



The gene-environment tango in the healthy and diseased brain

Dear (potential) participant,

On October 8th 2016, the town of Mons will welcome the 6th edition of the Belgian Brain Congress. Unique in its form and objectives, the BBC congress opens the dialogue between all relevant stakeholders and expertise for a better understanding and a more efficient management of brain disorders. Clinicians, researchers, representatives of patients and pharmaceutical industry are invited to participate to this important meeting taking place every two years in Belgium.

The interplay between gene expression and environment is a major actor of most of neurological and psychiatric disorders as well as normal brain functioning. This congress offers therefore the opportunity to address a lot of different questions ranging from basal ganglia function to narcolepsy. In line with our mission to bridge the different points of view, scientific sessions will approach basic science, neurology and psychiatry and will give the opportunity to patients' associations to take an active part to the discussion.

A better understanding of the relation between our heredity and our environment, socio-cultural, economic or natural, is essential to improve the prevention, the detection and the treatment of brain disorders. In our next meeting, Belgian and international experts in Autism, Epilepsy, Narcolepsy, Multiple Sclerosis, Endocrine disruptors and Learning and Memory will present their recent findings on this complex interaction. Young researchers will be given the opportunity to present their most recent findings in poster sessions and the 10 better abstracts will be chosen for an oral e-poster session. Moreover, their registration fee will be waived by the BBC.

We hope that this program will convince you to participate. The town of Mons, European Capital of Culture in 2015, is proud to invite all participants to discover the town and its new congress centre, the MICX in collaboration with the University of Mons, the CHU Ambroise Paré and the CHP Chêne aux Haies.