

Special Issue

Brain Asymmetry in Evolution II

Message from the Guest Editor

Asymmetric development of the brain structure and function is a species-related unique feature in vertebrates and is often involved in the complex neuronal networks connecting the left and right sides of the brain. Structural and functional lateralization is obvious particularly in the cerebral cortex of higher mammals such as primates and carnivores and associated with cognition, emotion, language, preference of hand/paw use, despite its appearance with high individual variability. Notably, the lateralized morphology and/or function of the brain are frequently disturbed in psychological and neurodevelopmental disorders in humans such as autism, schizophrenia, dyslexia, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, and specific language impairments. The purpose of this Special Issue on “Brain Asymmetry in Evolution 2” is to focus on species-related unique asymmetric features of the brain structures and function, which are essential for understanding the evolution of the brain.

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