen synthase kinase 3 (GSK3) in synaptic plasticity, memory and disease.  
CHAIRIED BY:  
R.S. Jope (Birmingham, USA),  
F. Plattner (London, UK)  
→ Collingridge G. (Bristol, UK)  
GSK3 in synaptic plasticity.  
→ Lucas J.I. (Madrid, Spain)  
Mouse models with modified GSK3 expression to study its physiological role and its implication in neurodegenerative diseases.  
→ Klein P.S. (Philadelphia, USA)  
GSK3 as a target of lithium action in psychiatric and neurodegenerative disorders.  
→ Caron M.G. (Durham, USA)  
GSK3 in dopaminergic signalling, behaviour, and schizophrenia.
Satellite Symposia

- **3rd Molecular and cellular cognition society – Europe satellite meeting at FENS**
  
  **Venue:** Hotel Beau Rivage, Geneva, Switzerland  
  **Dates:** July 10th – 11th, 2008  
  **Contact:** Riccardo Brambilla, brambilla.riccardo@hsr.it  
  **Website:** http://www.molcellcog.org

- **Approaches towards the roles of sleep in neuronal functions**
  
  **Venue:** University of Lausanne, Switzerland  
  **Dates:** July 11th, 2008, 9 am – 7 pm  
  **Contact:** Anita Lüthi, anita.luthi@unibas.ch or  
  Paul Franken, paul.franken@unil.ch  
  **Website:** http://www.unil.ch/fens  
  **Date:** July 10th – 11th, 2008

- **The blue brain project: reverse-engineering biological intelligence**
  
  **Venue:** Palexpo conference center, Geneva, Switzerland  
  **Dates:** July 10th – 11th, 2008  
  **Contact:** Sean Hill, sean.hill@epfl.ch  
  **Website:** http://bluebrain.epfl.ch

- **Cell-cell adhesion mechanisms: from development of synaptic networks to cognitive dysfunction**
  
  **Venue:** Villars-sur-Ollon, Switzerland (two hours from Geneva)  
  **Dates:** July 9th – 11th, 2008  
  **Contact:** Carmen Sandi, carmen.sandi@epfl.ch  
  **Website:** http://fens-villars2008.epfl.ch

- **The impact of translational science on neuronal drug development**
  
  **Venue:** Palexpo conference center, Geneva, Switzerland  
  **Date:** July 10th, 2008, 14:00 – 17:00  
  **Contact:** Judy Morgans, Judy.2.Morgans@gsk.com  
  **Website:** under construction

- **Inaugural cerebellar symposium: mechanisms of cerebellar function**
  
  **Venue:** Ramada Park Hotel, Geneva, Switzerland  
  **Date:** July 11th, 2008  
  **Contact:** Ferdinando Rossi, Ferdinando.Rossi@unito.it  
  **Website:** http://www.socrecer.org

- **Inhibition of stress kinase signalling as a therapeutic tool against excitotoxicity and cerebral ischemia**
  
  **Venue:** Palexpo conference center, Geneva, Switzerland  
  **Date:** July 12th, 2008, 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
  **Contact:** Peter Clarke, Peter.Clarke@unil.ch  
  **Website:** http://www.stressprotect.de

- **Psychiatric disorders and their modelling in animals: in search of symptoms or syndromes?**
  
  **Venue:** Center for Psychiatric Neuroscience, Psychiatric Hospital of Cery, Prilly-Lausanne, Switzerland  
  **Dates:** July 11th – 12th, 2008  
  **Contact:** Fulvio Magara, Fulvio.Magara@unil.ch  
  **Website:** http://www.chuv.ch/psychiatrie/dpc_cnp_evenements

- **Strengthening the connection: new targets, techniques and translational aspects of synaptic plasticity**
  
  **Venue:** Palexpo conference center, Geneva, Switzerland  
  **Date:** July 10th, 2008, 09:00 – 12:00  
  **Contact:** Judy Morgans, Judy.2.Morgans@gsk.com  
  **Website:** under construction

- **Synaptic and extrasynaptic signalling versus glia**
  
  **Venue:** Fassbind Hotel Cornavin, Geneva (TBC), Geneva, Switzerland  
  **Dates:** July 10th – 11th, 2008  
  **Contact:** Liz Mobayed, e.mobayed@ion.ucl.ac.uk or  
  Dmitri A. Rusakov, d.rusakov@ion.ucl.ac.uk  
  **Website:** http://www.ion.ucl.ac.uk/SynapseGlia

- **Synaptic basis of disease**
  
  **Venue:** Geneva, Centre Medical Universitaire (CMU)  
  **Dates:** July 10th – 12th, 2008  
  **Contact:** Christian Lüscher & John T. Isaac via secretariat of the  
  satellite: Ancilla Stefani, Ancilla.Stefani@lettres.unige.ch  
  **Website:** http://www.synaptic-diseases.ch

Social Programme

**WELCOME RECEPTION**

*Saturday, July 12th, from 18:30 to 19:30*

The Welcome Reception will be held inside the Exhibition Hall 1 of the Palexpo Conference Centre. FENS 2008 welcomes you to get together informally. No fee will be charged for participation to this event.

**FENS JAZZ NITE**

*Saturday, July 12th, from 19:30 to 22:00*

Location: Main Conference Hall of the Palexpo Conference Centre. The Montreux Jazz Festival comes to FENS 2008. Enjoy a touch of contemporary Jazz upon your arrival in Geneva. No fee will be charged for entrance to this event.

**FENS/IBRO ALUMNI REUNION**

*Tuesday, July 15th, from 19:30 to 23:30*

Location: To be announced  
Get-together for students and faculty of previous FENS and IBRO Schools and IBRO VLTP courses. As an Alumni, please register online and collect your ticket for free admission at the general Registration Desk of the FENS Forum located in the convention centre.  
By invitation of FENS and IBRO.

**SPECIAL INTEREST SOCIALS**

*Tuesday, July 15th, from 18:30 to 20:30*

Organise a get-together and meet with your fellow scientists.

Special Interest Socials will be held in the Palexpo Conference Center.
For more information on this, please contact:
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Preliminary programme:
- EUSynapse Social
- NeuronE Party
- North American graduate students & postdoctoral fellows social
- Science Magazine
- Sensori-Motor Social
- Sleep Social
- Swiss Society for Neuroscience

STUDENTS AND YOUNG SCIENTISTS GET-TOGETHER: JUMP-THE-FENS
All evenings from Sunday, July 13 to Tuesday, July 15, from 19:00 to 23:00
A meeting place at the lake-side where the young scientists can relax, have a drink and a bite during the evenings. At the “Jump-the-FENS” site, entertainment will be organised that will render each evening into a unique experience. Details will appear at:
http://web.mac.com/jumpthefens

EXCURSIONS – HALF DAY

City tour of Geneva

Maximum number of participants:
Unlimited
Duration: 3 hours – 9:00 to 12:00 OR 14:00 to 17:00
July 12th & 13th 2008

Nobody should leave Geneva without seeing its monuments and historical sites. We will take you to the most important ones in three hours, including the symbol of the city, the famous “water jet”; this impressive 460ft (140m) high lake water fountain, the first of its kind, was completed in 1891. The flower clock in the English garden is another symbol of Geneva, known all over the world. The monument of Duke of Brunswick, who left his entire fortune to the City of Geneva, is located right on the opposite side of Lake Geneva. The historical Old Town will be visited on foot to discover its carefully preserved charm. The Cathedral Saint-Pierre constructed in the 12th and 13th centuries dominates the Old Town. Right next to it is the Auditorium, where Jean Calvin taught. Calvin arrived in Geneva in 1536. Leading figure of the protestant Reformation, he deeply influenced religion, ethics and social life in the western world. The oldest privately constructed building is the Maison Tavel, now transformed into a museum of old Geneva. With its parks and gardens, its monuments and museums, Geneva is today truly international and cosmopolitan, not only in population but also in its whole atmosphere.

Price per person including transportation by coach and professional guide:
Minimum 20 participants, per person CHF 52.– (EUR 32.–)

The Geneva lake cruise

Maximum number of participants: 150 persons
Duration: 2 hours – 14:00 to 16:00
July 14th & 15th 2008

Relax and enjoy all the scenic beauty of the Lake Geneva in one hour. You will not miss any of the unique private estates of famous people, the United Nation’s headquarters, Embassies, small villages which seem to roll down to the historic waters. You probably also will appreciate the bucolic calm of the clear water, which has attracted visitors for many generations. A unique way to discover the architectural diversity and richness of the lake side. A full commentary will be provided and a soft drink will be served on board.

“Bon vent” as the captain would say!

Price per person including transportation by coach, private boat, soft drink and professional guide:
Minimum 20 participants, per person CHF 77.– (EUR 46.–)
Chocolate Factory

Maximum number of participants: 15 persons/day
Duration: 3 hours – 14:00 to 17:00
July 15th & 16th 2008

Transfer by coach (approx. 20 minutes drive) along Lake Geneva, through the golden-red La Côte vineyards will bring you to the picturesque village of Prangins, where a tight cluster of houses hides one of the region’s best kept secrets: Master Rapp’s Chocolate School. Enjoy an interactive introduction to the history and origins of chocolate. Master Rapp will let you into his secrets on how to produce this delicious substance. You will leave Prangins delighted, taking with you your own Swiss chocolates and a diploma from the chocolate school.

Price per person including assistance, coach, professional guide and chocolate initiation:
For 15 paying participants, per person CHF 80.– (EUR 48.–)

Chillon Castle & Lausanne

Maximum number of participants: 98 persons/day
Duration: 7 hours – 10:00 to 17:00
July 13th 2008

In the morning, departure by coach along scenic highway to Montreux, the pearl of the Swiss Riviera. You will be taken to the medieval castle of Chillon, built in the 13th century on Roman foundations. It was the residence of the Counts of Savoy throughout the Middle Ages. Many prominent figures in history stayed there: emperors, popes, princes etc. Attracted by a historical episode relating Bonivard’s imprisonment in the 16th century, Byron wrote his famous poem “The Prisoner of Chillon”. Chillon castle is one of the most recognized historical buildings in Switzerland and one of the most visited in Europe.

After the tour, transfer to the lunch venue, somewhere in the middle of the vineyards followed by a walk tour of Lausanne, the home of the International Olympic Committee.

Price per person including assistance, coach, professional guide, lunch (with 2dl Swiss wine, 1 mineral water and 1 coffee) and entrance fees:
Minimum 20 participants, per person CHF 165.– (EUR 99.–)

Wine Tasting

Maximum number of participants: 30 persons
Duration: 3 hours – 14:00 to 17:00
July 14th & 15th 2008

Your coach will drive through the beautiful Geneva countryside. Geneva and Vaud cantons are famous for their wine-growers and the variety of wines they produce. You will visit a winegrower and have the opportunity to taste some of the wines.

The wine that Switzerland has to offer is one of the best-kept secrets of this country. All along the shores of Lake Geneva you will find vineyards. Even some very steep areas right by the lake are covered with vines.

You will then stop at a wine cellar, where you will have the opportunity to sample some of the local wines together with some cheese. In the later afternoon, return by coach to Geneva.

Price per person including transportation by coach, private guide and wine tasting
Minimum 20 participants, per person CHF 92.– (EUR 56.–)
Gstaad and Gruyères

Maximum number of participants: 98 persons/day
Duration: 8 hours – 8:30 to 17:00
July 14th 2008

Your coach will first drive you to Montreux, where you will board the MOB Panoramic Express train for a 95 minutes voyage through this most pleasant alpine region to Gstaad. In Gstaad there is some time to feel the jet-set atmosphere made famous by resident celebrities like Julie Andrews, Liz Taylor and Roger Moore. Gstaad was one of the first Swiss Mountain resorts discovered by the international rich and famous who invariably get together for Christmas and other holidays at the world-renowned Palace Hotel.

You will continue by coach all the way to Gruyères, a fortified medieval hill top town and its castle, famous for the fine cheese that bears its name. A single street of late Gothic houses with overhanging roofs, Gruyères is dominated by its prestigious castle: 19 Counts reigned here from the 11th to the 16th century. Only the 13th century dungeon remains of the feudal castle. In 1593, the living quarters, destroyed by fire, were reconstructed in a comfortable savoyen style. The beautiful Chapel of St-John is also sheltered within the castle’s walls, with stained-glass windows of the 15th century. The castle belongs to and is maintained by the State since 1938.

Lunch will be served at a typical Swiss restaurant well known for its Swiss specialties. After lunch, you will have some free time for souvenir shopping, a promenade through the village. Return by coach to Geneva through charming resorts and lovely countryside.

Price per person, including assistance, coach, train ride from Montreux to Gstaad and three course lunch in Gruyères (including beverages – 2dl of house wine, 1 mineral water and 1 coffee):
Minimum 20 paying participants, per person CHF 207.– (EUR 125.–)

Yvoire (France)

Maximum number of participants: 98 persons/day
Duration: 6 hours – 9:30 to 15:30
July 15th 2008

A stay in Geneva would not be complete without enjoying a leisurely cruise on one of the famous boats of the CGN (Naval Company on Lake Geneva) for an unforgettable 1 1/2-hour cruise through the placid waters of Lake Geneva. Your cruise will end in Yvoire, where the famous medieval French village lies, set aside of the modern world by its city walls. Ideally situated on the expanse separating the “little lake” from the “great lake”, Yvoire still possess some of the essential element of the fortifications of the 14th Century: the castle, doors and ramparts.

Known as a modest fishing village in the beginning of the century, Yvoire is now ranked as one of the International Laureates of Floral Decorations, and is a member of the Association of the Most Beautiful Villages of France. A truly picturesque destination with its cobble stoned streets and balconies heavily weighed down under hundreds of Geraniums, it provides also excellent shopping opportunities for local artifacts.

Lunch will be served in one of the typical restaurants, where you will be able to taste the local specialties: perch filets from the lake. Return to Geneva by coach through country roads.

A valid passport (and/or visa) is needed for this excursion.

Price per person including boat tour to Yvoire, professional guide, three course lunch in Yvoire (including beverages – 2dl of house wine, 1 mineral water and 1 coffee) and return transfer by coach:
Minimum 20 participants, per person CHF 172.– (EUR 103.–)
**Chamonix (France)**

**Maximum number of participants:** 98 persons/day  
**Duration:** 8 hours – 9:00 to 17:00  
**July 3rd, 2008**

Drive by coach along the highway through the Arve Valley to Chamonix. Once you are in Chamonix start the trip by cable car to the top of the “Aiguilles du Midi” (12700 feet) providing you with an unforgettable panorama of the Alps and the Mont-Blanc, the highest mountain in Europe (14500 feet). If it is really quiet, it is not unusual to catch a glimpse of chamois playing around the edge of the Bossons glacier. A few marmots and weasels can also be seen from time to time from the Plan de l’Aiguille. Upon arrival take a deep breath of fresh and clean air! After some free time strolling around the summit, taking some pictures, you will return to the village of Chamonix by cable car. Lunch will be taken in a typical “Savoyard” restaurant in Chamonix, a town that holds French culinary tradition known as the best all over the world. After lunch there will be time for browsing and shopping. You will discover the spectacular landscape between the Mont-Blanc and the Lake Geneva while the coach takes you back to Geneva.

**A valid passport (and/or visa) is needed for this excursion.**

Price per person including assistance, coach from Geneva to Chamonix, cable car ride to Les Aiguilles du Midi, three course lunch in Chamonix (including beverages – 2dl of house wine, 1 mineral water and 1 coffee), transfer back to Geneva

**Minimum 20 participants, per person CHF 210.– (EUR 126.–)**

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**For further information concerning excursions, please contact:**

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1211 Geneva 13  
Switzerland  
E-mail: fens2008@mci-group.com

**CANCELLATION OF EXCURSIONS**

Notification of cancellation must be made in writing. Full refund will be granted if written notice is received prior to May 31st, 2008. For cancellation after this date, no refund will be made. Full refunds will be made if an activity is cancelled due to lack of participation.

**Policy and General Information**

All excursions depart from and return to Palexpo Congress Centre

→ All above quoted prices are in Swiss francs and based on valid 2008 rates including VAT of 7.6% (Prices in EURO are correct at time of publishing: 1 EUR – 1.66 CHF)  
→ A minimum of 20 paying participants is requested to valid the excursion unless otherwise stated.  
→ All tours will be accompanied by ENGLISH speaking guides.  
→ MCI Suisse SA reserves the right to change the date or time of any tour due to organisational reasons.

**EXHIBITION HOURS**

**Saturday**  
July 12th, 2008 18:30 – 19:30  
**Sunday – Tuesday**  
July 13th – 15th, 9:30 – 17:30  
**Wednesday**  
July 16th, 9:30 – 14:00
Registration

To attend the Forum, please register online via the meeting web site http://forum.fens.org/2008

Please note that registration is only possible online and will allow you to register, book an accommodation and submit your abstract in a single procedure.

FEES AND DEADLINES

Early registration


Registration fees are the following:

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| Corporate:                    | 390 €    |          |

| Technical Workshops:          | 50 €     |          |
| Abstract book:                | 35 €     |          |

Late registration

from February 1st to June 29th, 2008.

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| Guest fee:                    | 70 €     |          |
| Corporate:                    | 450 €    |          |

| Technical Workshops:          | 50 €     |          |
| Abstract book:                | 35 €     |          |

Registration will also be possible on-site during the Forum (late registration fees apply).

Please note that the reduced registration fee is only applicable, if it has been credited to the congress account before the deadline of January 31st, 2008. Registration before this date, but without payment, is not sufficient for reduction.

Your registration fee includes access to all FENS sponsored sessions, lectures, exhibits, symposia, poster, the programme book, the abstract CD. Abstract books can be ordered in advance at an extra fee of 35 EUR.

REGISTRATION CATEGORIES

- Member: FENS member societies and members of the Society for Neuroscience (SfN)
- Non-Member: Participants from academic and non-profit organizations
- Student: A pre-doctoral student only. Postdoctoral fellows, hospital residents, interns and laboratory technicians do not qualify for the student status. Students registering online must send by post or fax proof of their status. Students registering on site will also have to provide such proof. Students will be provided with a special badge.
- Guest: A guest must be a non-scientist family member or guest of a scientist. Individuals under the age of 18 will not be permitted to attend the meeting without adult supervision. Badges will not be issued for individuals under the age of 18. The guest registration fee includes a badge and admittance to the social events (Welcome reception and admission to FENS JAZZ nite, as well as a free ticket for public transport during the meeting dates). Guests are not admitted to the scientific events.
- Corporate: Representatives of commercial companies that are not eligible for receiving free exhibitor registration.

METHODS OF PAYMENT FOR REGISTRATION

Registration fees, in EURO may be paid by:

- Credit card
  FENS accepts Mastercard and Visa.
- Bank transfer
  free of charge for the beneficiary.

Payment is to be made to:

MCI Suisse SA – FENS 2008
- Bank: UBS SA
  Rue des Noirettes 35 – 1211 Genève
- Account n°: 240-369,393,71L
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Please indicate the complete first name and last name of the registered participant(s), matching with the name(s) on the registration form, and “free of charge for the receiver account”.

Bank transfer payments will only be accepted until May 1st, 2008. An extra-cost of 10 EUR will be charged as handling fee.

DEADLINES FOR REGISTRATION

Early registration:


Late registration:

February 1st, 2008 – June 29th, 2008

Late registration will also be possible on-site during the Forum.

CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION

You will receive written confirmation of registration by E-mail when the registration form has been received and the payment has been credited to the congress account. However registration is valid only after payment has been credited to the congress account. After June 29th, 2008, online registration will be closed, but you may register at the on-site registration desk in the Geneva Palexpo Center.
CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR REGISTRATION

Notice of cancellations must be made in writing by E-mail or fax to the registration office (see contact information below). Please indicate your name, first name, registration number and confidential code.

The date of the E-mail or fax ID will be the basis for considering refunds. Registration fees may be refunded after the meeting as follows: cancellation received before March 31st, 2008: 70% refund, after March 31st, 2008: no refund.

NOTE: if you are 1st author of an abstract and cancel your registration, this abstract will be deleted. Abstract withdrawal: In writing only, by E-mail or fax to the FENS Forum Server office (see the contact details page). Indicate your name, first name, registration number and confidential code. Withdrawal of an abstract without cancelling registration does not imply refund of the registration fee.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

Confirmations of attendance will be issued at the registration desk.

FENS MEMBERSHIP

To become a FENS member you must apply for membership to one of the FENS member Societies well in advance before the date you intend to register for the Forum so that your membership is recorded (dependent upon acceptance) and FENS database is updated.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ABSTRACT DEADLINE

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS


If you have any problem, contact the FENS Forum Server Office:
E-mail: fensforum@bordeaux.inserm.fr

ABSTRACT DEADLINE

The receipt deadline for abstract submissions is Thursday, January 31st, 2008.

POSTER SESSIONS

The poster sessions will be held in the main exhibit hall (Hall 1) of the Palexpo Conference Center, Geneva. There will be 7 poster sessions each scheduled for a half day. Morning session posters should be put up between 08:00 and 08:30 and removed between 13:00 and 13:30. Afternoon session posters should be put up between 13:30 and 14:00 and removed at 18:30.

The poster board size is 190 cm width and 100 cm height (landscape format).

Hotel Reservation

MCI Suisse SA has reserved a large number of rooms in different hotel categories and proposes discounted room rates for FENS 2008 participants. Only reservations made through MCI Suisse SA will benefit from these rates. The majority of the hotels are located in the city centre. The Congress Centre can be easily reached from all hotels by public transportation. Note that registered participants of FENS 2008 will be granted free public transportation by showing their badge.

Please book your hotel online at http://forum.fens.org/2008 (with description and pictures of the hotels, maps and distance to the conference venue).

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DEADLINE FOR HOTEL BOOKING

Please note that the deadline for hotel booking is May 4th, 2008. After this deadline, reservations will still be handled, but MCI Suisse SA will not be able to guarantee hotel accommodation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Availability of rooms in each category is limited. Names of persons sharing rooms must be indicated. Rates are in Swiss Francs (CHF) and are per room, per night, service and VAT included.

Participants are asked to complete the online accommodation form indicating their choice of hotel by order of preference.

A limited number of low cost rooms will be available for students. For reservation, students will have to contact directly addresses indicated below under low cost housing.
RESERVATION AND PAYMENTS

Please reserve your hotel no later than 14 May 2008. As hotel accommodation is subject to availability, requests received after this date will not be guaranteed. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Availability of rooms in each category is limited; names of persons sharing rooms must be indicated. Rates are intended per room, per night, service and VAT included. No confirmation will be sent unless reservation is guaranteed:

→ either by credit card: no debit will be made upon reservation. The full hotel bill will be paid directly to the hotel. Your credit card will only be debited in case of cancellation, modification or no show, as per the conditions below;
→ or by bank transfer: a deposit representing the 1st night stay is required upon reservation, and the pre-paid amount will be deducted from the final bill when paid by the participant to the hotel.

From May 31st, 2008, only guarantee by credit card will be accepted.

INQUIRIES

Any inquiries or requests for additional information, changes or cancellations of room reservations should be addressed directly to MCI Suisse SA by E-mail or in writing.

GROUP RESERVATIONS

Group reservations will be handled by MCI Suisse SA with separate contracts. Please contact MCI for further information.

CHANGES OF HOTEL BOOKING AND CANCELLATION OF ACCOMMODATION

All changes of hotel reservations will be performed by MCI. Please do not contact the hotel directly. All changes must be requested in writing (fax, letter or E-mail). A handling fee of CHF 50.– per hotel room will be charged for every hotel modification received after May 31st, 2008. Cancellations must also be sent to MCI Suisse SA in writing (fax, letter or E-mail). For cancellations received before May 31st, 2008, deposits will be refunded less CHF 100.– for administrative costs. In case of late cancellation (after May 31st, 2008) of reserved rooms or no-shows, we reserve the right to charge the full stay if the hotel room cannot be re-sold. A handling fee of CHF 100.– for administrative costs will be charged.

CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT TIME

Hotel check-in time is 15:00 or later. If you are arriving after 18:00, please notify in advance. Check-out time is noon.

DISCLAIMER

MCI Suisse SA as the Congress planner and FENS committees claim no liability for the act of any supplier to this meeting, nor liability for: personal injury, the safety of any attendee while in transit to or from this event, for any loss or damage, for delays in transport by air, sea, rail, road, weather, in case of strikes, sickness, war or other causes.

METHODS OF PAYMENT

Payment by personal checks cannot be accepted. All payments have to be effected in Swiss Francs (CHF). For hotel bookings: a deposit payment for the first night must accompany the hotel accommodation form. Additional expenses such as mini-bar, laundry, etc. must be paid directly to the hotel when checking out.

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Rates are applicable for standard room, other type of rooms like deluxe room, junior suite, suite etc. are available on request.
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For a detailed interactive map of Geneva, see: http://map.search.ch/geneve.en.html
For a map of public transportation, see: http://www.unireso.com/pages/reseau.htm

ABOUT GENEVA

Bordering the deep blue waters of Lac Léman, Geneva has grown wealthy and influential as the cultural and economic focus of French-speaking Switzerland. It is also an urbane, international city, and the home of global institutions such as the Red Cross and the World Health Organization. Geneva has established a reputation as a centre for art and culture. The city has over 30 museums, as well as many art galleries, theatres and an opera house where an impressive number of famous artists have appeared. Fashionable hotels, chic restaurants and elegant shops jostle for position along the flower-decked lakeside that encircles the famous fountain, the “Jet d’eau” of Geneva. It spouts 140 meters (460 ft) over Lake Geneva shooting 500 litres of water per second. The history of this picturesque column of water dates back to the XIXth century when the turbine house on the Rhône River produced too much water on days when water was not taken up by industrial work. To remedy the situation, an engineer by the name of Butticaz developed a way to pump a 30-meter (98 feet) high stream of water into the air outside the building. The first purely decorative jet was created in 1891. The “Jet d’eau” has come to symbolise Geneva around the world and traditionally signals the coming of spring each year. For more information on Geneva please visit the following links:
http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch
http://www.geneva.ch
SITE

The river Rhône flows out of Lac Léman and runs through the centre of Geneva under several bridges, including the pretty Pont de l’île. The Rive Gauche, south of the river, is a fascinating part of Geneva, with a grid of waterfront streets comprising the main shopping and business districts. Behind, clambering up the hillside, are the narrow, cobbled lanes of the old town, whose principal thoroughfare, Grand Rue, leads to the 17th-century Hôtel de Ville (town hall) and the arced armory, which is backed by a lovely terrace. The streets around the Hôtel de Ville, with their laid-back cafés, second-hand bookshops and art galleries, make for a pleasant walk. Nearby is the late Romanesque cathedral, a monumental edifice whose plain, soaring interior contains the beautiful, 15th century frescoes of the Chapelle des Maccabées.

Among the city’s several museums, the pick is the Musée d’Art et d’Histoire (2 rue Charles-Galland), which holds a massive archaeological collection, a selection of Swiss landscape painters and a magnificent altar-piece carved for the cathedral in the 1440s and moved here for safekeeping. Finally, make a point of seeing Geneva’s pride and joy, the impressive 140 metre high “Jet d’eau”, spouting high above the ornamental flowerbeds of the surrounding Jardin Anglais, down by the lake.

GETTING AROUND

Located in the centre of Europe, Geneva is easily accessible by air from all major European cities, and there are interesting low-cost connections from several of them. The international airport is only 15 minutes from downtown. Geneva’s centre is small enough to walk around, but for the suburbs you’ll need to take a tram or bus. The prices of the Geneva Transportation network (Unireso) are linked to the distance traveled. A zone pass, covering the whole city, costs CHF 2.– per half-hour, CHF 3.– per hour and CHF 7.– per day. Registered participants of FENS 2008 will be granted free public transportation by showing their badge.

FOOD

With more than a thousand cafés and restaurants in the city, no one could possibly say Geneva lacks gastronomic choice. From popular Rues-Basses cafés with a variety of seafood to the traditional stone floored Old Town restaurants with the full range from traditional Swiss dishes to international or gastronomic cooking, Geneva is definitely worth a culinary tour.

CUSTOMS

There is no limit on the amount of foreign currency you can bring to Switzerland. Travellers over 18 years old may import: 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 250 g of tobacco, 2 litres of alcoholic drinks (up to 15%) or 1 litre of strong alcoholic drinks (over 15%).

USEFUL INFORMATION

Banks

Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday, 08:30 – 16:30, closed on Saturday and Sunday.

At other times, money can be changed in most hotels. ATM’s can be found at the central station, the airport and railway station are open on Saturday and Sunday until 18:00, closed on Sunday. Shops at the airport and railway station are open on Saturday and Sunday from 08:30 to 20:00.

Time

Central European (Greenwich GMT+1).

Summertime: +1 (April to end of October).

Tipping

Prices in hotels and restaurants and taxi fares are calculated to include taxes and service. Tipping, therefore, is at the client’s discretion.

Travel Insurance

A travel insurance policy to cover theft, loss and medical problems is recommended. The Organising Secretariat will not be held liable for illness, accidents or thefts suffered by participants or accompanying persons during the Congress or their stay in Switzerland before or after the Congress.

Currency

The Swiss Currency is the Swiss Franc (CHF). At time of publishing:

1 EURO = 1.66 CHF / 1 US$ = 1.22 CHF.

Payment in euros is accepted in most shops and restaurants, but change will be given back in CHF.

Credit Cards

All major credit cards are accepted in the majority of hotels, restaurants and shops.

Dress Code

The dress code for the Welcome Reception is casual attire.

Electricity

Voltage: the wall sockets (for 2 or 3 pole plugs) supply 220-volt alternating current. In most hotels, sockets for North-American 110 volt electric shavers have been installed. For other appliances, transformers and adapters are necessary.

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Travel Information

TRAVEL BY PLANE

Geneva offers many possibilities in terms of cheap traveling. Traveling to Geneva is rather easy and, if booked well in advance, can be done so at a very attractive price: the majority of Europe’s low cost airlines have direct flight to and from Geneva. If booked early enough, flight tickets can be as low as EUR 25 (Easyjet). See [http://www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-37/](http://www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-37/) for a list of airlines flying to Geneva.

→ Swiss International Air Lines is the official carrier for the 6th Forum of European Neuroscience 2008 and is offering special congress fares to all participants.

→ These congress fares offer reductions of up to 25% depending on the fare type, route and space availability.

→ Congress fares are valid for all flights to Switzerland on the entire SWISS network, including flights operated by partner airlines under the LX flight number.

→ To take advantage of these special congress fares, please contact your local SWISS travel office or any of the following designated ticketing agents:

**Official Carrier**

[http://www.swiss.com/offices](http://www.swiss.com/offices)

Quoting the following tour code:

**Tour Code CXX8059**

Note to Swiss International Air Lines air travel offices: display the IDS page “GCGRF”, look up the event specified and check for the tourcode mentioned.

LOW-COST TRAVEL

To find low cost airlines, please check the following website with the information on all airlines connecting with Geneva:


It is important to realize that the earlier one is booking, the cheaper the flight will be.

BY TRAIN

Geneva Train Station (Cornavin) has connections to many of Europe’s main cities:

→ France: Paris, Lyon (direct)/Marseilles and Nice (via Lyon)
→ Austria: Graz, Vienna (via St. Gallen)
→ Italy: Milano and Rome (via Simplon Tunnel)

Prices for fares range from EUR 80 to EUR 150

For train schedules, please go to: [http://www.sbb.ch/en/](http://www.sbb.ch/en/)

VISA

Participants requiring a visa for entry to Switzerland are strongly advised to make their application in their home country at least three months before the intended date of travel. If in doubt, information can be obtained from your nearest Swiss Embassy or Consulate or from your travel agency. Should you need a letter of invitation to obtain an entry visa for Switzerland, it will be a pleasure for MCI Suisse SA to send it to you. Please be informed that for citizens of some countries, a visa/passport for France is required for certain excursions. For more information please go to: [http://www.bfm.admin.ch/bfm/en/home/themen/einreise.html](http://www.bfm.admin.ch/bfm/en/home/themen/einreise.html)

HOW TO GET TO GENEVA DOWNTOWN FROM THE AIRPORT

Public transportation

GENEVA International Airport [http://www.gva.ch/en/](http://www.gva.ch/en/) is very close to Geneva city centre. It is easily reachable by train or by bus using the united network of public transport Unireso. Only one single ticket is required to travel by train, tram, bus or boat in the area France-Vaud-Geneva (cost 3.– CHF for one hour).

Note that registered participants of FENS 2008 will be granted free public transportation by showing their badge. This includes buses, train in the Geneva area, or boat (Les Mouettes). See map for details at: [http://www.unireso.com/pages/reseau.htm](http://www.unireso.com/pages/reseau.htm)

It takes only 6 minutes from/to Geneva city centre by train (every 15 minutes). The Airport railway station has direct access to the Airport Check-in and Arrival levels. All trains stop at Geneva-Cornavin station (city centre). The following urban buses leave from the Airport (bus stops at the Check-in level, in front of the train station) to:

→ Geneva city centre and Onex: bus 10 (every 10 minutes);
→ International organisations and the lake or Meyrin: bus 28 (every 20 minutes);
→ Le Lignon - Lancy - Plan-les-Ouates: bus 23 (every 15 minutes).

Tourist information and public transport tickets are available at the Unireso information desk in the Arrival hall after the customs. Tickets can also be purchased from ticket machines located at the stops (small change CHF or Euro required) and at the train station.
Student Programme

SWISS STUDENTS WELCOME THEIR COLLEAGUES FROM ABROAD

To help students to find their way to Geneva and to make their stay most enjoyable, PhD-students who follow the Lemanic Neuroscience doctoral Programme have created:

→ A website (http://web.mac.com/jumptthefens) where students will find practical tips on how to keep the participation at the FENS-forum within budget-limits. This site further offers an interactive way to exchange information between students.

→ A meeting place at the lake-side where the young scientists can relax, have a drink and a bite during the evenings. At the “Jump-the-FENS” site, Entertainment will be organised that will render each evening into a unique experience. Details will appear at the website above.

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STIPENDS AND TRAVEL GRANTS

Stipends will be available for young researchers to attend the FENS Forum 2008 in Geneva. FENS and other non-profit organisations will offer travel grants for students from all over the world. Furthermore, a large number of national FENS member societies will support young researchers.

For further information, please visit http://forum.fens.org/2008

Taxi

Fares between airport and city range from about CHF 30.- to CHF 35.- and depend on traffic conditions, time of day and number of passengers. Presently, the fare within Geneva, including airport, is the amount shown on the taximeter. The driver will request a small extra charge for luggage. Tip and VAT are included.

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FORUM VENUE

The meeting will be held at Palexpo
Chemin Edouard-Sarasin · 1218 Le Grand-Saconnex
Phone: +41 (0)22 761 11 11 · Fax: +41 (0)22 798 01 00
www.palexpo.ch

HOW TO REACH THE FORUM VENUE (PALEXPO CONFERENCE CENTER)

The Palexpo Conference Center is located next to GENEVA international airport and can easily be reached by walking (10 min, 1 km) from the airport or airport train station.

From the city center, the Palexpo Conference Center can be reached:

- By train: from Cornavin station (6 min), train every 15 min
- By bus: bus n°5 (TPG) last stop is at Palexpo Conference Center, 17 min from Cornavin, bus every 10 min
- By taxi: the average cost from the city center is 30.– CHF.
- By car: direct exit from the highway

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LANGUAGE

The official language of the event is English. No simultaneous interpretation facilities will be provided during the conference.

MEETING ROOM RENTAL

You may contact Mrs Sandrine Haemmerli via E-mail (Sandrine.Haemmerli@mci-group.com) to receive information about renting a meeting room.

NAME BADGE

Each delegate will receive a name badge upon registration. Delegates must wear the badge at all time during the conference. Admission to the meeting rooms and social events will be limited to those wearing the name badges. Please note that all participants will receive their name badge upon registration on site. Lost badges will be replaced for registered participants presenting an ID, at a replacement fee of 15 EUR.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Please take good care of your personal belongings. Do not leave them unattended. Neither the conference organiser nor the staff from the venue will be responsible for any loss or damage of your personal property.

CHILDREN

Children must be accompanied by a parent or a guardian during exhibit hours. Parents or guardians may bring children under the age of 18 to educational and social events provided the children do not disrupt the event. Under no circumstances are children under the age of 18 allowed in the exhibit hall during set up and dismantle times.
SMOKING POLICY
Smoking is prohibited in all meeting rooms and in the Exhibition

ASSISTANCE FOR VISITORS WITH DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS
Please contact the Registration Desk.

COAT/LUGGAGE CHECK
There will be a coat and luggage check available in the convention centre.

PARKING
There is a public parking at Palexpo, P12. It is open and accessible 24 h.
Cost: CHF 1.50 per hour
CHF 15.– per day

INTERNET ACCESS/ WIRELESS LAN
WiFi is provided in the Exhibition Hall and in front of rooms ABC. Please refer to the Registration Desk for more information. A Cyber Café will be situated inside the Exhibition

PHOTOGRAPHY, FILMING AND AUDIO RECORDING
Unless previous permission has been granted by the speakers or poster presenters, photography, filming and audio recording is strictly forbidden during the scientific sessions.

FOOD & BEVERAGE
A Self-Service catering will be available in Hall 1 near the Exhibition and the Poster Area. Consumption is at the participants expense.

POSTER AREA
The Poster Area will be located next to the Exhibition.

Early registration
Abstract submission deadline
January 31, 2008
Late registration
February 1st, 2008 – June 29th, 2008
Booking of tours and excursions
May 31st, 2008
Hotel booking
May 14th, 2008.
For cancellation made before March 31st, 2008, 70% of registration fees will be refunded.
For cancellations after this date, no refunds can be granted.
Registration will also be possible on-site during the Forum (late registration fees apply).

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