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EBC Activities



EBC General Assembly - 23rd-24th May 2018

The 1st EBC General Assembly of 2018 was held on 23rd-24th May at the University Foundation in Brussels. The meeting gathered delegates from EBC's constituency, i.e. patient representatives, scientific societies, industry partners and National Brain Councils, to discuss various brain-related projects and initiatives and decide on the future direction of the organization.

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Multi-Act Project Launched in Genoa

May 2018 marked the start of the 3-year Multi-Act project. Funded through the EU Research and Innovation scheme Horizon 2020, Multi-Act aims to increase the impact of health research on people affected by brain disorders. On this occasion, EBC Executive Director Frédéric Destrebecq underlined that "this will be instrumental in forging a common research agenda and best practices to share with research institutions in the EU and beyond".

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GOLUP Declaration Presented at ECRD

Professor Marc Doooms, leading author of the declaration on Good Off-Label Use Practices (GOLUP), presented the criteria laid down in the declaration during the ninth European Conference on Rare Diseases & Orphan Products (ECRD) in Vienna. Given the prevalence of off-label use in the EU, EBC as well as 12 other organizations support the GOLUP-declaration which provides guidance on when medicinal products can safely be prescribed off-label.

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EBC at EU Workshop on Epilepsy

Executive Director Frédéric Destrebecq represented EBC at the workshop "Shaping the Future of Epilepsy Research", organized by the European Commission, as part of the panel on "translating research into public health actions - how to move faster". The event presented a unique opportunity to address the societal burden imposed by Epilepsy on European citizens and underline the importance of continued support for brain research.

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EBC Constituency



Last weeks to submit for EPA 2019 Warsaw

The Scientific Programme Committee has extended the deadline for all EPA Course, Workshop and Symposium proposals for the **2019 EPA Congress** until **6th June 2018**. Don't wait to submit your proposal and make your mark on EPA 2019 Warsaw! Submit now until the deadline through the [2019 Congress website](#).

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Upcoming Brain Conference on "The Necessity of Cell Types for Brain Function"

The Brain Conference will review recent results from molecular, anatomical and functional mapping of cortical neurons, as well as computational methods to quantitatively define cell types and classify them. We will address and aim for a tangible consensus output for three questions: 1 - What is a cortical cell type? 2 - What are the basic cortical cell types? 3 - How should they be named? The early application deadline is 25th June 2018.

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EFNA Activities at EAN Congress 2018

EFNA recently conducted a pan-European survey of 18 - 35 year olds living with neurological disorders. Preliminary findings of the survey will be shared at the EAN Congress in Lisbon. Visit stand B20 to meet with EFNA representatives, including a number of young advocates, and hear the results. Together with EAN and EBC, EFNA will also host a Special Session at the EAN Congress. The session, on the Value of Treatment (VOT) of Brain Disorders, will take place on Day 3 (Monday, 18th June) at 8.30am.

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For your Agenda

- 4 June 2018 - [3rd Innovation Sessions - Healthcare Systems and Future Therapies](#), Brussels
- 4 - 5 June 2018 - [Innovative Europe? Time for a new EU innovation strategy](#), Brussels
- 16 - 19 June 2018 - [4th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology \(EAN\)](#), Lisbon
- 20 June 2018 - [Artificial Intelligence: the next Frontier in Health Care](#), Brussels
- 27 June 2018 - [IMI: Celebrating 10 Years of Medical Innovations](#), Brussels
- 26 - 29 June 2018 - [Workshop on patient data acquisition, analysis, profiling and personalised care plan](#), Corfu
- 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 - [HBP School - The Brain Simulation Platform of the Human Brain Project](#), Palermo
- 19 - 20 September 2018 - [EBC Strategic Workshop & Board Meeting](#), Brussels
- 25 September 2018 - [Matching Health Needs and Pharmaceutical Research – How to set the research agenda for public health](#), Vienna
- 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



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