

Dr. Erik De Schutter becomes OCNS President

Dr. Erik De Schutter, Principal Investigator of OIST, has assumed the post of President of the [Organization for Computational Neuroscience \(OCNS\)](#). Serving a three-year term from 2010 to 2012, Dr. De Schutter will head the non-profit organization established in 2003 to serve the needs of an international community of scientists actively engaged in using quantitative tools to address questions in neuroscience. Each year, OCNS organizes the international Computational Neuroscience meeting (CNS), a premier forum for presenting experimental and theoretical results exploring the biology of computation in the brain.

Born in Antwerp, Belgium in 1959. After receiving a bachelor degree in medicine in 1980 and a doctoral degree in medicine in 1984 from the University of Antwerp, Dr. De Schutter received training as a medical doctor and neurologist. From 1990-1993, he pursued a postdoctoral study at the California Institute of Technology, where he developed a model of the cerebellar Purkinje cell, the most detailed single neuron model at the time. After holding several research and teaching positions in Belgium, Dr. De Schutter joined OIST as principal investigator in April 2007 and established the Computational Neuroscience Unit.



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