



**Eighth  
Cajal Winter  
Conference**

**Neural plasticity  
mechanisms in CNS  
diseases**

March 19-23, 2012  
Benasque, Huesca (Spain)

**Preliminary Programme  
and  
Call for Papers**

The Sociedad Española de NeuroCiencia (SENC) announces the celebration of the **Eighth Cajal Winter Conference**. The aim of this series of Conferences is to bring together specialists in a Neuroscience area to present their recent data and discuss with international leaders in the field on common interests in an open, informal atmosphere.

### **Preliminary Programme Overview**

#### **Monday March 19**

16:00-19:30 Registration  
19:30-20:30 Plenary lecture  
21:00 Dinner

#### **Tuesday March 20**

15:30 Oral communications  
17:00 Plenary lecture  
18:00 Coffee break  
18:30 Oral communications  
20:00 Poster session  
21:30 Dinner

#### **Wednesday March 21**

15:30 Oral communications  
17:00 Plenary lecture  
18:00 Coffee break  
18:30 Oral communications  
20:00 Poster session  
21:30 Dinner

#### **Thursday March 22**

15:30 Oral communications  
17:00 Round table  
18:00 Coffee break  
18:30 Oral communications  
20:00 Poster session  
21:30 Dinner

### **Plenary lectures:**

#### **Dr. Mark Hallett**

*Brain plasticity in movement disorders*

#### **Dr. Christian Luscher**

*Neurotransmitter receptors and brain plasticity*

#### **Dr. Roger Lemon**

*The corticospinal tract in health and disease*

### **Venue and accommodation**

Benasque is a nice mountain village near the highest peak in Pyrenees, Monte Aneto (3404 m) with the ski resort of Cerler at 6 km. The Benasque valley offers unique mountain landscapes and the opportunity of strolling and hiking along many trails. The Conference will take place in the **Centro de Ciencias de Benasque**, in the village center, very close to the hotels. Conference rooms are equipped with standard projection facilities. The main hotel will be Hotel Ciria (Ave. los Tilos s/n, phone +34 974 551612, fax +34 974 551080; [hotelciria@hotelciria.com](mailto:hotelciria@hotelciria.com)),

Bus transportation will be available from Barcelona (city center and airport) to Benasque on Monday 19 and from Benasque to Barcelona on Friday 23



Mont Aneto



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### **Registration**

Attendance is limited to 60 participants. Fees include the attendance to the Conference plus accommodation from Monday 19 (check-in) to Friday 23 (check-out), breakfasts, dinners and coffee breaks.

**Registrations can be made online through [www.cajalwinterconference.es](http://www.cajalwinterconference.es) from January 5 to February 28, 2012.**

Registration of participants will only be considered after bank transfer of the corresponding fees

The conference fee is **150 €**. To this amount, participants must add accommodation expenses, which include breakfasts and dinners -check-in March 19, check-out March 23-, as follows (for participants and accompanying persons):

**Double room, single occupancy: 418 €/person**

**Double room: 265 €/person**

**Triple room: 247 €/person**

Separate receipts can be made on request for the conference and accommodation expenses. *SENC will take care of accommodations only for participants during the conference days.* Registration for accompanying persons must be made directly with the hotel. Participants or accompanying persons who wish to stay in the same hotel before or after the Conference should contact Hotel Ciria directly at:

phone +34 974 551612, fax +34 974 55 10 80

e-mail: [hotelciria@hotelciria.com](mailto:hotelciria@hotelciria.com)

### **Presentations. Call for papers**

Authors willing to present their communications should submit an abstract (see example below) and indicate their preference for oral or poster presentation. Oral presentations will be selected on the basis of quality and originality. **Abstracts can be uploaded at the CWC website [www.cajalwinterconference.es](http://www.cajalwinterconference.es) from January 5 to February 15, 2012. Abstracts will be accepted only if registration fees of the presenting author have been received.** Authors will receive a confirmation via e-mail once registration has been completed.

Authors selected for oral presentations (30 min including discussion) must bring their PowerPoint presentations in portable USB devices. Poster presentations will be allocated to three different sessions (one per day) and will be on display for the entire day. Authors should be at their posters between 20:00 and 21:30 h on the corresponding day.

**Poster size must be 90 cm x 140 cm (portrait).**

### **Travel awards**

An important task of SENC is to help young scientists to attend Neuroscience meetings and present their communications. SENC offers travel awards to PhD students and recent postdocs (less than 3 yr after PhD dissertation) to partly cover travel and accommodation expenses. Fellowships of **200 €** will be awarded. Applicants should download the CV form from the CWC website and, once filled, upload it before February 15, 2012. Applicants are encouraged to present their communications in oral form.

### **Cancellation**

Cancellations made before February 28 will be fully refunded. Those after that date will be refunded by 80%.

### **Abstract form**

Type in title, followed by authors names and affiliations in regular type (underline presenting author), leave one line before text body. Do not indent. Include 1-2 refs. if necessary. No figures or tables are allowed. Word count for the text body should be 250 or less (including references, excluding title, authors' names and affiliations) Use Microsoft Word; Arial 12 pt

*Example:*

#### **Layer distribution of fast-spiking interneurons in prefrontal cortex**

J Smith, F Down, P Mira, Department of .....  
University of.... City, Country

GABAergic interneurons play a major role in the control of the activity of cortical microcircuits.....

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