# Announcing the selection of the 2018 FENS-KAVLI Scholars

In 2014, FENS and the KAVLI Foundation announced the FENS Kavli Network of Excellence: a group of young independent European neuroscience investigators, chosen for their scientific excellence, originality, and leadership. A new group of 15 FENS-Kavli Scholars representing 12 different European countries have now been selected.

The multidisciplinary, international Network of FENS-Kavli Scholars is self-organised and aims to improve Neuroscience in Europe and beyond through scientific exchange, advocacy, and outreach. FKNE Scholars participate in several meetings per year that allow for lively discussion of a range of topics across Neuroscience as well as challenges and opportunities for European neuroscientists. They then put their ideas into action, for example through opinion articles and white-paper recommendations to European stakeholders on funding schemes and other key issues, establishing childcare grants and mentoring & PhD thesis prizes that are awarded during the FENS Forum, and outreach activities with the general public about brain research.

"Bringing together such a diverse group of European neuroscientists has allowed us to effectively identify shared challenges for early-career researchers and brainstorm creative initiatives to address them. The Network provides us with a powerful platform that strengthens our individual voices in advocating for and implementing effective solutions. One of the most exciting things about interviewing the new group of 2018 FENS Kavli Scholars was to see the extent to which the actions of the Network so far have already made an impact," says Megan Carey, Group Leader at the Champalimaud Centre for the Unknown in Lisbon, Portugal, and Chair of the FENS Kavli Network.

"The FENS-Kavli Network of Excellence has been running since 2014 thanks to the generous support of the Kavli Foundation and in collaboration with FENS. From its inception, two cohorts of exceptional junior and mid-career neuroscientists from across Europe have been joining efforts to shape the future of neuroscience. After a 4-year term, the first group of 2014 FENS Kavli Scholars will become alumni in September 2018. At the 20th FENS Forum in Berlin in July 2018, a new group of 15 remarkable Scholars were elected from a highly impressive pool of over 90 excellent candidates. I am convinced that this renewed group of Scholars will continue sharing their passion for science and thriving in the development of their multiple and creative actions on scientific, outreach and advocacy fronts," says Professor Carmen Sandi, President-Elect of FENS.

The new Scholars were announced by Barry Everitt during his welcome to the FENS Forum in Berlin and further introduced during a ceremony on 9 July as part of the FENS Forum 2018 in Berlin. The names and profiles of all Scholars are available on the FENS-Kavli Scholars webpage at www.fenskavlinetwork.org

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