



**3<sup>rd</sup> FALAN MEETING**  
**September 14-17<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**Venue: HANGAR CONVENÇÕES E FEIRAS DA AMAZÔNIA, Av. Dr. Freitas, s/n. Marco, Belém, Pará, Brazil.**

Dear Neuroscientists,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congress of the Federation of Latin-American and Caribbean Societies for Neuroscience (FALAN) to be held in *Belém do Pará* (Amazon-Brazil) from September 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The first Latin-American meeting held in Búzios-Brazil, in 2008 was the initial step towards the creation of FALAN. Once established, the first formal meeting of FALAN was held in Cancun-Mexico in 2012. The second one was held in Buenos Aires-Argentina, in 2016. Today we are delighted to inform you that the *Sociedade Brasileira de Neurociências e Comportamento* (Brazilian Society of Neurosciences and Behavior - SBNeC) together with FALAN will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> FALAN Congress in *Belém*, in the state of *Pará*, in the Amazon region.

Four national neuroscience meetings of our region will take place under the umbrella of FALAN's *Belém* meeting. They are the “*XLIII Reunião Anual of the Sociedade Brasileira de Neurociências e Comportamento*”, the “*XVI Reunión Anual de la Sociedad Chilena de Neurociencias*”, the “*Jornadas de la Sociedad de Neurociencias del Uruguay*” and the “*XXXIV Congreso Anual de la Sociedad Argentina de Investigación en Neurociencias*”. In addition, the *Colegio Colombiano de Neurociencias* will also take place in FALAN2020. The other FALAN societies are also supporting and promoting this Congress as one of the major activities of the year 2020. IBRO and the Latin-American Regional Committee (LARC) are expected to provide strong financial and logistic assistance to our conference.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> FALAN Congress project reflects the vigorous and fast-growing pace of neuroscience in the region and the institutional strengthening of FALAN. Given the scientific and institutional significance of the 3<sup>rd</sup> FALAN Congress we warmly invite you to join us in *Belém* in September 2020.

The aim of the Congress is to promote neuroscience in the region and at the same time to provide the Latin-American neuroscience community with an environment where the search and sharing of ideas and techniques will pave the way for more

interaction among the Latin-American neuroscientists. This meeting should serve as an important showcase to portrait the high-quality science in Latin-America and the Caribbean, as well as to provide a window to open new research opportunities to reach the neuroscience community across the world.

The meeting is being organized by FALAN together with the SBNeC and a scientific committee composed by representatives of most FALAN societies. This international committee is developing a high-quality program where all the important areas and relevant topics in neuroscience will feature. Plenary lectures and symposia on specific subjects will be organized. An important part of the meeting schedule and space will be devoted to poster presentations. Satellite activities, in particular courses directed to PhD students, will be encouraged and supported. We are committed to ensure the participation of scientists from all over Latin-America and the Caribbean, and expect, as is the tradition in our country, to reach a good balance in terms of gender and ethnic representation, always committed to the highest academic standard.

We look forward to seeing you in *Belém* from the September 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, to share and enjoy an excellent scientific and cultural program.

3<sup>rd</sup> FALAN Scientific Committee



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### **PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS:**

Who can submit a proposal? All regular members of a FALAN affiliated Society\* and Associated member\*\* are invited to submit a proposal to 3rd FALAN Meeting. To be a regular member of a FALAN affiliated society, please contact the society from your country:

#### **\* FALAN AFFILIATED SOCIETIES**

Sociedad Argentina de Investigación en Neurociencias (SAN)  
Sociedade Brasileira de Neurociências e Comportamento (SBNeC)  
Sociedad Chilena de Neurociencia (SCN)  
Sociedad de Neurociencias de Uruguay (SNU).  
Colegio Colombiano de Neurociencias (COLNE)  
Sociedad de Neurociencias de Cuba (SONECUB)  
Sociedad Mexicana de Ciencias Fisiológicas (SMCF) and Sociedad Mexicana de Neurociencias y Neurobiología (SMNN)

#### **\*\*FALAN ASSOCIATED MEMBERS**

Costa Rica: Centro de Investigación en Neurociencias  
Bolivia: Sociedad Boliviana de Neurociencias  
Peru: Sociedad para la Neurociencias del Perú (ANP)  
Spain: Sociedad Española de Neurociencias (SENC)  
Portugal: Sociedade Portuguesa de Neurociências (SPN)

## **Call for Special Lectures, Symposia and Special Events**

### **For Special Lectures and Symposia**

- The official language of the meeting is English. Each proposal should include: title; brief description; short CV (1-2 pages long. For symposia, add the CV of all speakers). All symposia must be presented by 3-4 speakers and ideally participants should be from diverse countries. For instance, 2-3 must be participants from Latin American/Caribbean (from different countries) and 1-2 from other countries. Symposium proposals containing only Latin American/Caribbean neuroscientists must include researchers from different

countries. Below are the suggested topics for Special Lecture and Symposium submissions:

### **Topics**

- #1: Techniques for the study of brain functions (e.g., Optogenetics, Chemogenetics, Brain image)
- #2: Artificial Intelligence
- #3: Neurodegenerative and neuropsychiatric-related disorders
- #4: Neurobiology of Emotions
- #5: Drug dependence
- #6: Neurobiology of pain
- #7: Memory and learning
- #8: Neuroethology
- #9: Synaptic physiology/cell and molecular biology of neuronal plasticity
- #10: Chronobiology and Sleep
- #11: Glial cells
- #12: Stem cells and organoids research
- #13: Neurogenesis, Neural development and Evolution of the nervous system
- #14: The brain connectome
- #15: Neuroinflammation

### **For Special Events (SE)**

- Each SE proposal should also include: title; brief description; short CV (1-2 pages). The suggested topics for SE submissions are below:

### **Topics**

- SE #1: Women in neuroscience
- SE #2: Animal research: best practices for communicating about animal research
- SE #3: Activity for Young investigator I (tips for writing a paper to be submitted to a good journal; Career development)
- SE #4: Activity for Young Investigator II (how to apply for financial support)
- SE #5: Neuroethics
- SE #6: Neurosciences for Education
- SE #7: IBRO Alumni.

### **DEADLINE**

Submissions are open from **May 30<sup>th</sup> to July 30<sup>th</sup> 2019.**

**For proposal submissions, access the following link:**

**<http://sbnec.org.br/falan/propostas/index.php>**