

## Executive Committee Election Nominees



That time of year again. There are several executive committee positions to fill. The candidates for this term are: **President-elect:** Karl Clark, Mayo Clinic, Sulev Koks, The Perron Institute and Yehuda Ben-Shahar, Washington University in St. Louis

**Treasurer:** Amy Lasek, University of Illinois in Chicago

**Member-at-Large:** Vivek Kumar, The Jackson Laboratory, Gang Chen, Jinan University and Cheryl Reed, Oregon Health & Science University

Voting begins this week on April 10 and ends on April 17. An email will be sent with information on the candidates. Thank you to the Nomination & Election Committee for their time and effort in choosing nominees: Iiris Hovatta (Chair), Wim E. Crusio and Ryan Logan.

## Annual Meeting Edinburgh

### Keynote and Award Speakers

The annual meeting is approaching and the meeting program is in the final stages of preparation. The special talks, symposia and abstract submissions are outstanding. If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to get acquainted with the plenary speakers. Thank you to the program committee for all of their efforts: Karl Clark (Chair), Caroline Brennan, Gang Chen, Amy Dunn, Judy Grisel, Meghan Mulligan, Angela Ozburn, and Robert Williams. Thank you to the Awards Committee: Lisa Tarantino (Chair), Richard Radcliffe, Leo Schalkwyk, and Dai Stephens



Young Investigator Award Recipient: Zoe Donaldson, Assistant Professor, University of Colorado, Boulder [Lab Page](#) [ORCID](#)



Distinguished Investigator Award Recipient: Seth Grant, Professor of Molecular Neuroscience, University of Edinburgh [Lab Page](#) [ORCID](#)



Special Lecture: Carmen Sandi, Director of the Laboratory of Behavioral Genetics at the Brain Mind Institute, Lausanne and President of the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies [Lab Page](#) [ORCID](#)



Presidential Lecture: William Schafer, Group Leader, Laboratory of Molecular Biology, MRC [Lab Page](#) [ORCID](#)

### Meeting Travel Award Recipients

This year IBANGS awarded 21 travel grants thanks to generous support from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Of the recipients, four have been selected as the Outstanding Young Investigator Awardees (Underlined in the list below). The selection was based upon their proposed meeting presentations. Thank you to Mark Rutledge-Gorman for reviewing the applications.

### Junior Faculty Awardees

Roshan Jain, Haverford College, US  
Kurt Marsden, North Carolina State University, US  
Emily Petruccelli, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, US

### Postdoctoral Awardees

Danila Cuomo, Texas A&M University, US  
Lisa Goldberg, Penn State University, US  
Kin Ip Chi, University of New South Wales, AU  
Antonia Savarese, Oregon Health & Science University, US

### Graduate Student Awardees

Jessica Baker, University of Tennessee Health Science Center US  
Amanda Barkley-Levenson, University of California San Diego, US  
Jacob Beierle, Boston University, US  
Winona Booher, University of Colorado Boulder, US  
Kristyn Borrelli, Boston University, US  
Briana Chen, Columbia University, US  
Judit García-González, Queen Mary University of London, UK  
Mikaela Laine, University of Helsinki, FI  
Jadna Lopes Bogado, Technische Universität Dresden, DE  
Marie Mennesson, University of Helsinki, FI  
John Mootz, Oregon Health & Science University, US  
Rachel Rahn, Washington University in St Louis, US  
Qiu Ruan, Boston University, US  
John Williams, University of Birmingham, UK

## Acknowledgements

We extend a **special thank you** to this year's meeting exhibitors and sponsors and we look forward to seeing you all in Edinburgh.



## Edinburgh Tourism

There is no shortage of amazing and beautiful places to visit while in Edinburgh. Here are some links to get started: [Top Attractions](#), [Hidden Gems](#), [Goose Bumps](#), [Beaches](#). Lots more can be found online.



Meeting attendees will receive the Edinburgh Rewards Passport which provides over 100 discounts and exclusive offers at a selection of the city's restaurants, bars, and tourist attractions and activities. More information here: <https://www.edinburghrewards.com/>

## Open Calls

### Call for 2021 and 2023 IBANGS: Genes, Brain and Behavior Meeting Venue Proposals

The 2021 Genes, Brain and Behavior meeting is slated to be held in May 2021 and 2023, at a "non-North American" location. IBANGS is currently accepting proposals for the 2021 and 2023 meetings, per the instructions below. The GBB meeting generally draws 100-150 participants.

Key aspects of the proposal should include:

- Point person and local organizing committee members
- Information on the venue and surrounding area
- Information on hotels including costs, distance from venue, transportation options to and from venue
- Budget (Please contact our Treasurer, Mark Rutledge-Gorman ([rutledgm@ohsu.edu](mailto:rutledgm@ohsu.edu)) to obtain a budget calculator spreadsheet)
- Preliminary schedule that includes at least one-half day free for sightseeing during the meeting week
- Plans for an opening reception

- Plans for a closing banquet
- At least one poster session
- A plan to solicit exhibitors and derive income from exhibitor fees
- Availability of a small meeting room for Executive Committee meeting
- Information on sightseeing opportunities before or after the meeting (expenses paid separately by participants)

The IBANGS Executive Committee will accept proposals from all interested hosts. Please submit proposals to IBANGS President, Catharine Rankin, by email [[crankin@psych.ubc.ca](mailto:crankin@psych.ubc.ca)], no later than August 31, 2019.



**The FENS Forum 2020** Call for symposia is open. <https://forum2020.fens.org/> Proposed deadline for Symposia May 20, 2019

## Journal Updates

Earlier this year, G2B published a special Reviews Issue on ‘*The neuroscience and genomics of social behavior*,’ which includes a collection of scholarly and thought-provoking articles from leaders in the vibrant field of social neuroscience. Many of the Reviews are free to access and IBANGS members are encouraged to check them out if they have not already done so! <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/1601183x/2019/18/1>

The journal is now preparing the special Reviews Issue for 2020 on the important theme of Sex differences. IBANGS members are encouraged to submit high quality Reviews and original research articles on this topic, no later than July 31, which will be considered for possible inclusion in the special issue.

## Society & Member News

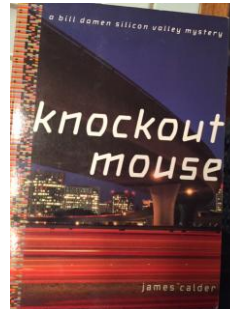
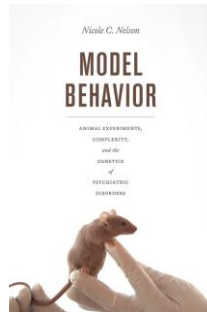
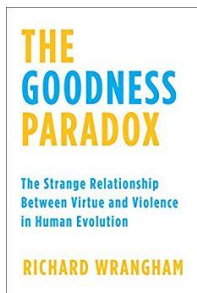
- A newly formed Publications Committee will act as the liaison between the society and G2B publisher, Wiley. The committee members are: Marissa Ehringer (Chair), Helen Kamens, and David Wolfer.
- IBANGS Secretary and Election Chair, Iiris Hovatta, has been elected to the FENS Program Committee.

This past December IBANGS awarded two student-postdoc memberships as part of the annual holiday give-a-way. Members were asked to nominate a student or a postdoc that they thought would benefit from an IBANGS membership. The award recipients were

selected by the membership committee. It was a difficult choice as all of the applicants were super and would be an asset to our society. We would like to congratulate and extend a warm WELCOME to the 2019 IBANGS membership awardees: Mikaela Laine, University of Helsinki and Kamal Gill, University of British Columbia. Thank you to the membership committee for their help with choosing the awardees: Clarissa Parker (Chair), Andrew Hardaway, Randall Krug, Tsuyoshi Koide, Hee-Sup Shin, Vivek Kumar, Neema Yazdani and Susanna Pietropaolo.

## Media

### Books of Interest



### Podcasts

Brain Science <http://brainsciencepodcast.com/>

Brain Waves <https://soundcloud.com/onthebrainwaves/>

Nature Podcasts <https://www.nature.com/nature/articles?type=nature-podcast>

Neuroscience Podcasts <https://player.fm/featured/neuroscience>