

1st Virtual Conference of the European Society for Neurochemistry “Future perspectives for European neurochemistry – a young scientist’s conference”

When you are upset about something, like we are about the fact that we had to postpone our biennial meeting in St. Petersburg, there are usually two ways to deal with it: to stay upset but find a way out of it and do something else or just continue to be upset. As scientists, we are very much used to setbacks and therefore we are capable of finding a way out. Our coming together in person will be taking place in 2022, but until then we invite you to join us virtually and discuss neurochemistry, hear about new techniques, new results and, most importantly, give a stage to early career scientists. This is what the first virtual ESN conference will be about!

Organised by the ESN-Young Scientist Steering Committee (ESN-YSSC) under the auspices of the ESN Council, it will be open to all ESN members as well as to non- or not-yet members of ESN, junior and senior scientists from all areas of neurochemistry. BUT: This is not a substitute or an online version of the ESN Biennial Meeting - this will be held in Saint Petersburg, Russia in May 2022. All Session chairs, speakers (apart from 2 keynote speakers) and poster presenters will be PhD students and early-career Postdocs. This is different and new, and we invite you to send in your proposals to build the program up! The ESN-YSSC represents the young scientist community and we want to provide a stage for young people to present themselves, their work and especially to organise a symposium or propose a workshop without directly competing with more established scientists in their field.

Here is what you need to know

- **Date:** 24-25 May 2021
- **Registration fee:** It is free for ESN members. Non-members are more than welcome to join and by paying a registration fee of 25Euros also have an option to apply for ESN membership with no extra costs at the same time. In any case we need you to register to participate in the conference, as this will allow us to provide you with the login details for the meeting. Registration will open in early 2021.
- **Where:** In your office, living room, or garden. It’s an entirely virtual meeting and registered participants will be provided in advance with a link or login to join the meeting.
- **How can I propose a symposium:** Simply email your proposal for your symposium/workshop to ESNvirtual2021@neurochemsoc.eu. Details and guidelines for your application are provided in the Call for proposals and at the ESN website at <https://neurochemsoc.eu/>
- **Will there be posters?** Yes, you will be able to submit abstracts for poster presentations from January 2021. Check the ESN website for further updates.
- **Presentations:** Speakers preferentially will give the talks live online or can submit them in advance as pre-recorded video files. Everyone in the audience will be able to ask questions using a chat function and we will aim to discuss them after each talk or at the end of the session in a live Q&A format.
- **Best presentation awards:** There will be a prize (free two-year ESN membership worth €50) for the best talk and best poster and the participants will have an option to subscribe to this competition upon registration.

Any questions? Contact ESNvirtual2021@neurochemsoc.eu

Come and join us! Let’s make the best of it!