

At the helm



IBANGS welcomes new president, Dr. Marissa Ehringer. Marissa is a faculty member at the University of Colorado, in the Department of Integrative Physiology. Her research interests are concerned with the identification of genetic mechanisms that contribute to alcohol, tobacco, and substance use and the application of genomics and bioinformatics to the study of behavior genetics.

Lab page:

<http://www.colorado.edu/intphys/people/ehringer.html>



Dr. Elissa Chesler, IBANGS outgoing president, will continue to be involved as past president until 2018 to ensure a smooth transition.

Madrid meeting



THANK YOU to Jose Antonio Lopez-Moreno, Elena Gine Dominquez, and their team for hosting IBANGS 2017 in Madrid, ES. Your hospitality and the scientific environment that you provided made for an exciting and successful meeting. Major scientific themes presented at the meeting included epigenetic mechanisms and addiction. Meeting photos here:

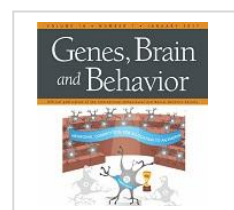
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/gbbpictures/albums/72157681116008213/page2/>

IBANGS meeting 2018



The IBANGS 2018 meeting will be held at the Mayo Clinic Civic Center in Rochester, Minnesota, US. Dr. Karl Clark is the local organizer. Karl's energy and enthusiasm for the society together with resources available at the Mayo Clinic promise to make IBANGS 2018 incredible! More about Karl: <http://www.mayo.edu/research/faculty/clark-karl-j-ph-d/bio-00096400>

Journal updates



New Impact factor: 3.743 (up from 3.275)

New Journal App: The *Genes, Brain and Behavior* iOS

App download and instructions here:

[http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/\(ISSN\)1601-183X/homepage/ios_app_access_instructions.htm](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1601-183X/homepage/ios_app_access_instructions.htm)

Connect & Inform

IBANGS is stepping up efforts to increase communication among society members and with the behavioral neurogenetics community. To get the ball rolling IBANGS has created a newsletter and increased its social media presence. All feedback and suggestions are welcome and encouraged.

The IBANGS Twitter page is up: @IBANGStweets. If you already use Twitter, follow us. If not, check it out. There is quite an active behavioral neurogenetics presence. Many of your colleagues are using it to share content and resources.

The IBANGS Facebook page is in the works.

New members



Member news

Camron Bryant interviewed by People behind the science

<http://www.peoplebehindthescience.com/dr-camron-bryant/>

Wim Crusio appointed editor in chief of *Behavioral and Brain Functions*

<https://behavioralandbrainfunctions.biomedcentral.com/>

Outreach



Each year in mid March the [Dana Foundation](http://www.dana.org) launches a global campaign to increase public awareness of the progress and benefits of brain research.

Brain Awareness Week is a wonderful event and a great opportunity to get involved. Outreach events can be planned on the grand or small scale. There are many resources and ideas available at their website.

<http://www.dana.org/baw/>

For assistance with organization and planning contact: Anna Delprato: anna.delprato@gmail.com

If you already participate in this event, tell us about it so that we can share with your fellow IBANGS members.

Opportunity knocks

Postdocs and students if you would like to have a more active role in the society, there are opportunities to get involved with the IBANGS newsletter and social media as well as the annual meeting.

Why get involved?

Career benefits of course!

Taking an active role in the society will enable you to build professional relationships with other scientists in your field that have a lot of expertise to share.

Other advantages include:

- Looks great on your CV
- Have a voice in your field
- Learn about scientific society organization and operations

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Good reads

