PRESS RELEASE

IMBB-FORTH’s Collaborating Researcher Domna Karagogeos has been approved by the Governing Council of the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS) as the Chair of the Committee for Higher Education and Training (CHET) starting July 2018.

FENS is the main organization for neuroscience in Europe. FENS currently represents 43 European national and single discipline neuroscience societies with close to 23,000 member scientists from 33 European countries.

FENS promotes neuroscience research to policy-makers, funding bodies and the general public, both regionally and internationally. Hence, FENS promotes excellence in neuroscience research and facilitates the exchange and networking between neuroscientists within the European Research Area and beyond.

The CHET Committee is a standing committee of FENS, responsible for the organization of the educational and training activities of FENS. Among its main activities, CHET coordinates a large network of neuroscience graduate schools in Europe (NENS), organizes the CAJAL advanced training courses and the Winter and Summer Schools and workshops (in collaboration with many foundations and organizations), supports national training activities and it facilitates exchanges and interactions with neuroscience societies globally. FENS and SFN (the American Society for Neuroscience) are collaborating over the next three years to provide an increased level of scientific training to neuroscientists based in Europe and North America.

Domna Karagogeos is a Professor of Molecular Biology-Developmental Neurobiology in the University of Crete Medical School and Collaborating Researcher at IMBB-FORTH since 1990. She is head of the Basic Neuroscience group in the Medical School and IMBB. Her group has contributed to the understanding of the cellular and molecular mechanisms of axon guidance and neuronal migration. More recently her research has focused on the understanding of myelination and the molecular architecture of myelinated fibers. Her research has been funded by the EU, the National Society of Multiple Sclerosis (USA), the MS Society of the UK and France (ARSEP), the European Leukodystrophy Association (ELA) as well as National funding bodies such as the recent ARISTEIA grant. She has been active in the organization of graduate studies in Crete, has served as director of the Neuroscience program, chair of the Basic Science Department in the Medical School (2011-13), secretary and president of the Hellenic Neuroscience Society (2008-11) and has been elected
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