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EBC Activities

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## EBC holds 5th Academy Meeting of National Brain Councils

The **5th Meeting of the Academy of National Brain Councils** was held in Dubrovnik from 9-10 May 2019. Representatives from 15 European countries attended this year's event and delivered progress reports on their current and ongoing activities. What is more, the Academy Meeting enabled the NBCs to align strategies and exchange perspectives on EU research funding and national brain plans. Prof. Zeljka Krsnik (Croatian Institute for Brain Research), Prof. Maja Relja (University of Zagreb) and Prof. Ninoslav Mimica (Alzheimer Croatia) shared their views on possible priorities that could be part of the political agenda of the Croatian Presidency of the EU when joining the Academy Meeting on 9 May. The meeting was hosted by the **Croatian Brain Council**.

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## Value of Treatment 2 Joint Meeting

In the continuity of the Value of Treatment research activities, new case studies have been developed on new therapeutic areas. In 2018 and this year, EBC in collaboration with EAN, ECNP, EFNA, EPA and GAMIAN Europe launched a second round of "VoT2" case studies on Rare Neurological Disorders (RNDs) focusing upon Ataxia, Dystonia and Phenylketonuria and case studies on Mental Disorders focusing upon Anorexia Nervosa, Autism Spectrum Disorder and Major Depressive Disorder. As such, the objectives of the EBC VoT2 joint meeting on 15 May 2019 were to provide a project update and discuss research methodology (care pathways, outcome variables measurement including economic analysis) and next steps.

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## Dementia Awareness Week 2019

20 May 2019 marked the start of both Dementia Awareness Week and Brain Injury Awareness Week. These initiatives aim to raise awareness of the nature of these conditions and inform people on how they affect citizens and society at large. On this occasion, EBC shared, amongst other issues, the Value of Treatment (VoT) findings for dementia which highlight some of the most pressing challenges presented by this condition.

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## EBC Constituency



### EAN will be celebrating its' 5th anniversary with an outstanding Congress in Oslo, Norway from June 29 - July 2, 2019

EAN has put together yet another diverse and stimulating selection of scientific and educational presentations. The overarching theme of the Oslo 2019 congress is „Neuroinflammation – Science. Synergy. Solutions“, which acts as a red thread throughout the congress sessions. Nobel Prize winner Edvard Moser will give the keynote lecture during the opening. In addition to the scientific programme, the congress hosts a wide range of events and opportunities to connect with fellow colleagues from around the world.

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### EPA 2019 Online Course – Enroll now!

The European Psychiatric Association (EPA) is pleased to announce that its **second Online Course “Introduction to Motivational Interviewing”** is now available on the **EPA E-learning platform** and open for all interested participants. Through mini-lecture videos, demonstrative role-plays and interviews with international experts, learners from around the world will be able to understand MI from the ground up: **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**. This online course is designed for **psychiatrists and other mental health professionals** and is free for all EPA paid-up members, or €30 for the complete course for all other course participants.

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## “A plan to strengthen brain health in Europe” session at EAN-Congress

The European Federation of Neurological Associations (EFNA) have organised a number of special sessions at the upcoming EAN Congress. These include a joint EFNA-EAN Special Session on the Scientific Programme entitled: ‘A plan to strengthen brain health in Europe’. At this session, EAN will present the latest figures on neurology from the Global Burden of Disease Study. You will also hear why national brain plans must be put in place, see a successful example from Norway and understand why we must advocate together for neurology! There will also be two sessions organised to coincide with the Congress, on Dystonia and ME.

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## IBRO World Congress 2019 - Extended registration and submission deadline

Deadline extended until 15 June for the 2019 IBRO World Congress early bird registration and abstract submissions. Accepted abstracts will be published as a supplement in IBRO Reports, our Open Access journal. Take advantage of this opportunity to participate and get your research recognized by the global community!

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## Registration FENS Regional Meeting - Belgrade, 10-13 July 2019

Registration is now open for the next **FENS Regional Meeting** (FRM2019). Jointly organised by the neuroscience societies of Serbia, Romania and Turkey, the FRM will take place in Belgrade on 10-13 July 2019. These societies have come together for the first time to organise a meeting with an exciting programme, reflecting the latest discoveries and technological developments. Early registration is open until 10 June 2019 and FENS members benefit from reduced registration rates. FRMs are biennial meetings and alternate with the **FENS Forums**. The 2017 FENS regional meeting in Hungary attracted nearly 900 participants.

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## ECNP Workshop 2020 – Application is open

The **ECNP Workshop for Early Career Scientists in Europe** is a great opportunity for **Early Career Scientists** to come together with research leaders and discuss the latest advances and perspectives on specific topics. The next ECNP Workshop will take place in Nice, France, from 5-8 March 2020. On our website you will find more information on the [programme and how to apply](#).

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## News and Reports



### TO-REACH launches consultation on Strategic Research Agenda (SRA)

The TO-REACH project, funded through the Horizon 2020 programme, recently shared its Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) on Health Services and Health Systems. The SRA has the ambition to address the increasing challenges faced by health systems, directed to those research areas of major relevance in the coming years. TO-REACH also launched an online consultation in order to gather inputs on the SRA from a wide range of stakeholders. The consultation will be open until 28 June 2019, further information can be accessed through the link below.

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## For your Agenda

7 June 2019 - [Industry Board Meeting](#), Brussels

12 June 2019 - [IMI Stakeholder Forum 2019](#), Brussels

17 June 2019 - [Stakeholder meeting on AAI](#), Brussels

26 June 2019 - [European AI Alliance Assembly](#), 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

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

18 - 19 September 2019 - EBC Strategic Workshop, Brussels

21 - 25 September 2019 - [10th World Congress of Neuroscience](#), Daegu

24 - 26 September 2019 - [European Research and Innovation Days](#), Brussels

30 September 2019 - [EU Health Programme High Level Conference](#), Brussels

2 December 2019 - [Encephalitis Conference 2019](#), London

11 - 15 July 2020 - [12th FENS Forum of Neuroscience](#), Glasgow



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