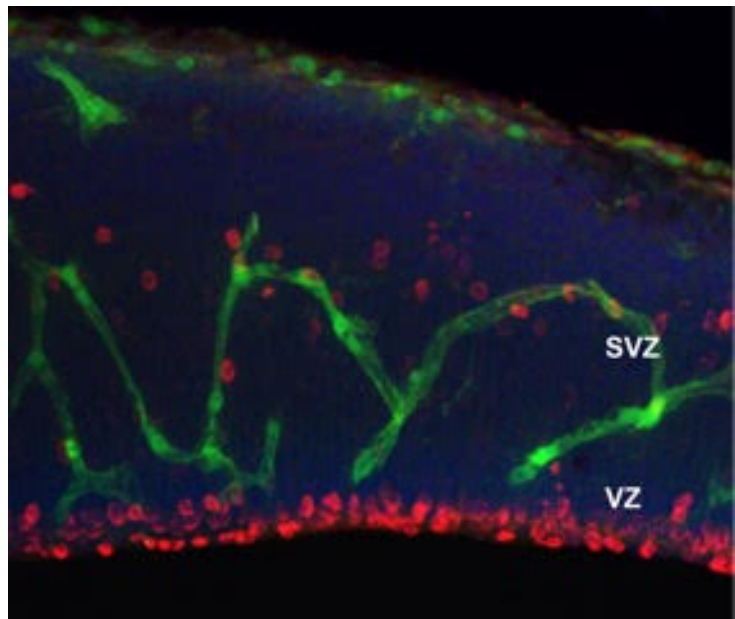


Cortex Evolution and Development **The Brain Conferences**

September 24-27, 2017
Moltkes Palæ - Copenhagen, Denmark

The cerebral cortex is perhaps the crowning achievement of evolution. The cerebral cortex provides the biological substrate for human cognitive capacity and is, arguably, the region of the brain that distinguishes us from other species. Considering that the massive expansion of cortical surface observed in primates originates during development, understanding the cellular and molecular mechanisms regulating



cell number and diversity, migration and circuit assembly is critical to shed light into this process.

In this Brain Conference, world experts will describe how advances in developmental neurobiology, stem cell biology and genetics are offering new insights into the mechanisms controlling the development of the cerebral cortex across vertebrates, as well as the evolutionary mechanisms culminating in the human cortex.

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Speakers

Evan Eichler	University of Washington School of Medicine, , USA
Dean Falk	Florida State University, USA
Fernando García-Moreno	Achucarro Basque Center for Neuroscience, Spain
Suzana Herculano-Houzel	Vanderbilt University, USA
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Roberto Lent	Institute of Biomedical Sciences, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
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Paul Manger	University of the Witwatersrand, New Zealand
Troy Margrie	University College London, United Kingdom
Zoltán Molnár	University of Oxford, United Kingdom
Svante Pääbo	Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Germany
Alessandra Pierani	Institut Jaques Monod, France
Luis Puelles	University of Murcia, Spain
Nenad Sestan	Yale School of Medicine, USA
Linda Richards	Queensland Brain Institute, Australia
Pasko Rakic	Yale Schoool of Medicine, USA
Pierre Vanderhaeghen	Institut de Recherche Interdisciplinaire en Biologie Humaine et Moléculaire, Belgium
Kun Zhang	University of California, San Diego, USA

► Registration for the conference

Early registration deadline: **20 June 2017** (midnight, Brussels time)

Regular registration deadline: **20 July 2017** (midnight, Brussels time)

Late registration deadline*: **20 August 2017** (midnight, Brussels time)

* Submitted applications during Late Registration timeframe will not be considered for a stipend.

By submitting an abstract:

- your application (if submitted under early or regular registration deadline) will be considered for a FENS, IBRO-PERC and The Brain Prize stipend (if "Yes" was selected in the "Stipend requested" field);
- you might be asked to present your abstract in the form of a short talk;
- you agree to present a poster during the conference;
- you are prioritized during the selection process.

Registration fee includes:

- registration, programme book with abstracts and meeting costs;

REGISTRATION CATEGORIES			
Early registration	April 20, 2017 - June 20, 2017	FENS members	595 €
		FENS non-members	650 €
Regular registration	June 21, 2017 - July 20, 2017	FENS members & non-members	695 €
Late registration *	July 21, 2017 - August 20, 2017	FENS members & non-members	695 €
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- all lunches, coffee breaks and drinks during the meeting;
- walking guided city tour;
- conference Gala Dinner (27 September 2017).

► Speakers and poster presenters - practical information

Speakers:

Speakers (invited lecture and presenters of short talks) are kindly requested to bring their own laptop. Alternatively, bring your presentation on a memory stick and inform the technical staff *before the start of the session*. There will be no short talks other than those listed on the final programme.

Poster presenters:

All accepted participants who submitted an abstract are invited to have a poster presentation during the conference. The dimensions of the poster boards are of **1 meter wide and 2 meters high (portrait format)**.

The **schedule of the poster presentations** will be available two weeks before the conference.

► IBRO-PERC, The Brain Prize and FENS stipend awardees

The names of the stipend awardees will be listed on the Brain Conference page by 10 August at the latest.

► Cancellation Policy

Should you need to cancel your participation, please contact the conference coordinator (brain@fens.org) immediately. If notice of cancellation is received more than **two weeks** before the conference, the paid registration fee will be refunded except EUR 100 cancellation fee. No refund is possible if notice of cancellation is received less than two weeks before the conference.

► Venues

Conference meeting takes place in the stunning location of [Moltkes Palæ](#) (Copenhagen, Denmark). Moltkes Palace is located in the heart of old Copenhagen within walking distance from Amalienborg Palace, Kongens Have, Kongens Nytorv and Nyhavn. Distance to Copenhagen Airport at Kastrup is 9.7 km and just 2.2 km to Copenhagen City Hall, Central Station and Tivoli Gardens.

[Moltkes Palæ](#)

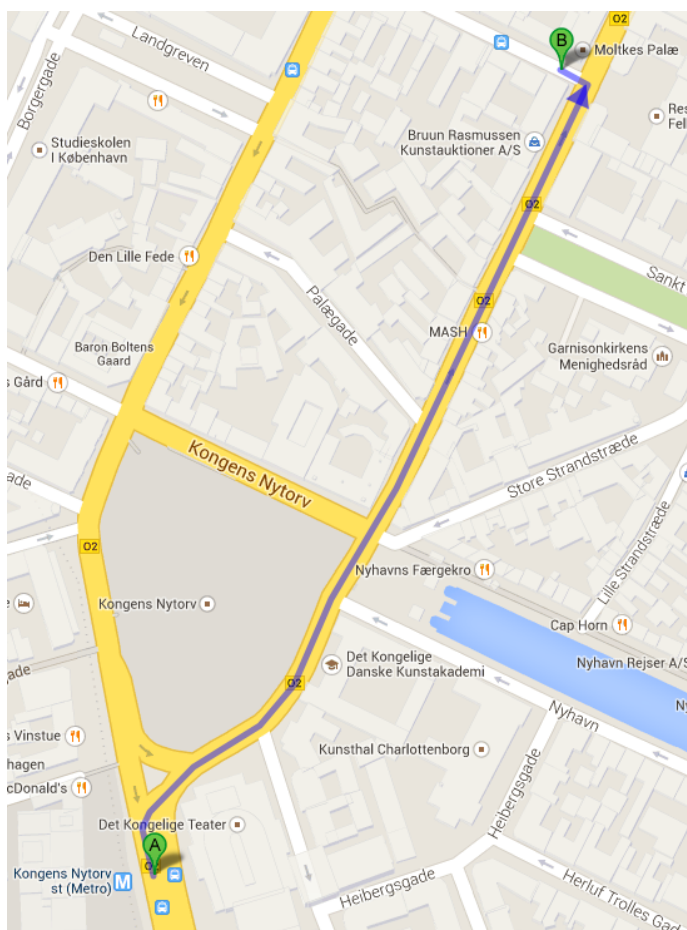
Dronningens Tværgade 2
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<http://www.moltkes.com/>

► How to reach Moltkes Palæ from the Copenhagen central airport (CPH Kastrup)?

The best way to reach the conference location from the **Copenhagen airport** is to take the metro (metro line **M2**) from the airport to the **Kongens Nytorv metro station** (15 minutes trip with the metro).

Moltkes Palæ is located just a few minutes' walk from Kongens Nytorv metro station.





Walking directions to Dronningens Tværgade 2, 1302 København K, Denmark



Kongens Nytorv st (Metro)
Denmark

1. Head north on Kongens Nytorv/O2 toward Holmens Kanal
Continue to follow O2



500 m



2. Turn left onto Dronningens Tværgade

17 m



Dronningens Tværgade 2
1302 København K, Denmark

At the airport, the metro station is located at the end of Terminal 3 and is covered by the roof of the terminal. The Metro operates at 4-6 minutes' intervals during the day and evening hours and at 15-20 minutes' intervals during the night.

Tickets for the metro are available at the Metro station and at the DSB ticket sales counter in Terminal 3. Please note that the ticket machines do not accept notes, only coins and cards such as the Dankort, VISA, etc. The price of one **3-zone single ticket** is almost 5 EUR (36 DKK).

When buying the metro ticket, please select "Zone 3".

For purchasing online a ticket, please check <http://www.rejseplanen.dk/>

► Accommodation

Please note that the accommodation is not included in the conference registration fee.

As accommodation options for the accepted participants (not mandatory), **preferential rates (available until 1 September at the latest)** were arranged by the organisers at [Wake up Borgergade hotel](#).

Accepted participants will be provided with the link from where they could book their type of accommodation and proceed with the related payment accordingly.

Accommodation/night at Wake Up Borgergade*:

- Standard room, single use: 890 DKK
- Standard room, double use: 990 DKK

** free Wifi, breakfast included*

► Meals during the conference

The conference registration fee covers *all lunches, the coffee breaks and the Gala Dinner*, which will take place on 27 September.

For keeping the group cohesion, FENS and The Brain Prize provisionally booked a dinner on 25 September/Monday at [Madklubben Bistro-de-Luxe](#), which is situated in the close vicinity of the conference location (190 m, walking distance).

As this dinner is optional and **not** included in the conference registration fee, participants can book the dinner when proceeding with the payment of the conference registration fee.

Proposed dinner on Monday, 25 September: Madklubben Bistro-de-Luxe

The associated menu and the price per person will be available closer to the meeting dates.

Copenhagen is full of good restaurants at different price levels. Some restaurants in the close vicinity of the conference venues include:

- Mash Steak House (270 m) : <http://www.mashsteak.dk>
- Kjobenhavn (87 m): <http://www.kjobenhavn.dk>
- Den Lille Fede (300 m): <http://www.denlillefede.com/>
- Cap Horn (450 m): <http://www.caphorn.dk/>
- Restaurant Hereford Steak (230 m): <http://www.herefordsteak.dk/>

► Worthwhile attractions and things to do during your stay in Copenhagen

- The National Gallery of Denmark: www.smk.dk
- Amalienborg Palace: <http://dkks.dk/amalienborg-palace/>
- National Aquarium Denmark, Den Blå Planet: www.denblaaplanet.dk
- Christiania: <http://www.visitcopenhagen.com/copenhagen/culture/alternative-christiania>
- Rosenborg Palace: <http://www.kongernessamling.dk/en/amalienborg/>
- NY Carlsberg Glyptotek: <http://www.glyptoteket.com/>
- For the Jazz passionists: <http://www.jazzhusmontmartre.dk/>

For more information (restaurants, shops, museums, squares, churches and much more), please visit the **three guides to Copenhagen** mentioned below:

- Visit Copenhagen: <http://www.visitcopenhagen.com>
- Arrival Guides: <http://www.arrivalguides.com/en/Travelguides/Europe/Denmark/Copenhagen>
- 'alt om København': <http://www.aok.dk/english>

► Various

Currency: Danish Krone (DKK) 1 EUR = 7.46 DKK; 1 USD = 5.43 DKK

Currency rate converter website: <http://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/>

The international dialing code to Denmark is **45**.