Kick-off PRIME project

January 2020 marked the launch of the PRIME - Prevention and Remediation of Insulin Multimorbidity in Europe - project, which aims to unravel how brain disorders throughout life can be traced to alterations in insulin signalling and how this relates to the somatic diseases type 2 diabetes and obesity.

The 5-year long project, which involves 17 different university and private sector groups from 9 different European countries, will receive funding through the EU’s Horizon 2020 programme. The kick-off meeting was held in Frankfurt on 14-15 January 2020. EBC is part of the consortium of the project.

Launch AD Detect and Prevent newsletter

The first Alzheimer’s disease (AD) Detect and Prevent newsletter was sent on 21 January 2020. AD Detect and Prevent aims to develop a robust digital tool for improving the early detection of AD prior to the possible onset of AD dementia. The tool will subsequently offer personalized intervention programmes that address risk factors connected to AD dementia. Read all about the news and results of the project in the first edition below.

EBC at AAE World Congress - 15-17 April 2020

EBC will be represented at the World Congress of the Association of Association Executives (AAE) that will be held in Portugal from 15-17 April 2020. EBC Executive Director Frédéric Destrebecq will on this occasion introduce the advocacy work of EBC as part of the session on “Assessing how to successfully promote the work of your association”.

The AAE aims to support employees and officers of membership organisations and gathers a wide range of member-based associations from Europe and beyond.
Still time for savings for EPA 2020 Madrid!

Registration is open for the 28th European Congress of Psychiatry in Madrid, Spain, from 28 to 31 March 2020 and there is still time to save on registration fees until 10 March 2020!

Join a record-breaking congress offering discussions and educational forums on a range of topics in the fields of psychiatry, psychology, social work, and mental health advocacy. View the Interactive Scientific Programme and register before the deadline.

Remember: EPA members receive extra savings on registration fees for the congress and get a special deal for EPA Course tickets. Become an EPA Member to take advantage of all the benefits an EPA membership has to offer!

FENS Forum 2020: abstract submission and early registration ends on 18 February

There's two weeks left to submit an abstract and save on registration for the FENS Forum! The FENS Forum is the premier meeting for neuroscience in Europe. The 12th edition will take place on 11-15 July 2020 in Glasgow and will feature an enticing blend of plenary lectures, symposia and poster sessions.

Submit your abstract, register and take advantage of this exciting programme filled with professional development opportunities, public engagement and networking events! Early registration and abstract submission deadline: 18 February 2020. Travel grants are available.


The Scientific Programme and information on the Presidential Symposium and Brain Prize lecture can be found here.

For more information please consult the EAN Congress Website.

We look forward to meeting you in Paris!
EANS Congress 2020
Belgrade will host the annual congress of the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies on 18-22 October 2020.

Abstract submission is now open and you may submit your abstract to present your research to the European neurosurgical community. During the EANS2020 Congress you may find significant opportunities for an oral presentation. Outstanding abstracts will be presented in plenary sessions, while the best e-posters will be allocated at a special e-poster session.

Full details of topics and how to submit your abstract are available here. Submissions will be accepted until 1 March 2020.

We look forward to receiving your abstract!

Brain Health as a Global Priority – Time for the EU to Act Now - 18 February 2020
On 18 February 2020, EFNA together with EBC and EAN, will hold the event “Brain Health as a Global Priority – Time for the EU to Act Now” in the European Parliament, Brussels from 11am to 1pm in Room 6Q1, hosted by Jaroslaw Duda, EPP.

The event looks to explore the following:

- Is brain health a global priority?
- How do we make brain health an EU priority?

ECNP School Oxford 2020 - apply now
Have you already applied for the ECNP School of Neuropsychopharmacology? Don’t wait too long, the deadline to apply is 3 March 2020.

The school offers a select number of participants a week-long intensive training in all aspects of neuropsychopharmacology.

When: 28 June-3 July 2020
Where: Oxford, United Kingdom

Further information about this ECNP School is available here. We are looking forward to receive your application!

Shaping a future EU Mental Health Strategy: priorities and activities - 18 February 2020
On behalf of the Coalition for Mental Health and Wellbeing and the MEP Alliance on Mental Health we would like to warmly invite you to our joint meeting in the European Parliament, addressing the urgent need to put in place a comprehensive and proactive EU Mental Health Strategy.
German Brain Council (GBC)

As an alliance of relevant expert organisations, the GBC promotes science and research dealing with diseases of the human nervous system – basic research and applied clinical research in equal measure. In these terms, in November 2019 the GBC has held a joint Lifebrain, Silver Santé Study, and German Brain Council conference titled BRAIN HEALTH ACROSS THE LIFESPAN in Berlin, Germany. This conference featured some of Germany’s leading experts and covered all relevant topics from risk factors to lifestyle promotion as well as prevention and intervention strategies for healthy brain ageing.

The GBC has further recently announced its new composition of the board with Prof. Dr. Peter Falkai as president, Prof. Dr. Ulrike Schara as vice-president, Prof. Dr. Thomas Mokrusch as secretary, Prof. Dr. Christian Mawrin as treasurer and committee members Prof. Dr. Christine R. Rose, Prof. Dr. Agnes Föiel, Prof. Dr. Alfons Schnitzler, Dr. Katharina Glanz. Advisory board members are Prof. Bernd Huber, Prof. Veronika von Messling, Prof. Bernd Sommer, and Prof. Ottmar Wiestler.

Serbian Brain Council (SrBC) announces launch of Erasmus+ project on ADHD

The project entitled “Exchanging Good Practices for people with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and their caregivers (ADHD-Care)” aims to share knowledge and good practices on ADHD awareness raising campaigns, with the ultimate goal of improving the lives of adults living with ADHD. The project will last for 18 months and is coordinated by the SrBC with partners from Belgium (BBC), Turkey, Greece (Athens and Thessaloniki) and Cyprus. The kick-off meeting will be held in Belgrade on 6 February 2020.

The Project Card can be accessed below.

Brain Research Information Day and Parkinson’s Congress in Spain

The Spanish Brain Council (SpBC), the Spanish Federation of Parkinson and the CIEN Foundation are organizing an information day on Brain Research. The event will take place on 18 March 2020 and is part of the Dana Foundation’s Brain Awareness Week. Patients and researchers will meet on this occasion to discuss the importance of clinical and neuropsychological evaluation, neuroimaging studies and brain tissue donation.

What is more, the Spanish Federation of Parkinson is organizing the Parkinson’s Congress “Reality of the disease and future challenges”, which will take place in Granada, on 22-23 October 2020. The Spanish Federation of Parkinson is one of the founding members of the SpBC.

For your Agenda

3 February 2020, Human Brain Project Open Day 2020, Athens

4 February 2020, Towards outcomes-based healthcare in Europe: How can the State of Health in the EU show the way?, Brussels

13 February 2020 - 3rd trIMS.online conference

13 February 2020 - Horizon Europe: A practical insight, Budapest
18 February 2020 - Brain Health as a Global Priority - time for the EU to act now, Brussels

16 - 22 March 2020 - Brain Awareness Week

18 March 2020 - Brain & Cancer: exploring the mysteries of their connection, Brussels

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

24 May 2020 - Special Session at the EAN Congress, Paris

24 May 2020 - EBRA and RethinkingMS - Scientific Theatre, Paris

25 May 2020 - 6th Academy Meeting of National Brain Councils, Paris

26 - 28 May 2020 - HIMSS & Health 2.0 European Conference, Helsinki

11 - 15 July 2020 - 12th FENS Forum of Neuroscience, Glasgow

14 July 2020 - EBC Special Interest Event: Global Research Collaboration at FENS Forum 2020, Glasgow

12 - 15 September 2020 - 33rd ECNP Congress, Vienna

22 - 24 September 2020 - European Research and Innovation Days 2020, Brussels

18 - 22 October 2020 - EANS2020, Belgrade