

## ICN 2024 Berlin, July 28 – August 2

We are excited to announce that organization of the 15<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Neuroethology (ICN 2024) has officially begun. The conference will start off on Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup> 2024 and will conclude on Friday evening, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024. The main conference venue will be the Henry Ford Bau, which belongs to the Freie Universität Berlin, one of the three major Universities in Berlin, which is also associated with the Medical Center Charité.

We invite all interested parties to submit proposals either for conference symposia and/or satellite meetings before April 1<sup>st</sup> (see below). The members of both the local organizing committee and the program committee are looking forward to seeing all of you at the ICN 2024, as well as in the numerous beer gardens, clubs, or museums of sunny Berlin in the summer 2024!

### **Organizing Committee:**

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### **Scientific Program Committee Chairs:**

Elke Buschbeck (University of Cincinnati)  
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## Call for Symposia for the ICN 2024 in Berlin

The Program Committee is now soliciting proposals for symposia for the 2024 ICN meeting in Berlin. Symposia will include 4 speakers and be two hours in length. This includes 5 minutes for introductory remarks, 20 minutes per talk and 5 minutes for questions following each talk. Please note that although symposium speakers need not be members of ISN, symposium organizers must be members. We anticipate having up to 12 symposia.

**Proposals are due 1 April 2023.** They will be reviewed by the Program Committee on the basis of the criteria listed below, with final decisions made by 30 June 2023.

## Proposal Criteria

The basic criteria for symposia include:

- The topic should be novel, timely, and interesting to a broad range of neuroethologists. Applications that incorporate innovative approaches and analyses for the study of the neural bases of behavior are encouraged.
- The topic and proposed speakers should not duplicate or substantially overlap symposia presented at the meeting in Lisbon (2022). The program committee will also give priority to those proposals that do not overlap with the 2023 Gordon Research Conference in Neuroethology.
- The proposed list of speakers should represent a good balance between established and new investigators, have an equitable representation with regard to gender and under-represented groups, and reflect the international diversity of ISN.

## Proposal Content

Please include the following information in your 1-page proposal:

1. Name and affiliation of symposium Chair.
2. The title and goal of the proposed symposium. Please specify the extent to which your symposium contributes an innovative and/or integrative view to neuroethological research.
3. The basic theme or area the symposium represents.
4. A list of the proposed speakers and a brief (1 sentence) statement of how their work fits into the topic of the symposium.
5. A short (2-3 sentences) statement of how the symposium meets the criteria listed above.
6. A statement as to which of the proposed speakers has agreed to participate.

Please be aware that the Program Committee may suggest revisions to ensure the kinds of diversity and non-duplication issues suggested above. Symposium chairs should not make commitments to speakers regarding financial support. Although we will work to raise funds for the conference, no promises can be made at this time.

## Special funding for Neuroethology research relating to anthropogenic impacts

Human-generated environmental alterations – including temperature flux, ocean acidification, chemical and photonic pollution, and others – affect neural function at the cell and circuit level. At ICN 2024, The Kavli Foundation is sponsoring a symposium focused on exploring neuronal mechanisms underlying response to anthropogenic environmental change. Participants interested in organizing a

symposium on this research topic are encouraged to mention this in their symposium application.

## Submission of Proposals

Please email your proposal by **1 April 2023** to both Program Committee Co-chairs **coen@biology.sdu.dk** and **elke.buschbeck@uc.edu**. Please submit the proposal as a pdf attachment.

## Call for Satellite Symposia for ICN 2024 in Berlin

As in previous years there will be opportunities for satellite symposia at the 2024 meeting in Berlin. Typically, these are either half-day symposia on opening day, or two-day symposia leading up to the main conference or directly following the meeting. Please contact the chair of the local organizing committee (Mathias F. Wernet, (mathias.wernet@fu-berlin.de) as soon as possible but no later than April 1 2023 if you are interested in organizing a Satellite Symposium.