

**ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΕΤΑΙΡΕΙΑ ΝΕΥΡΟΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΩΝ  
HELLENIC SOCIETY FOR NEUROSCIENCE**

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**A. Public awareness activities of the Hellenic Society for Neuroscience in 2005**

**A.1. November 26, 2005**

"Art as perceived by the Brain": One-day meeting, which took place at the Art labs of the Municipality of Ag. Paraskevi, Athens. It included panel presentations and discussion with the public. The purpose of this activity was to trigger communication between artists and neuroscientists. There were presentations of special topics on the perception of vision by the Brain by neuroscientists of various fields ("colour perception", "colour and psychology", "integration of optical stimuli in the CNS", etc), in parallel with relevant presentations of Art students ("guessing the colours", "art perception as an excuse", "inner navigation" etc). At the end of the session Professor A. Dinopoulos gave a talk: "Art and Brain", which was based on the book of S Zeki "Inner vision".

This activity was organized by Assoc. Professor Maria Albani and painter Dimitri Manini.

**B. Public awareness activities of the Hellenic Society for Neuroscience in 2006**

**B.1. March 13, 2006**

Visit of high school students (age 13-15 years old) in the Medical School of the University of Patras on February 2nd, 10.00-13.00. Presentation on "The structure and function of the brain". Short itinerary in the laboratory of Physiology, to observe the experimental stuff and methodologies employed in brain research. (Costas Papatheodoropoulos)

**B.2. March 9, 2006**

"Nature versus Nurture" This activity took place at the Eugenides Foundation, Athens, as part of the "Scientific Café" event. It included panel presentations and discussion with the general public (over 200 people attended).

**B.3. March 13, 2006**

"Brain and Addiction; Consequences of the use of legal and illegal substances"

This activity took place in the city of Rethymnon (Krete) and was coorganized with the "Center for the prevention of the use of narcotics" and the "Organization against the use of narcotics". The activity was a responsibility of Dr Giorgos Panagis, member of the Hellenic Society for Neurosciences, Assistant Professor of Biopsychology, University of Krete



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**B.4. March 13, 2006**

“The culmination of human brain mapping by two Greeks in Vienna in 1925: Constantin von Economo – Georg N. Koskinas” This activity took place at the Dept. Educational & Social Policy University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki. It included presentations and discussion with the public

**B.5. March 15, 2006**

“Neurodegenerative disorders and Addiction” This activity took place at the Dept. of Pharmacy Aristotelian, University of Thessaloniki. It included presentations and discussion with the public

**B.6. March 20, 2006**

“Stress and Hormones”, “Depression in childhood”, “Brain and Learning”, “Consequences of Epilepsy”. This activity took place at the IST Studies College, Athens. It included presentations and discussion with the public

**B.7. March 17, 2006**

“Stress and Education”

This activity took place at the center of Athens -Auditorium of “Stoa tou Vivliou”- under the auspices of the Association of Alumni of Arsakeia and Tositsia Schools . A multidisciplinary approach of learning difficulties under stress conditions. Lectures given by Dr. Fotini Stylianopoulou, Professor of Biology University of Athens, ,Dr. Dimitris Anagnostopoulos, Child Psychiatrist, Associate Professor and Dr. Vassiliki Rotsika, Clinical Psychologist, Dept. of Psychiatry University of Athens . This activity was organized by Dr. Maria Panayotacopoulou, Assistant Professor of Neurobiology, Dept. of Psychiatry University of Athens, co-ordinator of the discussion with the public

**B.8. March 18 &19, 2006**

“Brain and Mind: A View from Within”

This activity of the Hellenic Society for Neuroscience took place at the METRO station Syntagma . It included exhibition of neuroscience-related material within a specific area within the central Metro station of Athens (Syntagma Square). The exhibition included posters depicting interesting and “eye-catching” results from microscopy (particularly colored photographs from confocal microscope) as well as neuroimaging results relating to areas of the human brain activated during speech, thinking, feeling, etc. In addition, there were CD shows demonstrating the different brain areas in 3D, neurons in culture, axon growth during development, animal behavior experiments, etc. Furthermore, there were light microscopes in which interested



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individuals were able to see real stained histological preparations of nervous tissue from both experimental animals and humans.

