

IBANGS News

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Letter from the President



Dear IBANGS Members,

It is a pleasure and an honor to be taking over as IBANGS President for the 2023-24 year. It looks to be an exciting year and on behalf of the Executive Committee, I'd like to first thank all of the IBANGS members who make the IBANGS community one filled with innovative and exciting science and a welcoming and inclusive spirit.

There has been some turnover in the IBANGS Executive Committee this year and I'd like to thank past-president Camron Bryant (2020-2023), Secretary Clarissa Parker (2020-2023) and Member-at-large Gang Chen (2020-2023) for their dedication and leadership. I'd also like to thank the current executive committee including past-president Judy Grisel (2021-2024), Treasurer Amy Lasek (2019-2025) and Members-at-large Amy Dunn (2021-2024) and Paul Meyer (2022-2025), and wish my heartfelt welcome to the new members of the executive committee including President-elect Megan Mulligan (2023-2026), Secretary David Ashbrook (2023-2026) and new Member-at-Large Kristin Scaplen (2023-2026). Thanks also to all of those who serve on committees that make our society a success. We are grateful for your service and delighted that you continue to be an active part of our community.

The 2024 Meeting in Galway was a wonderful success and we are grateful to Derek Morris and the local organizing committee as well as Helen Kamens and the Program committee.

We are also delighted to announce that the **2024 Genes, Brain & Behavior meeting will be held at [Western University](#) in London, Ontario, Canada from June 3-6, 2024**. We are grateful to Anne Simon and Jibran Khokhar for heading up the local organizing committee.



We are currently in the planning stages for the 2025 and 2026 Meetings and are accepting proposals. If you are interested in hosting a meeting in the future, please feel free to reach out for details at administrator@ibangs.org.

We have two projects that we are working on getting momentum on for the 2023-24 year. First, the Inclusion and Diversity Committee will be working together with the Education and Training Committee to develop a mentoring program. Second, we will be forming a new committee, the Communications Committee, to develop innovative ways of communicating our purpose and science to the broader community. Together these endeavors will help bring us closer as a community, help train the next generation, and provide us with a toolkit to communicate complex behavioral genetics topics with clarity and passion in order to ensure the science is appreciated and does not get misconstrued. Please reach out if you are potentially interested in becoming involved.

I wish you all a fantastic summer filled with sunshine, warmth, growth and new discoveries.

Sincerely,

Karla Kaun

Annual Meeting News

The Annual Meeting in Galway was a resounding success!



Dedication and hard work made the Galway meeting a memorable experience for all. From the engaging sessions to the thought-provoking discussions, the event provided a vibrant platform to foster collaborations and exchange.

First and foremost, we extend our gratitude to the meeting organisers, Helen Kamens, Derek Morris, Ethan Brennan, Dara Cannon, Gary Donohoe, Declan McKernan, and Michelle Roche, as well as the Program Committee, and the Education and Training Committee for their meticulous planning and execution.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to all the participants who contributed their research, shared their insights, and actively participated. Your valuable contributions ensured the event's success and further reinforced the spirit of our society.

A HUGE THANK YOU to the University of Galway and to our meeting sponsors: CURAM, Future Neuro, Irish Society of Human Genetics, Stoelting, VectorBuilder, WILEY, and ZANTIKS

In numbers: Meeting Registrations (130), Abstracts (105), Speakers (45,) Travel Awardees(25)

Executive Committee News



A warm welcome to incoming Executive Committee members:(left to right) President-Elect Megan Mulligan, Secretary David Ashbrook, and Member-At-Large Kristin Scaplen. We look forward to their guidance and leadership in advancing our objectives.



At the same time, we bid farewell to our outgoing executive committee members (left to right) President: Camron Bryant, Secretary: Clarissa Parker, and Member At Large Gang Chen. Their efforts and commitment have been instrumental in shaping our society and driving it forward. We express our deepest gratitude for their contributions and wish them the very best in their future endeavors.

Journal News

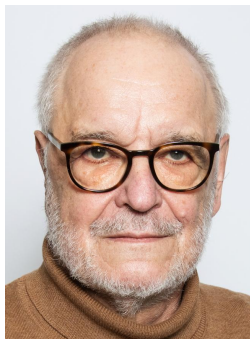


[*Genes, Brain and Behavior*](#) Editor Andrew Holmes, is requesting ideas for Special Issues. Please contact Andrew directly at: holmescpns@gmail.com

New Committee Launched

The society is forming a Communications Committee to advise on all aspects of society communications. Please contact IBANGS President, Karla Kaun for more information: Karla_Kaun@brown.edu

Member News and Announcements



Hans-Peter Lipp, Institute of Evolutionary Medicine, University of Zurich

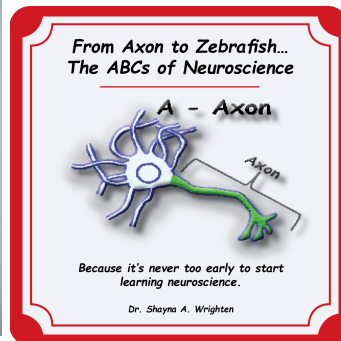
Hans-Peter, the founding president of IBANGS, has been elected as a new member of the [Academia Europaea](#) for his contributions to the field of genes, brain and behavior and for development of new approaches in brain research. The Academia Europaea was established in 1988 through the joint efforts of the UK's Royal Society and other National Academies in Europe. Distinguishing itself, the Academia Europaea is the sole academy that welcomes individual members from Council of Europe states and numerous other countries worldwide. Presently, their membership consists of approximately 6000 exceptional scientists and scholars who represent diverse academic fields across the globe. Membership is by invitation, made only after peer group nomination, scrutiny and confirmation as to the scholarship and eminence of the individual in their chosen field.



Camron Bryant, Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics,
Boston University School of Medicine.

Camron's lab is moving to Northeastern University, Center for Drug
Discovery, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in September
2023. Camron is hiring at all levels. Contact: camron@bu.edu

Shayna A. Wrighten, Coordinator of African and African American Studies Program,
Francis Marion University



Shayna has written a children's neuroscience book entitled, *From Axon to Zebrafish... The ABCs of Neuroscience*. A sample of the book contents is available here: www.little-sapiens.com. Shayna can be reached at info@little-sapiens.com.



Jason Bubier, Jackson Laboratory

Jason has received an RO1 grant to study the biological
bases of drug addiction and risk for opioid overdose.

[Project details](#)



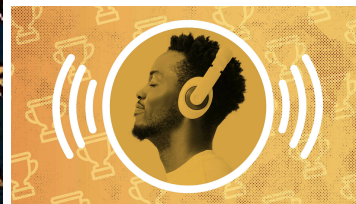
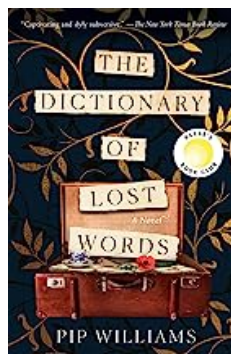
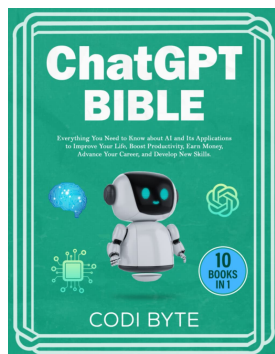
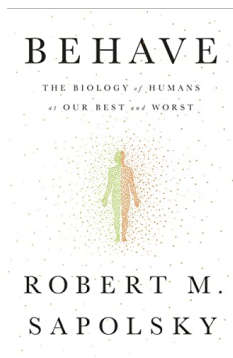
Karla Kaun has been selected as the 2023 Genetics Education Award Recipient from the [National Association of Biology Teachers](#).



Amy Lasek has moved her lab to The Virginia Commonwealth University, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology. Amy's new webpage and contact information is available here:

<https://pharmtox.vcu.edu/about/our-team/amy-w-lasek-phd.html>

Summer Reads and Such



[Behave](#)

[Chat GPT Bible](#)

[The Dictionary of Lost Words](#)

[50 Best Podcasts](#)

Sun Salutation

Step by step instruction with modifications

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hVc_EN0lbwo

