

# President's Letter

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I am thrilled you have joined us for Neuroscience 2019. At this year's annual meeting, we commemorate the 50th year of the Society for Neuroscience (SfN), celebrating its critical role in supporting advances in scientific research and the members dedicated to furthering the field. The opportunity to look back to 1969, when SfN was established, brings into sharp focus the stunning progress made in neuroscience and all that the Society has done to help make that a reality. What will we know in 2069, and how will SfN support the next generation of members who will make those discoveries?

There is growing anticipation that neuroscience research will advance knowledge toward curing some of the most devastating diseases and disorders facing society — and there is no doubt that much progress will stem from research presented and collaborations formed right here in Chicago.

I know I have benefited scientifically and personally from the range of insight of an incredible group of scientists from around the world, many of whom I met at annual SfN meetings. The students and postdocs from my lab and I have received invaluable feedback at these forums, gathering new perspectives and ideas that have proved greatly beneficial to our research endeavors.

How can SfN support your work in advancing the field? I encourage you to explore this question while you are here amongst tens of thousands of your colleagues from around the world. At your fingertips is an unparalleled selection of scientific sessions, lectures, exhibits, and events, as well as countless opportunities for training, networking, collaboration, and professional development.

And these opportunities do not end with the meeting. Continue your participation with the Society year-round, taking advantage of its wealth of resources for enhancing your critical work and the future of this tremendous field. Join us as we enter the next 50 years of global scientific collaboration and discovery.

Regards,

Diane Lipscombe, PhD  
President, Society for Neuroscience





**Science Knows  
No Borders**

## Plan Your Experience

Get the most out of your time at Neuroscience 2019 using these tools for navigating and customizing your experience:

- The Neuroscience Meeting Planner (NMP) allows you to search abstracts, download curated itineraries (see below), and create your personal schedule. Access the NMP at [www.SfN.org/NMP](http://www.SfN.org/NMP) or visit the NMP Viewing Area in Hall A.
- The official Neuroscience 2019 mobile app puts the entire meeting at your fingertips. Browse through sessions, import your custom schedule from the NMP, view maps of the convention center, share contact information with other attendees, and more. Download it for free via the iOS™ and Google Play™ app stores, or use the interactive web version.
- Curated itineraries are a great way to build your meeting experience around a specific research area, with relevant sessions and events picked by SfN's Program Committee. These are available in both the NMP and mobile app.

## New Photography Policy

See page 16 for details on SfN's new policy regarding photography and video at this year's meeting.

## Science Knows No Borders

In keeping with the Society's commitment to facilitate global collaboration in science, SfN has established the Science Knows No Borders (SKNB) program. Through this program, scientists who have been denied a U.S. travel visa to attend Neuroscience 2019 can share their research and engage with colleagues through poster, nanosymposium, symposium, and minisymposium sessions.

Look for the SKNB icon in sessions; use the filter in the NMP or mobile app to locate participants in the program and visit their presentations. Post questions for SKNB participants about their presentations at [Neuronline.SfN.org](http://Neuronline.SfN.org).

## Celebrate 50 years of SfN!

Join SfN in celebrating 50 years of the Society by visiting a special art installation by ARTECHOUSE and Refik Anadol. ARTECHOUSE is the first innovative art space dedicated to showcasing experiential- and technology-driven works by artists who are forerunners in the arts and technology. SfN and ARTECHOUSE will present a digital art exhibit in Neuroscience 2020 at ARTECHOUSE's Washington, DC location that will explore the life of a human neuron. This year in Chicago, SfN and ARTECHOUSE will present a preview of the 2020 exhibit with the work of award-winning, Los Angeles-based, Turkish-born artist Refik Anadol. Anadol uses artificial intelligence and machine learning to create digital art experiences that foreshadow the future and the possibilities of the intersection of neuroscience and art.

The exhibit is located in the Grand Concourse near Hall B and open daily from 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

**SEE YOU NEXT YEAR  
AT NEUROSCIENCE 2020!**

**Mark your calendars for SfN's 50th Annual Meeting,  
October 24–28, in Washington, DC**