



Newsletter Nr. 1 (March 2026)
(distribution to all members via mailing lists)

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1. News and Events within the Research Center Neurosensory Science

SAVE-THE-DATE: ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE RESEARCH CENTER ON OCTOBER 30, 2026

This year's annual conference of the Research Center Neurosensory Science is taking place on 30 October, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg (HWK) in Delmenhorst. Several speakers have already confirmed their participation, and the conference programme is gradually taking shape. **If you are interested in giving a presentation or would like to showcase an exciting project at the conference, please contact the office.**

The preliminary programme will be announced in June, with registration for the conference opening in early September.

This year's conference is being organised again in collaboration with researchers from the University of Bremen to further strengthen our understanding and deepen our research partnerships.

Research projects from the working groups can be presented at the poster session in the middle of the conference. **Registration for the poster session is open now and will remain so until 26 October 2026.** Poster abstracts can also be submitted.

SEVERAL NEW MEMBERS IN THE RESEARCH CENTER

Prof. Yulia Golub, Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Psychosomatics and Psychotherapy (Faculty VI), has been accepted as a member of the "Clinical Neuroscience" section, effective January 1, 2026.

Prof. Sonja Pyott, Professor of Cellular Communication in Neurosensory Systems (Faculty VI), has also been accepted into the FZN, effective January 1, 2026. She will be part of the "Molecular & Cellular Neuroscience" section.

Prof. Julia Veit, Professor of Molecular Neuroscience at the Brain Research Institute of the University of Bremen, was admitted to the "Computational & Systems Neuroscience" section on March 15, 2026.

Prof. Katrin Deinhardt, Professor of Cell Biology in the Department of Biology/Chemistry at the University of Bremen, was admitted to the "Molecular & Cellular Neuroscience" section on March 15, 2026.

PD Dr. Udo Ernst, Senior Academic Officer at the Institute for Theoretical Physics at the University of Bremen, was also admitted to the "Computational & Systems Neuroscience" section on March 15, 2026.

Prof. Sami Hassan, Junior Professor of Systems Neurobiology in the Department of Biology/Chemistry at the University of Bremen, was admitted as a member of the “Computational & Systems Neuroscience” section on April 1, 2026.

A warm welcome to the two new members from the University of Oldenburg and the four associate members from the University Bremen at the Research Center Neurosensory Science!

2. Funding for doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers / Postdocs

JOINT DOUBLE DEGREE PHD-PROGRAMME of the University of Groningen and the University of Oldenburg

PhD students can be financed partially by the University of Groningen and by UOL central funding. Available for UOL members only. For details see here: <https://uol.de/en/academic-research/programme-for-excellence/subprojects/subprojects-internationalisation>

ONLINE TALK SERIES “PROSPECTS” - DFG Funding Opportunities for Postdocs

Germany's largest independent research funding organisation (DFG) offers funding opportunities for all career stages between doctorate and professorship. The Talk Series will provide an overview of funding opportunities for researchers following their doctoral studies (R2/R3). The English-language presentation will introduce the career funding instruments – the Walter Benjamin, Emmy Noether, and Heisenberg Programmes – as well as other options such as project work and research grants with independent positions. Application and peer review processes will also be covered. The event is aimed at advanced doctoral candidates and postdocs from all disciplines, as well as anyone interested in the topic.

For more information about the DFG-funding: <https://www.dfg.de/en/research-funding/funding-opportunities/research-careers/info-talks>

BOOST RESEARCH! SEED GRANTS für Niedersachsen

This funding program aims to give researchers the opportunity to apply for seed funding for innovative collaborative projects involving at least two partners. The goal is to facilitate the acquisition of additional third-party funding. This includes the strategic preparation of applications for large-scale funding programs (e.g., Collaborative Research Centers) as well as significantly smaller collaborative projects. The program is open to all topics and disciplines.

Deadline: June 2, 2026 (12:00 PM, mandatory online consultation on April 16, 1:00 PM)

For more information: <https://zukunft.niedersachsen.de/foerderangebot/boost-research-seed-grants-fuer-niedersachsen/>

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS AT THE HWK

The **2026 Call for Applications** at the Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg Institute for Advanced Study Delmenhorst (HWK) is now open for **Regular and Junior Fellowships in residence**.

After a successful evaluation by the HWK Advisory Board in late autumn, accepted Fellows may start their **residence on a flexible schedule** with apartments available **from late autumn 2027 onwards**. Please plan ahead if you would like to invite colleagues to work with you!

Residential Fellowships **for 3-10 months** in HWK's "Brain & Mind" area are suitable for researchers from a **wide range of academic disciplines** including for example: neurosciences, cognitive sciences, biology, psychology, medicine, philosophy, pharmacology, computer sciences, linguistics, educational sciences, physics, media sciences, history, cultural sciences/anthropology. See <https://hanse-ias.de/en/themes/research-areas/brain-mind> for details on the research area.

The **deadline is July 15** (the only deadline in 2026!).

Information on application process and guidelines: <https://hanse-ias.de/en/fellowships/application>

3. Event announcements with FZN participation

11th „CAREER DAY NEUROSCIENCE“ on MAY 22, 2026, from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the BIS-HALL

This event is aimed at Bachelor's and Master's students as well as doctoral candidates from Faculties V and VI and from the research groups of the Research Center. Several presentations will be given on career entry and personal career development in various professional fields related to the Master's programs offered by Faculty VI. Five speakers from diverse professional backgrounds, such as academia, start-ups, scientific writing, and scientific management, will share their career entry experiences and discuss topics such as "How to most easily enter the workforce" and "How important is a doctorate for career development?" The event will be held in English. The complete program will be published soon. Prior to the event, a CV review by an experienced career advisor will be available.

As part of the "Career Day Neuroscience," a student poster session will be held from 3:20 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. This is a great opportunity to present research projects in a supportive environment (usually fellow students) and to strengthen presentation skills. Interested students can contact the FZN office; the organizing team will cover the cost of poster printing.

SCIENCE SLAM on JUNE 17, 2026 from 7 pm to 9:30 pm in the AULA (A11)

The 14th Oldenburg Science Slam will take place on June 17, 2026, starting at 7 p.m. Several slammers will compete for the grand prize, "The Golden Brain," in the Aula (A11). In addition to this and other prizes, the FZN board will award a special prize for the best slam presentation related to neurosensory science. The FZN will also be strongly represented in the Power-Point-Karaoke-Battle – Prof. Tanja Zieschang will take on the unique challenge of spontaneously delivering an unfamiliar presentation on stage.

Registration for the Science Slam will open at the beginning of May. **BUT: we are still looking for slammers. Therefore, please pass this information on to your working groups and approach suitable individuals.**

Before and after the event, the Student Union will be selling drinks, so you can refresh yourself and chat about the slam presentations.

All current information about the slam event can be found here: www.uol.de/scienceslam