

**SPOTLIGHT ON SPAIN!** *The 11th IBRO World Congress in 2023 will be hosted by the Spanish Neuroscience Society (SENC) in Granada, Spain*

IBRO and the Spanish Neuroscience Society (SENC, Sociedad Española de Neurociencia) are excited to announce that the **11<sup>th</sup> IBRO World Congress of Neuroscience** will be hosted by SENC at the Granada Exhibition and Conference Centre ([Palacio de Exposiciones y Congresos de Granada](#)).

Spain has a strong neuroscience tradition with the legacy of Santiago Ramón y Cajal, and is now home to many internationally acclaimed brain research institutions including the Cajal Institute in Madrid, the Institute of Neuroscience in Alicante, the Institute of Neuroscience of the University of Barcelona and the Achucarro Basque Center for Neuroscience, to name only a few. The Spanish Neuroscience Society (SENC) strengthens this extensive research network with its numerous activities and more than 1000 members. In 2018, the Global Innovation Index also listed Spain as the 28th most innovative country in the world, further emphasizing a strong national commitment to science and innovation.

Granada, the host city of 11<sup>th</sup> IBRO World Congress, is located in southern Spain's Andalusia region. The city has a population of 240,000 people, with over 65,000 students, lecturers, researchers and administrative staff at the historic University of Granada (founded in 1531). Granada is walk-friendly with active cultural activities during daily week and is less than one hour away from the mountains and the Mediterranean sea. It also boasts three UNESCO world heritage sites, including the famous Alhambra palace.

In anticipation of the 11<sup>th</sup> IBRO World Congress, many partners have already offered their generous support: The Spanish Government (Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities), the Mayor of Granada, the Provincial Council of Granada, the Rector of the University of Granada, the Granada Convention Bureau, the Chamber of Commerce of Granada and the Confederation of Granada Entrepreneurs. Eighteen Spanish scientific societies and institutes (see list below) have agreed to support and participate in the event.

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The financial support for the Young Investigator Training Program has already been secured and more than 100 countries are visa-exempt, when visiting Spain.

IBRO and SENC are so thankful for the preliminary support already secured. We can't wait to work together and welcome the global neuroscience community to Spain in 2023!

**The 18 participating Spanish scientific societies and research institutions:**

Spanish Neuroscience Society (SENC); Spanish Society of Physiological Sciences (SECF); Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), Instituto Cajal; Instituto de Neurociencias de Alicante; Instituto de Neurociencias (Universidad de Barcelona); Achucarro Basque Center for Neuroscience; Centro de Investigaciones Biomédicas; Centro de Investigaciones Biológicas; División de Neurociencias, Universidad Pablo de Olavide; Instituto de Investigación Biomédica de A Coruña y Centro de Estimulación Cerebral de Galicia; Instituto Neurociencias de Castilla y León; Center for Research in Molecular Medicine and Chronic Diseases; Instituto de Tecnologías Biomédicas; Centro de Biología Molecular Severo Ochoa; Centro de Investigación Médica Aplicada; Biomedical Research Center of "Andalucía"; Instituto de Neurociencias "Federico Olóriz" of Granada; Institute of Parasitology and Biomedicine López-Neyra of Granada.

**Additional Links:**

- Host Organization: <https://www.senc.es/>
- Host City: <http://en.granadatur.com/>
- Spain Tourism Organization: <https://www.spain.info/>
- Exhibition & Conference Center: <https://www.pcgr.org/>

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