

Europe's next generation for neurochemistry: ESN-YSSC mission

Being a junior scientist has big advantages: you grow up with the methods that are currently state of the art, your mind is fresh and full of questions and you are most probably driven, flexible and interested in many topics. The disadvantage, however, is that young scientist's lack two of the most important things in a scientific career: connections and experience. The latter will come to you as you go along. Scientific societies can help with the first one. These societies, especially smaller ones like ESN, are closely connected, provide the chance for you to have a direct impact on decisions and network with senior scientists that could have a major impact on your career. In addition, ESN offers memberships in FENS and ISN and even attending SfN meetings at no extra cost, opening the doors for international connections with scientists all around the world.

To make all these benefits for young scientists more accessible, easier to understand and to get involved in is one of the aims of the ESN Young Scientist Steering Committee (ESN-YSSC). We represent PhD students and early career Postdocs, listen to their ideas and organize events at meetings specifically targeted to those not yet established in their field. ESN has always been supportive for young scientists, but many who could benefit from that (outside and even within the society) are not aware of the opportunities and advantages of being an ESN member. The ESN-YSSC was established in 2019 to improve this situation and build up an active, collaborative network of young members within the Society. To do so, we want to get in touch with you! So should you have any ideas you would like to discuss, wish to work with us or simply have a question, do not hesitate to get in touch: esn-yssc@outlook.com or find us on Facebook (EuroSocNeurochemistry) and twitter @ESNsociety.