

IBRO's 2011 World Congress of Neuroscience. Florence. July 14-17



Dear Brain Researcher,

Europe gave birth to Brain Research and Neuroscience in the 19th century with the histological studies of Golgi and Ramon y Cajal, the physiological studies of DuBois-Reymond, Muller and von Helmholtz and the clinico-pathological studies of Broca. Although by now a mature and established discipline, Brain Research continues to grow and to expand our knowledge on how the brain works, is affected by disease and is modified by drugs and therapeutic interventions.

A large body of genetic, molecular, cellular, anatomical, neurophysiological, system, comparative, evolutionary, computational and behavioural evidence is being continuously collected, raising new hopes for treatment of disorders and diseases of the nervous system. This knowledge in turn has an increasingly large cultural and economic impact on our society.

After the 2007 meeting in Melbourne, the IBRO International Congress comes back to Europe, its birthplace. The next IBRO International Meeting will be held in Florence, Italy on July 14-19, 2011. Florence, heart of the Italian Renaissance, a former Italian capital city and an open air museum, is an ideal location for a meeting in the middle of the Mediterranean area.

The congress will be held at the Fortezza da Basso, a Medicean fortress built in the 16th century in the town center. People will enjoy the beautiful skyline outlined by the Domes of the many Florentine churches on the way to the congress center, strolling along the same streets that Michelangelo and Dante walked through in their time. The gardens and palaces, together with the Uffizi's paintings, will provide an ideal context for this meeting. For those who love Italian fashion and food, shops and restaurants in the town center will satisfy the most sophisticated taste. For those who will decide to spend their holidays in Italy, easy connections are available from Florence to any Italian region.

Therefore, on behalf of IBRO, of the Italian Society for Neuroscience and of the Organizing Committee, I am proud to invite you to participate to the International IBRO Meeting in Florence on July, 2011. We look forward to welcoming you.

Gaetano Chiara

President of the Congress