



## Press Release

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### **IBRO appoints Dr. Lars Kristiansen as new Executive Director**

*Paris, France, 20 January 2021* - IBRO is delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Lars Kristiansen as its new Executive Director. His international experience with neuroscience research and senior management will contribute to IBRO's strategic growth and vision. Dr. Kristiansen has been serving as the organization's interim Executive Director since September 2020 and will officially transition into the permanent role beginning in February. As head of the IBRO Secretariat, he will oversee IBRO's operations and help inform and implement leadership initiatives and the organization's Strategic Plan.

"Dr. Kristiansen brings a wealth of knowledge and competence to IBRO. Moving from his role as Executive Director of IBRO's close partner, FENS, the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies, both organizations will continue to strengthen their collaboration and benefit from Dr. Kristiansen's insight and guidance. Highly regarded for his commitment to best practices, transparent and equitable policies, and the promotion of diversity and inclusion in neuroscience, Lars will provide invaluable support in shaping a sustainable and impactful future for IBRO and the global neuroscience community." - Tracy L. Bale, IBRO President

Dr. Kristiansen obtained his Ph.D. in Neuroscience at the University of Copenhagen, and pursued postdoctoral work in the United States, focusing on molecular changes linked to cognitive dysfunction in schizophrenia. He then served in positions as Senior Scientist in Denmark and Science Officer at the European Science Foundation in France. As Executive Director of FENS, Dr. Kristiansen was responsible for the overall administration of the federation that serves as the umbrella organization for neuroscience in Europe.

"It is an honor to be named Executive Director of IBRO. IBRO's global mission, initiatives and community inspire me to meet new challenges and needs. This is a pivotal time for neuroscience around the globe and at all scales of practice. Brain researchers around the world are being called upon to overcome obstacles and to find new ways to collaborate through intentional, coordinated action that strives to ensure equitable access and benefits for everyone. IBRO provides the ideal mission and platform to facilitate this effort, and I am privileged to have such an exceptional opportunity to apply my experience in support of its global neuroscience goals."  
- Lars Kristiansen, IBRO Executive Director

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### **About IBRO – the International Brain Research Organization**

IBRO is the global association of neuroscience societies established in 1961 that aims to promote and support neuroscience around the world through training, education, research, outreach and engagement activities, and the publication of our two journals, *Neuroscience* and *IBRO Reports*. More than 90 international, regional and national scientific members constitute IBRO's Governing Council which, together with the IBRO Executive Committee and five Regional Committees, address the needs and advance the work of individual scientists and research communities everywhere. In addition, IBRO has partnerships with like-minded scientific organizations to identify priorities and help bridge gaps in knowledge, investment and resources in the field of brain research.

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