Dr. Joan W. Berman is the recipient of the 2012 Women in Neuroscience Lectureship Award. A true leader in the neurovirology field, Dr. Berman embodies all of the characteristics of a great scientist and is a role model for young investigators. Joan has served as the Chair of the ISNV Women in NeuroVirology (WIN) Committee for the past four years working tirelessly to ensure that WIN promotes and improves communication among female scientists in the ISNV membership. Beginning at the ISNV conference in Miami in 2009, Joan helped to establish a program through which junior scientists were teamed up with senior mentors who would provide advice regarding career issues such as promotions, negotiation skills and balancing work/home commitments.

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The Women in Neuroscience Lectureship is sponsored by the Women in NeuroVirology (WIN) Committee, which is part of the governance of the International Society for NeuroVirology. The purpose of the Lectureship is to emphasize and celebrate the major contributions of outstanding women toward the advancement of biomedical science and, in particular, neurovirology and related disciplines. Initiated in 2006 at the 7th International Symposium on NeuroVirology, this will be the fifth Women in Neuroscience Lectureship to feature a prominent woman in the field of neuroscience. The International Society for NeuroVirology will accept nominations for the 12th International Symposium on NeuroVirology for the Fall of 2013. Please send all inquiries and nominations to mail@isnv.org.