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FENS and The Kavli Foundation announce the first group of FENS-Kavli Scholars

The Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS) and The Kavli Foundation have announced the first FENS-Kavli Scholars – 20 young European neuroscience researchers chosen for the excellence of their research, as well as promise to be among the field's newest generation of extraordinary pioneers.

With the announcement, the Scholars become the first members of the FENS-Kavli Network of Excellence. Launched this year, the FENS-Kavli Network of Excellence aims to strengthen ties between emerging leaders in European science, establish links between the generation of emerging group leaders and senior scientists, and to foster on-going scientific excellence in Europe.

The Scholars will be provided opportunities to meet with both young and senior leaders in neuroscience, with the goal of encouraging new ideas and international collaborations. The FENS-Kavli Scholars will hold their first Annual Meeting, on 29 April-1 May 2015 at the Kavli Royal Society International Centre - Chicheley Hall, United Kingdom.

"The FENS-Kavli Scholars embody the best of modern neuroscience, representing outstanding young neuroscientists with diverse and multidisciplinary backgrounds," as both Monica Di Luca and Marian Joëls, current and past President of the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies, pointed out. "Representing a vast geographical diversity and careers in multiple countries across Europe and beyond, this unique Network of Excellence reflects shared values based on openness, collaboration and creativity."

"The FENS-Kavli Scholars bring a record of outstanding scientific accomplishments to the network that will surely stimulate networking, discussion and interaction at the highest possible level among the scholars," said Miyoung Chun, Executive Vice President of Science Programs, The Kavli Foundation.

This year's scholars come from universities and research institutions based throughout Europe, as well as the United States, Japan and Israel. Names and profiles of the Scholars are available on the <u>FENS webpage</u>.

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Reference

FENS - The Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS) is the main organisation for neuroscience in Europe. FENS currently represents 42 European national and mono-disciplinary neuroscience societies with close to 23,000 member scientists from 32 European countries. FENS aims to promote neuroscience research to policymakers, funding bodies and the general public, both regionally and internationally.

The Kavli Foundation - The Kavli Foundation, based in Southern California, is dedicated to the goals of advancing science for the benefit of humanity and promoting increased public understanding and support for scientists and their work. The Foundation's mission is implemented through an international program of research institutes, professorships, and symposia in the fields of astrophysics, nanoscience, neuroscience, and theoretical physics as well as prizes in the fields of astrophysics, nanoscience, and neuroscience.