

Covid-19

The global covid-19 crisis has severely impacted all our lives. Many currently have more existential worries than scientific publishing, and our thoughts are with everybody who has suffered losses, took ill, or has been affected in any other personal way. The effects of the pandemic have only begun to materialize and like everybody else we hope that a strong, solidly united mankind will be able to cope with these. As a result, there are inevitably some consequences for *JNeurochem*. Some researchers and reviewers are fully consumed with keeping their labs running or caring for experimental facilities at least at a minimum level, whereas others are locked down and might find time to catch up on writing or reviewing tasks. We have full understanding for either situation, and have therefore communicated to authors that we will extend submission deadlines where needed. Likewise, we try to be as accommodating as possible as concerns experimental requirements, while keeping quality and reproducibility standards high.

Editorial Board Changes

Sadly, Barbara Schweitzer will leave the Editorial Office after 4 years of fantastic work to take a position at the largest German funding agency. Although we shall have an interim replacement covering for her, she will be seriously missed.

Special Issues

The latest Special Issue on **Proteomics** solicited by our former Deputy-Chief-Editor Mark Cookson was published in November 2019.



The following Special Issues are in progress:

- 1) **Presynaptic Dysfunction and Disease**, solicited by Mike Cousin, Sarah Gordon & Karen Smillie
- 2) **Neuro-Immunometabolism**, solicited by Tammy Kielian
- 4) **Biological Rhythms of the Brain**, solicited by Jörg Stehle
- 5) **Brain Energy Metabolism**, solicited by Mary McKenna
- 6) **Neurochemistry of Reward**, solicited by Andrew Lawrence

We gladly welcome your suggestions for topics for Review articles or Special Issues. If you would like to suggest any topics, please contact the Editorial Office or the Reviews editor directly (mprado@robarts.ca).

ISN-JNC Flagship School

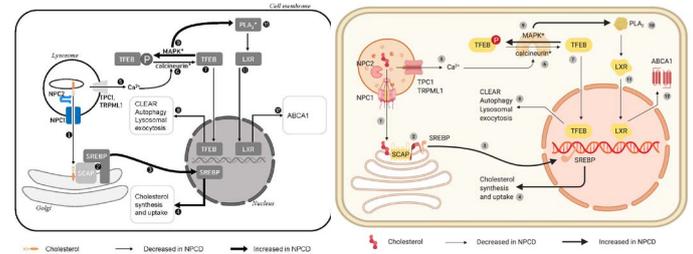
The ISN-JNC Flagship School originally scheduled for 14-20th September 2020 had to be postponed due to covid-19 to 1-6th November, 2021 in the same location in Alpbach, Austria. This shall give sufficient time until all participants' countries will have re-opened their borders for travel. The topic of the school will be: "*Neurodegenerative disease: From molecular mechanisms to treatment strategies*", organized by Christian Haass from the LMU Munich, and Jörg B. Schulz. The 40 international PhD students and young post-docs who successfully applied for the 2020 School will simply keep their slots for the new date.

More information: www.neurochemistry.org/isn-jnc-flagship-schools/

Graphics re-drawing service

Since September 2019, our graphics designer Marco Bazelmans has re-designed a number of Review figures in the illustration software BioRender (<https://biorender.org>) to adjust it to the *JNeurochem* yellow-orange-red color scheme. The service is free of charge to the authors and generally received very positive feedback with to date only two exceptions where authors preferred to keep their original figures as they had spent much time and effort creating them, and because authors did not find the colors appealing, respectively. Nevertheless, the vast majority of authors expressed enthusiasm and appreciation for this support, and the collaboration with the graphics designer to implement edits worked very smoothly. Thus we plan on keeping this incentive for authors to write Review articles for the Journal, and promoting a JNC-ISN branding for (Reviews article) figures.

An example is shown for the before-after graphic:



Social Media

We are continuing our efforts to foster social media representation of the Journal e.g. by tweeting about every published article along with suitable hashtags and author handles (if approved by authors), general information about publishing and JNC categories, ISN content etc. However this has been impaired to a basic performance level by our social media expert Monica Gonzalez-Marquez' extended sick leave. We therefore hope for also our editors' community support in promoting articles or *JNeurochem*-related materials on their own Twitter accounts if available, or by re-tweeting interesting content.

Keep also in mind Wiley's Neuroscience account on *Facebook* and Twitter @wileyneurosci for topics with broader neuroscientific interest.

Both the Android and Apple upgrades of the *JNeurochem* app are now live: [Android](#) and [Apple](#)

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FENS Meeting

Wiley will represent *JNeurochem* at the *FENS 2020 Forum* that will take place as a virtual meeting on 11-15 July 2020.

ISN member benefits

ISN members receive a significantly **reduced fee for Open Access publication** (\$1,000). See: [http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/\(ISSN\)1471-4159/homepage/FundedAccess.html](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1471-4159/homepage/FundedAccess.html)

Our editors are entitled to free ISN membership. See: www.neurochemistry.org/isn-membership/

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