MS Policy Narrative roundtable discussion - Rome, 5 June 2019

The European Brain Council (EBC) and The Health Policy Partnership (HPP) are leading a joint project aiming to drive tangible policy and regulatory changes in health and social care to improve the lives of people living with multiple sclerosis (MS) across Europe. AISM (Italian Association for MS), with the support of EBC and HPP, gathered together Italian leaders (Ministry of Health representatives, Members of Parliament health committee, neurologists, nurses, GPs, patients associations representatives) to discuss MS and opportunities for national policy development. During the MS focus group meeting in Rome, EBC and HPP presented the project and draft Italian MS Profile. Participants at the meeting discussed wide ranging issues and strengths including national chronic diseases plan, data collection, equity of access to care, treatment and rehabilitation, and wider implementation of care pathways “PDTAs”.

EBC endorsed EU Health Coalition statement on Horizon Europe budget

EU leaders met on 20th-21st June 2019 to discuss, amongst other issues, the budget of the next Multiannual Financial Framework (2021-2027). In the light of this, EBC endorsed a recent statement, launched by the EU Health Coalition, that calls on the European Council to increase the total Horizon Europe budget to €120 billion. Such budget increase would be in line with the statement “Counting Down to Zero” that was launched by EBC during June 2018.

Launch EBRA Newsletter

The first newsletter of the EU-funded European Brain Research Area (EBRA) project will soon be launched. EBRA aims to enable brain research stakeholders to streamline and better co-ordinate brain research across Europe while fostering global initiatives. The consortium consists of the EBC membership, ERA-NET NEURON, JPND and HBP. Please subscribe below to receive the latest news and updates (the form can be found at the bottom of the page).
EBC at IMI Stakeholder Forum 2019

EBC was represented at the IMI Stakeholder Forum that was held on 12 June 2019 in Brussels, Belgium. This year's event revolved around the theme “Brain health and disease in the digital era – 2020 & beyond” and brought together start-ups, patient groups, researchers, scientific societies and industries as well as various officials representing the European Commission. A series of panel discussions addressed, amongst other topics, issues connected to prevention, diagnosis treatment and care.

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EPA 2019 Online Course: there's still time to enroll

The EPA Online Course on Motivational Interviewing is now fully available on our e-learning platform.

By joining this course, you will be able to watch videos at your own pace, whenever and wherever you want and learn more about Motivational Interviewing: the spirit of MI, the crucial relational foundation, the key techniques and how to use the techniques to steer consultations in the direction of positive change. Watch the course teaser and subscribe today!

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FENS Regional Meeting 2019 – Belgrade, 10-13 July 2019

With an exciting programme reflecting the latest discoveries and technological developments in neuroscience, the FENS Regional Meeting 2019 will feature a number of special events including the EJN Best Publication Lecture and the launch of the ALBA Network.

The FENS Regional Meeting is jointly organised by the neuroscience societies of Serbia, Romania and Turkey and is taking place in Belgrade on 10-13 July 2019.

FRMs are biennial meetings and alternate with the FENS Forums. Online registration for the FRM is still open and FENS members benefit from reduced registration rates.

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HERO Concluding Conference

On 14 and 15 June 2019, an international conference was held at the Sant’Eugenio Hospital in Rome in order to conclude the three-year HERO (Housing: an educational European ROad to Civil Rights) project. The project aims to, amongst other issues, promote housing projects as a strategy to create an inclusive society, especially with regards to mental health users. The conference was held simultaneously with the National Conference for Mental Health at the Sapienza University of Rome.

Global Brain Health Survey

Global Brain Health Survey, launched within the framework of the EU-funded Lifebrain project, aims to investigate people’s views on the brain and brain health. In particular, the survey investigates perceptions of the brain and brain health, interest in maintaining a healthy brain, willingness to know more about own brain health (e.g. through the use of brain health tests) and intention to act to maintain a good brain health and prevent brain disease development. The results will be used to develop policy recommendations for brain health.
For your Agenda

30 June - 5 July 2019 - ECNP School of Neuropsychopharmacology, Oxford
3 - 5 July 2019 - New Horizons in Brain Medicine: From Research to Clinics, Innsbruck
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
17 - 21 September 2019 - 13th European Paediatric Neurology Society Congress, Athens
18 - 19 September 2019 - EBC Strategic Workshop, Brussels
21 - 25 September 2019 - 10th World Congress of Neurosciences, Daegu
24 - 26 September 2019 - European Research and Innovation Days, Brussels
30 September 2019 - EU Health Programme High Level Conference, Brussels
11 - 15 July 2020 - 12th FENS Forum of Neuroscience, Glasgow