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**Editorial**

Dear SSN members,

The major task of the SSN last couple of months was our new website. Due to the successful outcome of the FENS Forum in Geneva, the SSN could make some profit, which we decided to invest in a new internet platform allowing to operate as a Society more professionally, and providing a website for a better communication with our members. This internet platform supports the council in their infrastructural and administrative duties permitting an efficient communication between the council and the members as well as allowing to store and back up all documents such as emails and applications. The major feature is the membership database, which supports the officers in their duties such as communication by email, event management, fellowships, awards and payment. September 1st, the Website went public giving the Society a new look. Very soon the Extranet or Memberzone will be accessible allowing the council and the members a better exchange of information. In December we will open the registration for the annual meeting in Lausanne that will take place in March 12/13, 2010. In February 2010 our new e-payment system will be implemented allowing the members to pay their fees online. Since our activities (e.g. travel fellowships and awards) totally rely on the fees, it is important that all payments reach our treasurer. For one or the other reason there are around 30% of members whose fees are not paid. One reason is that the member changed the address. Since it is very important that the membership database is accurate, we encourage our members to update their personal data whenever there is a change.

*Nicole Schaeren-Wiemers*  
President SSN

## Welcome to Our New SSN Website

It is with great pleasure that the SSN welcomes you on the new website launched September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. There were many reasons, why the SSN council decided to go for a new website. One major issue was the handling of the constantly growing membership database, and having a virtual office allowing to store and backup all issues concerning the society's activities (e.g. emails, documents). Secondly, we wanted to introduce a platform for our members with which communication with the SSN council should be facilitated. Since we do not want to flood our members with emails, we encourage our members to regularly visit the SSN Front Page where latest news are published. This newly designed platform hosts many features that will hopefully be useful for our members.

These features include:

- ↪ Announcements of latest news and activities (e.g. national and international scientific meetings, awards provided by various institutions). This information on the first page is constantly updated. Announcements for the website can be sent via the contact mail.
- ↪ Agenda for SSN members (presenting an overview of upcoming meetings and deadlines). If a SSN member wants to place an announcement, please send it via the contact mail.
- ↪ Comprehensive information about activities of the SSN such as the annual meeting, applications for awards and fellowships, Newsletters (archive since 2002), and national events.
- ↪ Information about ongoing activities of the Neuroscience community in Switzerland, Europe and worldwide such as the Brain Awareness Week, the FENS Forum and their activities, and IBRO World Congress and their activities.

We introduce a Memberzone for SSN members allowing:

- Access to particular information (e.g. picture galleries of annual meetings, minutes of the business meeting)
- Application for travel fellowship and awards
- Job advertisements (request or offer)
- Easy e-payment for annual fees

The access to the Memberzone will be possible very soon and every member will be provided with the information for login and password. If any urgent information in the context of membership is needed, please contact the SSN via the contact email.

## Special call for illustrations:

We search illustrations for our Website, especially illustrations that can be used as a Header pictures. The current ones were bought and are also used by others. Therefore, we would like to have our own one, and we **ask our members to participate in providing illustrations**, which can be placed as Headers on the Web. The dimension of a Header picture is exactly: **960 x 215 pixels** (jpeg format). Please send your illustrations to: [president@swissneuroscience.ch](mailto:president@swissneuroscience.ch)

## Best Publication Award 2010

The SSN gives every year a prize for the best publication of a young SSN member, published in a peer-reviewed international journal.

We call for applications for this prestigious award, aiming at distinguishing an outstanding publication of a young neuroscientist member of the SSN (Ph.D. Student or 1<sup>st</sup> year of a post-doc) published between December 1 2008 and November 30 2009. This award amounts to **CHF 4'000.-** will be presented on the occasion of the SSN Annual Meeting on March 13 2010 in Lausanne. Guidelines for application are available on the website of the SSN. Deadline for submission is **December 5 2009**.

### SSN-IBRO Fellowship 2010

The SSN council is pleased to announce that the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF) once more accepted to finance, for 2010, the SSN IBRO fellowship, which provides a one year salary for a foreign post-doctoral fellow to conduct a research project in a Swiss laboratory (basic or clinical research). The amount of the grant is **CHF 55'000.-**. This stipend is Tax free. Details of the regulations are found on the SNF website “forms, regulations and directives” for stipends: [www.snf.ch](http://www.snf.ch).

Detailed information (guidelines for the application) is available on the SSN website. The deadline for submitting an application is **January 15th 2010**.

### SSN Travel Fellowships 2010

For 2010 the SSN offers travel fellowships to attend international scientific meetings. A majority of fellowships will be provided for the:

- **FENS Forum**, 3-7 July 2010 in Amsterdam.
- **Society for Neuroscience Meeting**, 13-17 November 2010 in San Diego.

Additional fellowships will be provided:

- for international meetings between January and June 2010 (application deadline 3 months before the meeting)
- for an international meetings between July and December 2010 (application deadline 3 months before the meeting)

The fellowships are **CHF 700.-** for meetings in Europe and **CHF 1500.-** for meetings outside Europe. Detailed information (guidelines) is available on the SSN website.

### SSN Annual Meeting in 2010:

The SSN annual meeting in 2010 will take place in **Lausanne at the EPFL** on **March 13<sup>th</sup>**.



It will be a **Joint Meeting** with the **Swiss Society of Sleep Research, Sleep Medicine and Chronobiology** (SGSSC). This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> joint meeting with the SGSSC after 2000 and 2002. The local organizing committee is pleased to present an exciting scientific program that will support interactions between fundamental, systems, cognitive, and clinical disciplines. The meeting will start Friday, March 12th at noon with workshops organized by the SGSSC. Saturday morning will feature a plenary lecture by Prof. **Chiara Cirelli** (University of Madison, Wisconsin, USA). This will be followed by a **Datablitz** session aimed at giving younger scientists a forum to present their work to a public audience in a short format., and then by several parallel **Symposia** on topics covering fundamental, systems, cognitive, and clinical neuroscience. A portion of symposia speakers will be selected from the submitted abstracts. During Lunch, there will be ample time for **Poster** presentations as well as a **General Assembly of the SSN** that is open to everyone. As in the past, the **Volker Henn Award** (CH 500.- each) will be presented for the 3 best posters. Additional awards, including the **Best Publication Award** (CH 4000.- prize) will be presented. The deadline for registration and abstract submission is January 15th, 2010. Additional details as well as the full program will follow in the next Newsletter in December.