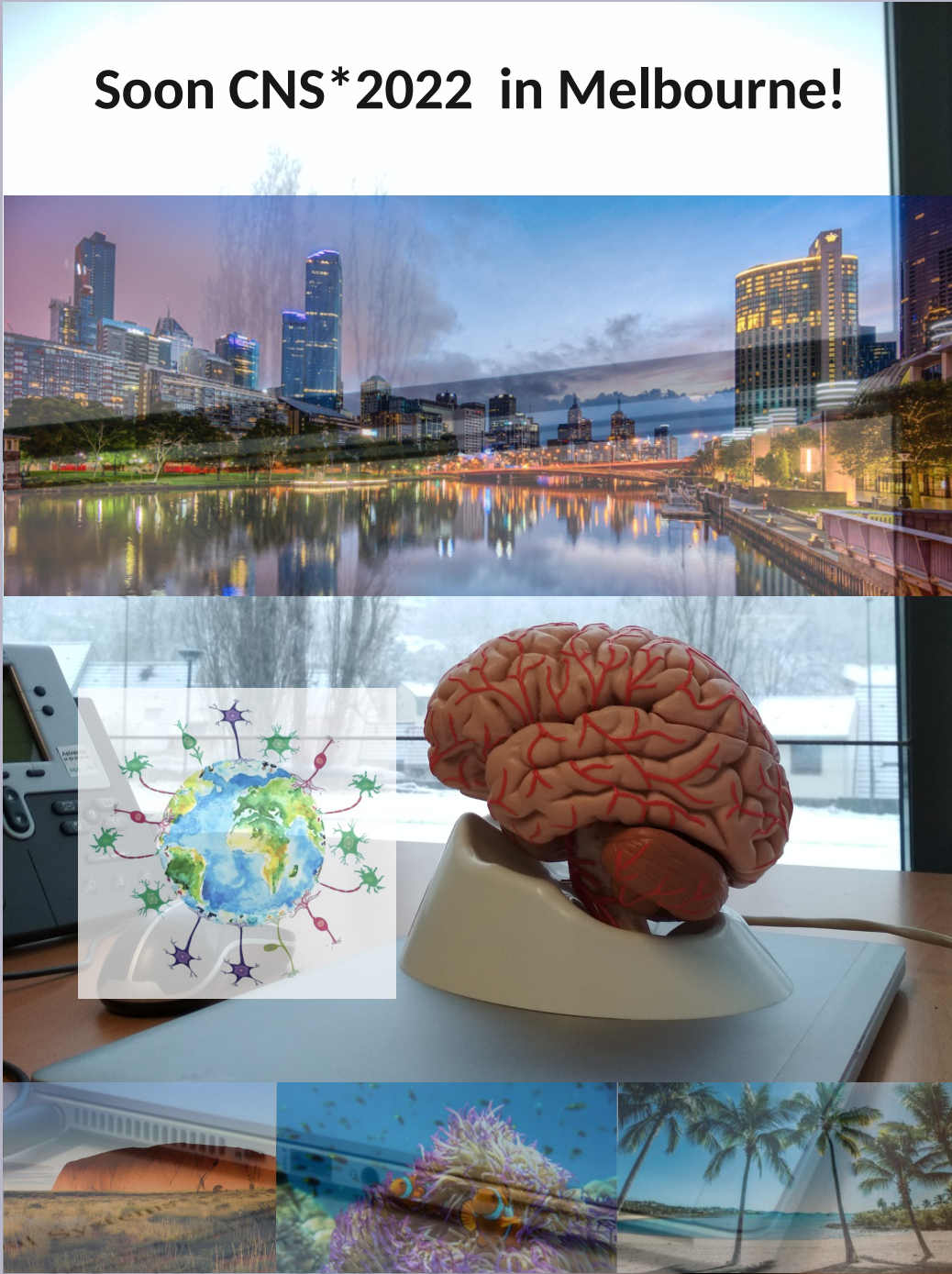




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New Year, New OCNS Directors

The current board of directors consists of around 20 elected and ex officio members. According to the Bylaws, elections are held to replace three or four outgoing directors each year. This year, we welcome five new directors.

And, of course, Thomas Nowotny has taken over as Vice President from January 1st this year.



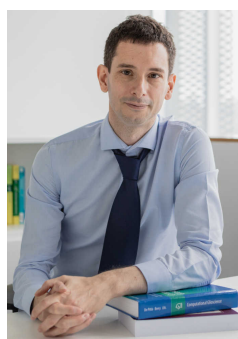
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Launching a OCNS SIG (Special Interest Group) for students and postdocs in computational neuroscience: Building Communities

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The OCNS is launching a new Special Group of Interest (SIG).

This group is launched with support from the current and assistant Training and Education Directors (Fleur Zeldenrust and Malin Sandström). Our hope is to eventually transition the SIG into being led by students - one PhD representative, one postdoc representative, and two alternates.

The goal of the group is to help computational neuroscience students connect to their peers, to network, to get experience in scientific presentation, discussion and event organization, and to get insight into career possibilities.

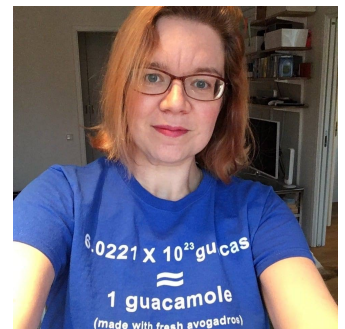
Are you a student, active in or interested in computational neuroscience? Would you like to be part of the SIG? Please take our survey to let us know what group activities you would be interested in:

<https://forms.gle/y94h9dstqGH45U7d9>

You can subscribe at the neurostars forum: <https://neurostars.org/g/OCNSStudentSig>

Please forward to anyone you think might be interested!

Fleur and Malin



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Retired persons should apply for or remain in their pre-retirement category.

Announcements from the Software Working Group (WG)

Shailesh Appukutan, student member, Centre National de La Recherche Scientifique, Gif-Sur-Yvette, France; OCNS Website/Infrastructure Manager



Since its inception at the end of CNS*2020, the Software Special Interest Group (SIG) has continued to grow steadily. With ~20 active members, many of who are involved in the development of software commonly used in computational neuroscience, the group is now shared between the INCF and OCNS as the *Software Working Group (WG)*.

It is now conducting a survey to gauge the usage of different software tools in neuroscience.

Link to survey:

<https://forms.gle/fBPnrauYFwr3uR4X8>

The survey is anonymous and the results would be made available to the community to help better organise tutorials/workshops.

For more info about the Software WG and its activities, please visit:

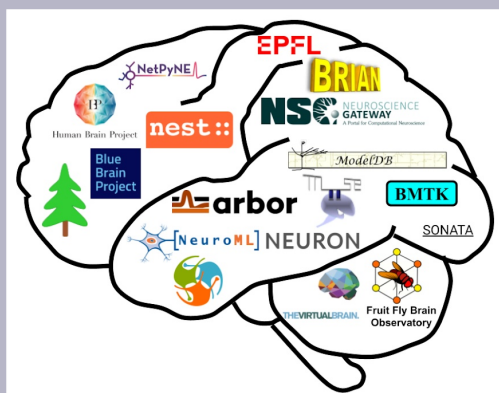
<https://ocns.github.io/SoftwareWG/>

To subscribe to the Software WG mailing list, please visit:

<https://lists.incf.org/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/incf-ocns-software-wg>

All announcements related to events and other discussions are sent to the list.

Ankur Sinha and Shailesh Appukuttan, on behalf of the INCF/OCNS Software working group.



General Announcements

- **Shaping the debate on the future of (computational) neuroscience**

by Renaud B. Jolivet and Malin Sandström

Since 2021, the Organization for Computational Neurosciences has been in touch with the Kavli Foundation with the goal of joining the Stakeholders Collective of the International Brain Initiative (IBI; <https://www.internationalbraininitiative.org>). IBI is coordinated by the Kavli Foundation.

In November 2021, Directors Malin Sandström and Renaud Jolivet had the opportunity to attend for the first time on behalf of OCNS the yearly Coordinating Body Meeting of IBI. The meeting – organized over two days – provided a review of the progress of the Initiative in 2021. Talks covered several timely topics such as: advice for political engagement and neuroscience advocacy, a global perspective on the situation of early- and mid-career neuroscientists with a special focus on the detrimental effects of the pandemic on their careers, the role of industry in neuroscience research, and a panel discussion on international data governance and neurorights.

In the coming years, OCNS will keep participating as much as possible in IBI, in order to shape the debate on the future of (computational) neuroscience.

- **CNS*2022 in Melbourne: July 16-20, 2022**

We are back to onsite meetings. Below, some information for travellers to Melbourne.

Information about current COVID settings in Melbourne :

Health is primarily the responsibility of the individual state governments in Australia, so the most important information is on the Victorian State Government's Department of Health website:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covidsafe-settings>

When someone tests positive on a rapid antigen test, they must isolate for seven days (<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/how-we-live>). People are encouraged to wear masks, but there are only a limited number of settings where people are required to wear face masks, such as on public transport and in health settings, such as hospitals and aged care facilities.

The Federal Government controls immigration and the details about the vaccination requirements for entry are here:

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19>

This information will be updated on the CNS*2022 website. Please check before you travel, as it could change over time.



On behalf of the OCNS, the Newsletter contributors wish you much success with your research and training, and we look forward to seeing you online or in Melbourne in July at CNS*2022 !