



## **EBC Activities**



## **EBC at Global Patient Advocacy Summit**

EBC delegates attended Lundbeck's Global Patient Advocacy Summit held on 27th-28th June in Copenhagen, Denmark. The event brought together over 50 representatives of patient organizations and advocacy groups, across continents and disciplines, to discuss best practices, advocacy strategies and global mental health initiatives. A wide range of speakers, among which Mental Health America President and CEO Paul Gionfriddo, shared inspiring stories and provided their perspectives on patient advocacy.

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### **EBC** team visits VIB

On 21st June, the EBC team visited the VIB and KU Leuven Center for Brain & Disease Research. On this occasion, all team members were introduced to the work of various experts and scientists aimed at forcing a breakthrough in the cure of neuronal and neurodegenerative disorders. Furthermore, EBC Executive Director Frédéric Desrebecq presented EBC's policy work on EU research funding and the FP9 proposal "Horizon Europe".

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## **Value of Treatment Dissemination**



# Value of Treatment study presented at EAN congress

The outcomes of the <u>Value of Treatment (VoT)</u> project, among which various recommendations for providing better and more cost-effective care, were presented by Prof. Wolfgang Oertel, Prof. Maura Pugliatti and Ms. Joke Jaarsma at the 4th EAN congress held in Lisbon. Prof. Oertel, EBC Vice-President, highlighted that "when it comes to many brain disorders, the medical profession is increasingly pushing up against its limits. However, early recognition, starting treatment as soon as possible and preventive measures would serve to minimize the risks or may even in some instances slow the progression of the disease."

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# Migraine and Headache International patient Advocacy Summit

The General Assembly of the European Migraine & Headache Alliance as well as the 1st Migraine and Headache International Patient Advocacy Summit (MHIPAS) was held in Amsterdam from 10th-13th May. EBC delivered a presentation on this occasion on the findings of the <u>Value of Treatment (VoT)</u> headache case study.

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# **EBC Constituency**



## **ECNP Congress - Barcelona 6th-9th** October 2018

This year, the 31st ECNP Congress will take place in Barcelona on 6th-9th October 2018. The ECNP Congress showcases the world's best disease-oriented brain research, annually attracting between 4,000 and 6,000 neuroscientists, psychiatrists, neurologists and psychologists. ECNP is Europe's leading independent forum for the science of CNS treatments. ECNP's wide range of scientific and educational activities, programmes and events make it the largest noninstitutional supporter of applied and translational neuroscience research and education in Europe.

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### MyBrainNet by Dystonia Europe among winners of the BMP Grant

EFNA member association Dystonia Europe was among the winners of the Brain, Mind, and Pain Patient-Centred Innovation Grant, announced on Wednesday 20th June in Brussels. The €30,000 prize was awarded for their work on MyBrainNet, a central platform for neurological diseases, helping patients access peer-to-peer information to improve their quality of life. MyBrainNet empowers people with neurological brain disorders by connecting them with other patients, and providing accurate and unbiased information about their disease.

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### **Improving Openness and Animal** Research in Germany, 12 July 2018

The European Animal Research Association (EARA) invites you to attend a free satellite event of the FENS Forum of Neuroscience to discuss improving openness on animal neuroscience to discuss improving openness on animal research in communications with the general public, political decision makers and opinion formers in Germany. This workshop, organised with the support of the Society for Neuroscience (SfN) and the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS), aims to help researchers and institutions that wish to be more open about the animal research they carry cut research they carry out.

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## For your Agenda

- 7 11 July 2018 11th FENS Forum of Neuroscience, Berlin
- 12 July 2018 Improving Openness in Animal Research in Germany, Berlin
- 17 21 September 2018 <u>HBP School The Brain Simulation Platform of the Human Brain Project,</u> Palermo
- 24 25 September 2018 EBC Strategic Workshop & Board Meeting, Brussels
- 25 September 2018 <u>Matching Health Needs and Pharmaceutical Research How to set the research agenda for public health</u>, Vienna
- 26 28 September 2018 Aging of memory functions: Where are we now? Bordeaux
- 6 9 October 2018 31st ECNP Congress, Barcelona
- 8 9 October 2018 Annual Health Care Summit 2018, Geneva
- 21 25 October 2018 EANS2018 the 18th European Congress of Neurosurgery, Brussels
- 29 31 October 2018 28th Alzheimer Europe Conference, Barcelona
- 21 22 November 2018 EBC General Assembly & Board Dinner, Brussels
- 28 November 1 December 2018 <u>11th European Public Health Conference</u>
  <u>Winds of change: towards new ways of improving public health in Europe</u>. Ljubljana





