

**COVID-19 Announcement: Genes, Brain and Behavior 2020 postponed to 2021**

Following considered deliberations in light of the current COVID-19 global situation, the Executive Committee of IBANGS together with the Local Organizing Committee have made the difficult but necessary decision to postpone our 22nd Annual Meeting 'Genes, Brain and Behavior 2020' to next year. Our meeting will now take place on **May 11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 2021** (tentative), in the same venue, the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA, USA and in Guangzhou, China for 2022 (dates TBD)

We do appreciate how much our annual meeting means to everyone, and we want to assure you that we did not make this decision in haste. The health and safety of our society's members, meeting delegates, exhibitors and Woods Hole community are our top priority. Based on the latest guidance from national and international health advisory bodies and the travel restrictions implemented by different institutions and governments regarding COVID-19, it became clear to us that cancelling was the right course of action.

We thank the entire IBANGS community for understanding the extreme difficulty of this decision and for your commitment to the future success of our meeting.

What Happens Next?

**Registrants:** everyone who has registered to attend the meeting will receive a full registration refund within the next 14 days. We will contact registrants directly to arrange a refund. Please remember to cancel any personal arrangements you've made, such as travel and housing reservations if you were not staying at MBL for the meeting.

**Speakers/Award Winner/Travel Awardees:** we will contact you in the next few days with further information following the postponement of the meeting.

**Exhibitors and Sponsors:** we will contact you in the next few days with further information regarding exhibition agreements and registrations.

If you have any questions regarding the postponement of our annual meeting, please contact us at: [administrator@ibangs.org](mailto:administrator@ibangs.org):

Yours sincerely,

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