

Dear Fellow Neuroendocrinologists and Friends,

Welcome to the website for the International Neuroendocrine Federation, the governing body of the global neuroendocrine community! It is an amazing time to be a neuroendocrinologist. There is so much excitement around all the topics that we study on a daily basis – the brain's role in energy homeostasis, metabolism, reproduction, development, sexual and parenting behaviours, stress responses, circadian rhythms, sleep, fluid and temperature control, hypophyseal responses in the pituitary, and of course, all of our amazing neuropeptides. Hypothalamic neurons, glia, and tanycytes, as well as related brain regions, are all at the forefront of neuroscience research worldwide.

I am immensely honoured to be able to take the helm of the ship over the next four years. With Waljit Dhillon, as secretary, and Kellie Breen Church, as treasurer of the INF, we are certain to expand our global reach. At the center of our objectives is to bring the global neuroendocrine community together – sometimes virtually but preferably at face-to-face workshops, meetings, and of course our crown jewel, the International Congress of Neuroendocrinology in Nagoya Japan from July 26-29, 2026. Our POC is Rebecca Campbell, U Otago, and the LOC is led by Hiroshi Arima – sure to bring together an exciting slate of speakers with the marvelous hospitality of Japan. It has been absolutely wonderful traveling the world and meeting many of our members, and I look forward to meeting many more of you at your local society annual meetings, as well as at associated meetings that have neuroendocrinology as a component.

I encourage you to get involved with your local societies – don't be afraid to step up to the plate and share your expertise and leadership skills. We are stronger together! Organize local events to enhance networking and collaboration, especially amongst our early career researchers – they are our future. These will be key to establishing a critical mass to make the rest of the world take notice – the neuroendocrinologists can lead neuroscience efforts globally. As a group, we can lobby for increased funding and support for our field. I wish you continued success with your research and hope to see the results in Nagoya in 2026!

Regards from Toronto Canada, August 15, 2024

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