

Dear members of the Spanish Society for Neuroscience,

On behalf of the Executive Board, we would like to send you our warmest greetings at this time of year and to thank you for your involvement, enthusiasm, and commitment to the SENC throughout 2025.

It has been a particularly exciting year for our community. The Las Palmas Congress brought together researchers at all career stages, consolidating itself as a forum of scientific excellence and academic exchange. We have increased both the number and the amount of fellowships and grants for early-career researchers, strengthening our support for emerging talent, and we have continued to promote training and outreach activities that bring Neuroscience closer to society. Thanks to your work and trust, the SENC continues to grow in quality, visibility, and international projection.

We would also like to highlight our firm commitment to gender equality. The new Executive Board, with a female majority, represents not only a historic change but also a clear statement of intent toward a more inclusive Neuroscience, in which all voices—regardless of career stage, gender, or field of work—have space and visibility.

This year was also marked by the launch of the *Manifesto for Brain Research*, which has received wide attention on social media, in the media, within institutions, and across civil society. Its success confirms the growing public role of Neuroscience and shows that our voice is heard when we advocate for rigorous and socially relevant research. Along the same lines, we have made efforts to promote responsible communication of scientific knowledge and advances to the public. Finally, we have established the “We Remember” section on our website, a space to say goodbye to those who have left us and to honor their valuable contributions to our Society.

But we do not stop here. The year 2026 is full of challenges and opportunities to continue moving forward together. The Cajal Conference in Cádiz in April, our active participation in FENS-2026 in Barcelona in July, and a firm commitment to strengthening the presence of the SENC in society and public administration will be central pillars of our strategy. We aim to consolidate ourselves as an influential voice in defense of research and of stable and sustainable funding, and we also wish to increase our membership by welcoming more young researchers, clinicians, and professionals active in Neuroscience.

Our goal is clear: to build a more open, dynamic, and diverse SENC, capable of inspiring vocations, strengthening collaborative networks, and enhancing the impact of Spanish Neuroscience both nationally and internationally.

We especially encourage early-career researchers to join us: this is your space. We want to listen to you, support you, and offer you real tools to grow, connect, and lead. The SENC needs you to imagine and build the future.

Thank you for making this Society a collective project in which science, cooperation, and enthusiasm go hand in hand.

We wish you a joyful and restful holiday season, and a 2026 full of good ideas, new opportunities, and great discoveries.

**With warm regards,
The Executive Board of the SENC**

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