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### IMBB Researcher Vassiliki Nikolettou became a member of the FENS-KAVLI network for excellence scholars



IMBB researcher Vassiliki Nikolettou was selected as one of the 15 new members to join the FENS-KAVLI Network of Excellence. THE FENS-KAVLI NETWORK OF EXCELLENCE is a prestigious network of outstanding young European neuroscientists that represent the most talented scholars among their peer group. It is supported by the Kavli Foundation and the Federation for European Neuroscience Societies (FENS) and has a vision to shape the future of Neuroscience in Europe and beyond by putting young researchers in the driver's seat. This is achieved through providing opportunities for young scientists, influencing science policy, and facilitating the exchange between

science and society. Since its establishment the Network has initiated a number of activities including: 1) Publication of a series of opinion articles in the European Journal of Neuroscience (EJN) regarding the major obstacles and key determinants of a successful career in Neuroscience. 2) Organization of several events in FENS Forum meetings, including the inauguration of two types of awards recognizing mentorship and scientific excellence, outreach activities such as pub talks and socials, women-in-neuroscience lectures etc. 3) Meetings with high-level science policy figures such as Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation to discuss difficulties and opportunities for young scientists.

For more information, please visit the FENS-Kavli Network of Excellence site:

<http://fenskavlinetwork.org/announcing-the-selection-of-the-2018-fens-kavli-scholars/>

Dr. Nikolettou is a recipient of the ERC starting grant and work in her lab focuses on understanding how autophagic degradation contributes to synaptic function and plasticity.

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