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Welcome to our April edition of *What's on ISN*!

In this issue, we remind you of the range of ISN grants available and their upcoming deadlines, and highlight the ASN 2026 Conference as an important moment for our regional community. We also invite you to save the date for our own Neurochemistry 2027, alongside a selection of ISN-supported events taking place in the months ahead.

From the Journal of Neurochemistry, we share an update on the extended deadline for an upcoming Special Issue, offering additional time to contribute to this collection.

And while we look at what's happening now, we're also preparing for an exciting month ahead, with several new developments, new looks, and opportunities on the horizon.

Here's what's new this April at ISN and JNC:





Mark your calendars for **24-27 August 2027** as ISN brings its global community together in Kyoto, Japan for the next Neurochemistry conference. Planning is already underway, with symposia applications opening soon and more details to follow in the coming months.



As we reach the midpoint between application cycles, this is a good moment to revisit the four ISN grant schemes. Restructured last year to be clearer and more accessible, the programme has already seen strong interest and increased applications. If you're considering applying, now is the time to start planning ahead of the **31 October deadline.**

- **Career Support Grants**
  Up to USD 10,000 to support researchers at key career stages, including establishing independence, returning home to a low- or middle-income country, or re-entering research after a career break.
- **Laboratory Exchange Grant**
  Up to USD 5,000 for Students and Postdocs to visit a laboratory abroad, develop new skills, and build international collaborations.
- **Conference Support Grant**
  Up to USD 25,000 to organise international small conferences, with a strong focus on supporting early-career researchers.
- **Schools Support Grant**
  Up to USD 35,000 to deliver international neurochemistry schools, promoting training, collaboration, and capacity building worldwide.

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ISN-SUPPORTED EVENTS

ISN continues to support neurochemistry worldwide through conferences and schools that bring researchers together across disciplines, regions, and career stages. From training opportunities to international conferences, these initiatives reflect our ongoing commitment to scientific exchange, collaboration, and community building.

Earlier this month, ISN supported the **6th ISN-Tunisian Neuroscience School in Tunisia (5-11 April 2026)**, focused on Neurochemical Aspects of Neurotrauma and Neurodegenerative Diseases. Through lectures, workshops, and scientific discussion, the school provided an enriching environment for

learning, collaboration, and career development.

Looking ahead, ISN is supporting the **1st International Neurogenesis and Repair Conference 2026 in Toronto, Canada (13-16 July)**, which will bring together leading scientists and emerging researchers to explore neural development, repair, and neuroregeneration.

In October 2026, ISN will also support the **EMBO Workshop "Organelle dynamics in health and disease: bridging molecules to organisms" in Edinburgh, United Kingdom (12-14 October)**, a meeting that will connect fundamental cell biology with disease mechanisms and therapeutic perspectives.

Later that month, ISN will sponsor the **ISN Advanced School 2026 in Faro, Portugal (25-31 October)**, focused on Stress, Proteostasis, and RNA Dynamics: Neurochemical Mechanisms in Brain Function and Disease, offering young researchers an intensive week of scientific training, practical learning, and professional development.



The ASN 2026 Conference is currently underway in St. Charles, Missouri (18–22 April), bringing together the neuroscience community for a week of science, discussion, and connection. If you're attending, did you join the networking event exploring different career paths in neuroscience? The session featured a range of perspectives, including insights from JNC Co-Editor-in-Chief Sandra Hewett. And while you're there, keep an eye out for familiar faces - our President, Secretary, and Treasurer, are also part of this year's conference.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Have a position to share?

We're happy to help! ISN members are welcome to send us a brief description and link to any open positions they'd like to promote. Whether you're recruiting or seeking your next career step, we're here to support the community in making meaningful connections.

To have a position featured, please contact **Daniel Gospodinov** at **dgospodinov@kenes.com**.



Call for Papers: Neurochemistry of the Chromaffin Cell

New Submission deadline: 1 May 2026

The Journal of Neurochemistry invites submissions for a Special Issue focused on the adrenal chromaffin cell and the synaptic, cellular, and molecular mechanisms that regulate its secretory function. This issue will explore membrane trafficking, exo- and endocytosis, calcium signaling, lipid dynamics, metabolism, neurotransmission, and stimulus–secretion coupling, as well as insights from related systems such as neurons and pancreatic beta cells. By bringing together diverse model systems and perspectives, this collection aims to deepen our understanding of the fundamental neurochemical processes that underpin autonomic physiology. Guest Editors: Prof. Arun Anantharam, Prof. Michael Cousin, and Prof. Rajesh Ramachandran.

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Call for Papers: Neurochemistry of Autonomic Regulation

Submission deadline: 30 April 2026

We also invite contributions to a Special Issue dedicated to the neurochemistry of autonomic regulation. With modern genetic, molecular, and high-throughput approaches reshaping the field, this issue will highlight advances in autonomic circuit organization, neuro-glial interactions, synaptic plasticity, afferent–efferent integration, and disease-related remodeling across the lifespan. Topics span autonomic profiling, circuit connectivity, disease impact, and emerging therapeutic strategies targeting autonomic dysfunction in metabolic, cardiovascular, and stress-related disorders. This collection aims to capture the evolving complexity of ANS regulation in health and disease. Guest Editors: Prof. Andrei V. Derbenev and Prof. James H. Peters.

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