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EBC Activities

Open Letter on the Future of Research in Europe

“Research” included in the title of Commissioner Gabriel

EBC welcomes the inclusion of “research” in the official title of EU Commissioner Maryia Gabriel as this better reflects the broad portfolio of the new Commissioner. Her new title is “Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth”. Research is crucial for addressing the disease burden of brain disorders and for ultimately improving the lives of those living with mental or neurological conditions. As such, EBC earlier supported an open letter that called on the European Commission to revise the new job title of the Commissioner to include a reference to research.

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EBC Board and General Assembly Meetings, 28 November 2019

EBC held its Board Meeting and General Assembly on 28 November 2019 at the University Foundation in Brussels, Belgium. On this occasion, EBC’s members met to exchange views on the projects, advocacy initiatives and brain-related activities launched by EBC. Amongst other issues, the meeting enabled all members, representing brain researchers, patients, clinicians and National Brain Councils, to reflect on EBC’s Horizon Europe advocacy and set priorities for the coming months.

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MS country profiles presented at European Parliament

EBC and the Health Policy Partnership (HPP) presented preliminary country reports in the European Parliament on 6 November 2019. The presentation was part of the meeting of the MEP Interest Group on Brain, Mind and Pain. The “Rethinking MS” project is calling for change in how MS care and support is organised. Building on the findings from the 2017 Value of Treatment report, the pan-European policy narrative identifies key challenges in MS care and makes recommendations for how they can be addressed.

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EBC Members



Online registration is now open for EPA Madrid 2020

Registration for the **28th European Congress of Psychiatry** is now open on the [Congress website](#).

Join our record-breaking congress in **Madrid, Spain, from 28 to 31 March 2020**, and be a part of discussions and educational forums on a range of topics in the fields of psychiatry, psychology, social work and mental health advocacy!

Register before **21 January 2020** to take advantage of the most affordable way to attend the Congress with the Early Bird Registration savings.

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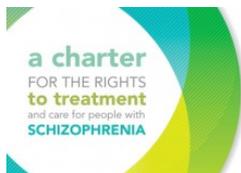
FENS Forum 2020: registration and call for abstracts now open

Early registration and abstract submission for the 12th FENS Forum of Neuroscience are now open!

The high-quality of the [scientific programme](#) will showcase the front lines of science, giving the floor to renowned speakers and the most up-to-date discoveries. With 56 parallel symposia, more than 3,500 abstracts and 20 plenary and special lectures, the Forum provides a great platform to discuss science and network. From cellular to molecular neuroscience, epigenetics and brain disorders, there will be something for everyone!

Travel grants are available for eligible early career scientists. Find out more on the [FENS Forum 2020 website](#)!

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A Charter for the Rights to Treatment and Care for People with Schizophrenia

People living with a diagnosis of schizophrenia are often disadvantaged, vulnerable and experience high levels of stigma and discrimination. On November 26 GAMIAN-Europe launched a new report focusing on the rights and quality of care of people living with schizophrenia: '[A Charter for the Rights to Treatment and Care for People with Schizophrenia](#)'. GAMIAN-Europe believes it is essential that people with a diagnosis of schizophrenia are empowered to make informed choices about their care and treatment, and to be aware of their rights and what they can expect when they receive mental health services.

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Scientific programme 33rd ECNP Congress online

The provisional scientific programme for the 33rd ECNP Congress is now online! Browse it [here](#).

The online programme has a number of filter/search options and the possibility to view the programme in different ways. You can add sessions to your 'favourites-list' and create PDF files.

More symposia, industry sessions and poster sessions (with abstracts and e-posters) will be added once they become available. The programme will also include abstracts and biographies of the speakers.

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Joint Webinars with the ERNs for Rare Neurological Diseases and Rare Neuromuscular Diseases

EAN and the European Reference Networks (ERNs) for Rare Neurological Diseases and Rare Neuromuscular Diseases (ERN-RND and ERN-EuroNMD) are launching a new joint educational program, which aims to share knowledge on rare neurological, movement and neuromuscular disorders and fill the gap in the educational offer in these fields. The webinars will address different aspects of the disease groups covered in the networks such as clinical features, diagnosis and management, use of scales and flowcharts, possible therapeutic interventions as well as adult and pediatric cases. EAN has signed a memorandum of understanding with these organizations.

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EANS Annual Meeting & Research Course of Young Neurosurgeons

The European Association of Neurosurgical Societies is delighted to welcome you to the tenth edition of the EANS Annual Meeting & Research Course of Young Neurosurgeons which this year will take place on 26 - 28 March 2020 in Zurich. The session formats of the EANS 10th Annual Young Neurosurgeons' Meeting & Research Course include round tables, presentations and current updates encouraging debate and discussion. Special guest is Henry Marsh, leading English neurosurgeon and acclaimed author of his memoir *Do No Harm: Stories of Life, Death and Brain Surgery*. Dr Henry Marsh will give his special talk "Things that matter most – retrospect on a neurosurgeon's career" on 27 March.

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#BrainLifeGoals Photography Competition

We're approaching New Year- a time when it is traditional in many parts of the world to resolve to make changes for the better, or to accomplish a personal goal. As part of the #BrainLifeGoals campaign EFNA is pleased to launch a photo competition on this theme. Participants are invited to submit photographs that reflect their own goal for the future. The winning entry will receive a top prize of €500, while four runners-up will each receive a prize of €250. The competition will be open until Wednesday, January 1, midnight CET.

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11th IBRO World Congress of Neuroscience - Granada, Spain

IBRO and the Spanish Neuroscience Society (SENC, Sociedad Española de Neurociencia) are excited to announce that the 11th IBRO World Congress of Neuroscience will take place in Granada, Spain, in 2023.

Specific dates will be confirmed at a later time.

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National Brain Councils



Official opening - Norwegian Center for Clinical Research

The first Norwegian Center for Clinical Research, Neuro - SysMed, was officially opened on 17 October 2019. This center is established as a result of the Norwegian Brain Strategy and political networking from the Norwegian Brain Council and patients organisations. The center will receive 4 million Euro a year from the Norwegian Research Council, the University of Bergen and Haukeland University Hospital. The center comprises a multidisciplinary, national Neurological Clinical Trial Unit for patients with multiple sclerosis and neurodegenerative disorders; a translational node for integration of Norwegian registries and experimental research and a drug development and commercialization pipeline.

The center was opened by the Minister of Health and Care services, Bent Høie, who was present for a symposium with participation of national scientific and clinical representatives. Patients' organisations were present and are actively engaged in the center. The Norwegian Brain Council emphasized the need for clinical studies for the whole spectrum of brain disorders. The establishment of the Neuro-SysMed Center is a highly important first step towards this goal.

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Sharing Good Practices for Brain Education in Europe

The Belgian Brain Council (BBC) will coordinate the Erasmus+ project "Sharing Good Practices for Brain Education in Europe" that is scheduled to start in December 2019. This project aims to enhance the skills and knowledge of patient advocates and stakeholders in the brain space (i.e. brain researchers, patients, carers, etc.) and as such enable them to raise awareness about the societal impact of brain diseases amongst decision-makers and the general public. The involved partners are the Greek Carers Network EPIONI, the Serbian Brain Council, the Spanish Brain Council and the Italian Consorzio per Valutazioni Biologiche e Farmacologiche.

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Serbian Brain Council to coordinate ADHD-CARE project

The main mission of the Erasmus+ KA2 "ADHD-CARE" project is to offer knowledge for the psychoeducation for people with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disease (ADHD) and highlight the importance of increasing support to carers of people with ADHD. The project also aims to facilitate an exchange of good practices on successful ADHD campaigns in Belgium, Cyprus, Greece, Serbia, Turkey and beyond. In addition to the Serbian Brain Council (project coordinator) the involved partners are the Belgian Brain Council, the Greek Carers Network EPIONI, the Open University of Cyprus, the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Kemer County Directorate of National Education (Turkey).

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For your Agenda

26 - 28 March 2020 - [EANS Annual Meeting & Research Course of Young Neurosurgeons](#), Zurich

28 - 31 March 2020 - [28th European Congress of Psychiatry](#), Madrid

4 - 5 May 2020 - [EU Health Summit](#), Brussels

23 - 26 May 2020 - [6th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology](#), Paris

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

12 - 15 September 2020 - [33rd ECNP Congress](#), Vienna

18 - 22 October 2020 - [EANS2020](#), Belgrade



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