



International Brain Research Organization

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Pakistan Society of Basic and Applied Neurosciences
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Karachi, Pakistan

Dear Colleagues,

It gives me much personal pleasure to let you know that, acting upon the recommendation of the Membership Committee chaired by Professor Sten Grillner, IBRO's Executive Committee has approved the application of the Pakistan Society of Basic and Applied Neurosciences for Corporate Membership in the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO) with all the rights, benefits and responsibilities that derive from such membership. This decision will be reported to the Governing Council at its meeting in Chicago, in October 2009.

As an IBRO-Affiliated Society you are asked to name a representative to IBRO's Governing Council (GC), the governing body of the Organization. Your 35 member Society will have the right to cast 1 (one) vote in every election that is called and in all decisions made by the GC through balloting. The appointment of your representative to the GC is for two years and can be renewed twice more for a maximum of six years.

The list of your Society's members will now be incorporated into IBRO's Directory so that every member with an e-mail address will soon receive news from IBRO as well as our regular electronic bulletin, the IBRO Reporter. Members of the Pakistan Society of Basic and Applied Neurosciences may apply to the various programmes offered by IBRO, in accordance to the guidelines and deadlines publicized on the IBRO website (www.ibro.org). We ask you to update your membership listing at least once a year so that we can ensure an uninterrupted contact.

Your Society will join 13 other affiliated organizations now represented by the Asian/Pacific Regional Committee (APRC). The present Chair of the APRC is Professor Hitoshi Okamoto, (hitoshi@brain.riken.go.jp) from Japan. As Regional Committee Chair, he is a member of IBRO's Executive Committee, with responsibilities for the implementation of IBRO's policies in the region. Members of the Regional Committee serve for four years, partial elections being spaced at two-year intervals to ensure continuity. The By-laws and Guidelines governing these and other activities of IBRO can be found on the IBRO website. Issues concerning specific activities to be carried out between IBRO and the Pakistan Society of Basic and Applied Neurosciences are best handled via the APRC. Additional information can

be obtained by contacting IBRO's Executive Director, Stephanie de La Rochefoucauld, at the Secretariat in Paris (stephanie@ibro.info).

We really look forward to much collaboration with neuroscientists in your beautiful country!

We hope that this message will be circulated to all members of the Pakistan Society of Basic and Applied Neurosciences with our enthusiastic welcome to IBRO!

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Carlos Belmonte". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish underneath the name.

Carlos Belmonte
President