



**IBRO/IBSP-UNESCO Global Engagement & Outreach Event  
in support of basic research in the brain sciences**

**Sunday, 22 September 2019  
12:40-14:50  
EXCO, Room 321**

The International Brain Research Organization (IBRO) and the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP) at UNESCO are pleased to hold this global engagement and outreach event to encourage discussions about the urgent and continuing importance of supporting research in the basic sciences, with a special focus on current coordination, engagement and outreach efforts in the brain sciences. Featured speakers come from the policymaking and scientific communities who are directly involved in addressing awareness and funding challenges, as well as creating opportunities that aim to better coordinate diverse stakeholder groups and resources towards more effective, equitable and sustainable research expectations and outcomes.

**12:40-12:45: Welcoming remarks**

Pierre Magistretti, IBRO President

**12:45-12:55: Introduction to the UNESCO International Basic Sciences Programme**

Ahmed Fahmi

Programme Specialist, IBSP-UNESCO

**12:55-13:15: Reaching up and out: Developing brain research in Mongolia**

Battuvshin Lkhagvasuren

Head, Department of Science and Technology, Mongolian National University of Medical Sciences & President, Mongolian Neuroscience Society

**13:15-13:35: Challenges of doing neuroscience in Latin America**

Cecilia Bouzat

Deputy Director, Institute of Biochemical Research of White Bay (INIBIBB)

L'Oréal-UNESCO Award for Women in Science (2014)

IBRO Latin American Regional Committee (LARC) Chair

**13:35-13:55: Interfacing with policymakers and organizations for brain wellness in Africa**

Amadi Ihunwo

Secretary General/CEO, Society of Neuroscientists of Africa (SONA)

Head of the Morphological Anatomy Division, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

**13:55-13:15: European Brain Council: Regional Engagement and Outreach**

Frederic Destrebecq

Executive Director, European Brain Council

**13:15-14:30: International Brain Initiative: An innovative framework for coordinated global brain research efforts**

Yves De Koninck

Strategy Committee Member, International Brain Initiative

Professor of Psychiatry and Neuroscience, Université Laval, Canada

**14:30-14:45: Australian Brain Alliance parliamentary engagement and public outreach**

Linda Richards

Strategy Committee Member, International Brain Initiative

Professor of Neuroscience & Deputy Director (Research), Queensland Brain Institute, Australia

**14:45-15:00: Concluding remarks**

Pierre Magistretti, IBRO President