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EBC Activities

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**Election**  
**Manifesto**

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**We call on Members of the European Parliament to:**

- Guide the EU to the role of global leader in brain research
- Sustain EU funding to expand and boost brain research
- Improve the quality of care for patients across the EU
- Recognize brain health as a priority for European society
- Encourage awareness, early preventative measures and early intervention to address the growing burden of brain conditions

## EBC launches Election Manifesto

The next elections of the European Parliament, enabling EU citizens to elect their MEPs for the next parliamentary term, will be held on 23-26 May 2019. Against this backdrop, EBC released its Election Manifesto which calls on members of the European Parliament to:

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## Brain Awareness Week event on “Mood and Food: Exploring the gut-brain connection”

Prior to the 2019 edition of Brain Awareness Week (BAW), EBC organized the event “Mood and Food: Exploring the gut-brain connection” in the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium. On this occasion, Dr. Alejandro Arias Vasquez (Radboud University Medical Centre) and Kimberley Wilson (Monumental Health) shared their perspectives on the connection between mood and food. MEP Marian Harkin (ALDE, IE) hosted the event and addressed, amongst other issues, the role of Horizon Europe in prioritizing brain research.

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## Joint EBC-EPA Symposium - Parkinson's Disease and Psychiatry

On 9 April 2019, EBC and EPA will hold a symposium on “Parkinson’s Disease and Psychiatry” (Hall A, 13:15 - 14:45) as part of the **EPA 2019 Congress** (6-9 April 2019). The meeting will be co-chaired by Prof. Monica Di Luca (EBC President) and Prof. Philip Gorwood (incoming EPA President). Presentations will be held by Prof. Fanni Geibl (Neuropsychiatric Symptoms in Prodromal and Early Parkinson’s Disease) and Prof. A. Leentjes (Depression: Risk Factor or Early Symptom in Parkinson Disease?).

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## Launch EBRA Call for Clusters

A Call for Clusters aimed at promoting co-operation and exchange between brain research projects and networks was recently launched within the framework of the EBC-coordinated European Brain Research Area (EBRA) project. A cluster is understood as an association of research projects that can be directed towards basic research, clinical research and/or methodological approaches under a common topic, and disease and/or thematic area. What is more, the cluster proposal should aim for effective collaboration between the different research participants/groups and should represent the critical mass necessary to enable the cluster to achieve ambitious scientific goals. The first deadline is 1 June 2019 (17:00 CET).

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## EBC Constituency



## EPA 2019 Congress and Forum

### 27th European Congress of Psychiatry:

The 27th European Congress of Psychiatry will take place on 6-9 April 2019 in Warsaw, Poland. [Register today](#) and join over 4,100 mental health professionals for outstanding sessions with renowned clinicians, high-level researchers, and mental health policy experts!

### 5th EPA Forum in Warsaw:

In line with our Congress 2019 motto, "**Psychiatry in Transition – Towards New Models, Goals and Challenges**," the EPA will organise its annual EPA Forum, which will address strategies for mental health care and stimulate debate around the current developments in Europe and beyond. The Forum will take place from 9:00-13:30, on 6 April, in Hall B, at the WARSAW EXPO XXI. Find out more on our Interactive Scientific Programme below.

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## Call for symposium and technical workshop proposals - 12th FENS Forum of Neuroscience

The **12th FENS Forum of Neuroscience**, organised by the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS) and hosted by the British Neuroscience Association (BNA), will take place in Glasgow, UK, on 11-15 July 2020.

The call for symposium and technical workshop proposals is now open! The FENS Forum is an excellent opportunity for scientists to showcase their research to an international audience of more than 7,000 delegates.

Proposals from new research fields are highly encouraged, as are those from early career researchers. Check out the full list of [themes](#) and [submit your proposal](#) online before 20 May 2019.

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## Fighting Discrimination at Work for those affected by neurological disorders and chronic pain conditions

The last meeting of the MEP Interest Group on Brain Mind and Pain in the current legislative term of the European Parliament took place on 6 March. The meeting focused on “Fighting Discrimination at Work for those affected by neurological disorders and chronic pain conditions” and was hosted by one of the Interest Group co-Chairs Jeroen Lenaers, MEP. Speakers focused on the impact of Brain, Mind and Pain Disorders on Employment, illustrating their particular disease areas. Read the complete meeting report below.

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## Register now for the 2019 ECNP Congress!

The early registration deadline is coming up soon. Register on or before 15 April to benefit from the lower registration fees.

Please see the [ECNP Congress website](#) for more information. The 32nd ECNP Congress will take place from 7-10 September 2019 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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## For your Agenda

- 6 - 9 April 2019 - [27th European Congress of Psychiatry](#), Warsaw
- 5 - 8 May 2019 - [Understanding and targeting Alzheimer's disease](#), Rungstedgaard
- 9 - 10 May 2019 - [5th Academy of National Brain Councils](#), Dubrovnik
- 10 - 13 May 2019 - [International Conference on Neurological Disorders and Neurorestoration](#), Dubrovnik
- 14 - 15 May 2019 - [CHRODIS PLUS Conference](#), Budapest
- 15 May 2019 - Value of Treatment (VoT) project meeting, Brussels
- 22 May 2019 - [The revival of Neuropsychiatry: a Neuroscientific evidence](#), Marseille
- 7 June 2019 - Industry Board Meeting, Brussels
- 12 June 2019 - [IMI Stakeholder Forum 2019](#), Brussels
- 29 June - 2 July 2019 - [5th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology](#), Oslo
- 30 June - 5 July 2019 - [ECNP School of Neuropsychopharmacology](#), Oxford
- 10 July 2019 - [Regional Meeting of National Brain Councils](#), Belgrade
- 10 - 13 July 2019 - [FENS Regional Meeting 2019](#), Belgrade
- 7 - 10 September 2019 - [32nd ECNP Congress](#), Copenhagen
- 21 - 25 September 2019 - [10th World Congress of Neuroscience](#), Daegu
- 30 September 2019 - [EU Health Programme High Level Conference](#), Brussels



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