

STRATEGIC ALLIANCES PROFILES

Society for Neuroscience (SfN)

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Organization Overview: Founded in 1969, the Society for Neuroscience (SfN) now has more than 37,000 members in more than 95 countries. Year-round programming includes the publishing of two highly regarded scientific journals, JNeurosci and eNeuro; professional development resources and career training through Neuronline, the Society's home for learning and discussion; science advocacy and public policy engagement including annual Capitol Hill Day; and a variety of engaging public outreach efforts, led by the expanding and interactive collection of public-facing resources on BrainFacts.org. Approximately 107 staff committed to SfN's mission are employed at its headquarters building in downtown Washington, D.C., which the Society has owned since 2006. SfN's annual meeting regularly attracts more than 30,000 attendees, representing 80 countries; 536 exhibiting companies; and close to 300 journalists. SfN exists to:

- Advance scientific exchange;
- Support the neuroscience community;
- Educate and engage the public; and
- Advocate for the field.

Common Interest Areas between NORDP and the Liaison Organization: The Society for Neuroscience is thematically focused but still wide ranging. The annual meeting of the Society (which I attend yearly) attracts over 30,000 people, many governmental funding agencies (including NIH, NSF and DoD), and private foundations. The activities at the conference often preview or highlight research priority areas or new programs that would interest NORDP members. For SfN, I think there are two main areas of interest from NORDP: 1) highlighting the contributions of Research Development Professionals to facilitate funding of scientific priorities and complex projects; and 2) providing trainees with information on this non-academic career path.

Annual Conference and Other Events of Interest; Connection Suggestions: The Society for Neuroscience annual meeting happens yearly in late October or early November. The next meeting will be held in Washington DC, October 24-28, 2020. I would welcome an informal meeting of NORDP members and as the community strengthens, the possibility of presenting a professional development workshop