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Philip Rubin to serve as President-elect of FABBS



NEW HAVEN — Philip Rubin, Ph.D., of Fairfield, Connecticut, Chief Executive Officer emeritus and board member at Haskins Laboratories, and Professor Adjunct in the Department of Surgery, Otolaryngology, at the Yale University School of Medicine, will serve as President-elect of the Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences (FABBS). Dr. Rubin has held numerous important roles in the federal government, at the National Science Foundation, the National Research Council, the White House, and across scientific societies and academic organizations. He is best known for his research and technological developments related to understanding the biological bases of speech and language and their disorders, and for his national roles in the areas of behavioral and social science, neuroscience, and research ethics. Dr. Rubin previously served as a Member-at-Large on the FABBS board from 2009-2011.

FABBS is a coalition of scientific societies and related organizations that share an interest in developing knowledge for the betterment of society by advancing the sciences of mind, brain, and behavior. FABBS helps to improve human potential and well-being by promoting scientific research and training; educating the public about the contributions of research to individuals and society; fostering communication among scientists; and recognizing scientists who have made significant contributions to building knowledge. Current Board President, Nora Newcombe, announced the incoming and continuing FABBS board officers and members on Oct. 23, 2019, remarking that “It is an honor to congratulate and welcome these accomplished individuals to the FABBS board. Their professional experiences and topical expertise will be a tremendous asset to the important work of FABBS to advance the sciences of mind, brain, and behavior.”

Rubin, a graduate of Brandeis University and the University of Connecticut, is also a Research Affiliate in the Department of Psychology at Yale University and a trustee of the University of Connecticut. He was a science advisor at the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and led the White House neuroscience initiative during the Obama administration, and co-chaired the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Committee on Science. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Acoustical Society of America, the American Psychological Association, the Association for Psychological Science, the Linguistic Society of America, the Psychonomic Society, a Senior Member of the IEEE, an elected member of the National Academy of Public Administration and the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering, and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences Language Commission and their CISP Large Scale Science Working Group.

Haskins Laboratories was founded in 1935 by the late Dr. Caryl P. Haskins. The Laboratories’ primary research focus is on the science of the spoken and written word, including inter-disciplinary neurocognitive research, theoretical development, and technological advances leading to insights in understanding the brain’s role in speech, language, and reading problems and their treatment. This independent research institute has been in New Haven, Connecticut since 1970 when it formalized affiliations with the University of Connecticut and Yale University, and has extensive national and international research partnerships.

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