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

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