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EBC Activities



“Science and Society”: new EBC video series launched

“**Science & Society: Parkinson’s Disease**” is the first video released by EBC of a new “Science and Society” series shedding light on the basic research behind brain diseases. The video was supported by PD experts and patients as well as [FENS](#) and [SfN](#).

One of EBC’s key drivers is to raise awareness of brain disorders and for those living with these conditions. For this reason, we would like to build a stronger voice for basic neuroscience and the research that goes on “behind the scenes” to learn more about the underlying causes for different brain disorders and their treatments, as well as the research that is conducted to gain insight on the mechanisms behind the disease.

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EBC and beLean.net launch the Brain Innovation Days 2020 – Save the Date!

The European Brain Council and [beLean.net](#) are excited to announce the upcoming **Brain Innovation Days**, to be held in Brussels on 13-14 October and virtually all over Europe.

The Brain Innovation Days will take over from EBC’s 2018 event on “Enhanced engagement in public-private partnerships” and provide an opportunity to not only feed into the new ‘Value of Innovation’ White Paper, but also to create a platform for the exchange of knowledge between clinicians, neuroscientists, entrepreneurs, start-ups, brain industry and policy makers, with the intent and ability to foster dialogue and create opportunities for investments in research and innovation.

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"It is important to realize that millions of people across the world are living in "pandemics" of their own, be it cancer, cardiovascular disease or brain conditions."

Prof. Monica di Luca
PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN BRAIN COUNCIL



Brain diseases at the time of the COVID-19 pandemic – EBC President featured in Open Access Government

EBC President, Prof Monica Di Luca, is featured in the latest **Open Access Government**, a digital publication that provides an in-depth perspective on key public policy areas from all around the world. Prof Di Luca provides a voice for the brain research community here, exploring how the brain research community is affected by the outbreak of COVID-19 in Europe and why, despite the circumstances, further leadership from Europe and the European Union in the fight against brain conditions and the need to support brain research remains important now more than ever.

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EBC Value of Treatment project highlighted by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Health & Food Safety

The **Value of Treatment (VoT)** project, a 2-year study initiated by EBC in 2018, has been highlighted in the European Reference Network for Rare Diseases (ERN) Newsletter that is sent on a quarterly basis by the Directorate-General for Health & Food Safety of the European Commission.

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EBC holds Special Session on "Severe Patients in Neurology and Psychiatry - Detecting, Managing and Refining" at EAN Virtual Congress

EBC led a Special Session on "Severe Patients in Neurology and Psychiatry - Detecting, Managing and Refining" during the EAN Virtual Congress on 24 May, featuring presentations on the Perspective of Neurology, Similarities in Psychiatry and National plans against neurodegenerative diseases in France and management of severe patients.

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EBC-involved projects EBRA, Rethinking MS and MULTI-ACT presented at EAN Virtual Congress

The EBC-led EU-funded European Brain Research Area project and the EBC project Rethinking MS were presented during the Scientific Theatre sessions of the EAN Virtual Congress held on 23-26 May 2020. Furthermore, the MULTI-ACT project, of which EBC is a partner, was also presented during the Scientific Theatre. The presentations will be available online soon.

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MULTI-ACT project's Patient Engagement Guidelines launched on World MS Day

The MULTI-ACT project launched its Patient Engagement Guidelines together with an explanatory video on World MS Day, 30 May 2020. EBC leads the communications work package, among others, of the MULTI-ACT project.

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Webinar: Enhancing the early detection of Alzheimer's disease through digital technologies – 23rd June 2020

The emergence and development of digital health technologies creates new opportunities for enhancing the early detection of AD as well as addressing the lifestyle-related risk associated with AD dementia. In the light of this, the AD Detect and Prevent consortium will organize the webinar “**Enhancing the early detection of Alzheimer's disease through digital technologies**” that will be held on Tuesday **23rd June 2020** from 13:30 - 15:30 (GMT +1).

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EBRA Call for Clusters deadline extended until 1 September 2020

Due to the current circumstances surrounding COVID-19, the EBRA consortium has decided to extend the final cluster call deadline until 1 September 2020 to give all potential applicants ample time to prepare their submissions as clusters.

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Value of Treatment 2: Value Proposition – Early coordinated care for patients affected by RNDs study

Read the recently released proposition for consolidating the current research project economic analysis and future perspectives on The Value of Early Coordinated Care for Patients Affected by Rare Neurological Diseases Study, part of the 2nd round of the Value of Treatment project.

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Interested in the EANS Training Courses?

The EANS wishes to make its Training Courses available to as many European residents as possible, and thus a number of new places will be available for next year, providing a better-than-ever opportunity to gain admission to this sought-after and highly regarded courses. Become part of the "EANS family" and join us. Submit your application until 30 September 2020. For more information please visit our [website](#) and watch our [promo video](#).

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ECNP goes online!

The ECNP Congress on 12-15 September 2020 will now be entirely virtual.

Find out the new registration rates we have created for you and if you have questions, please visit our FAQ page or contact us via email (congress2020@ecnp.eu).

Register via this link on or before **1 June** to benefit from a lower fee.

Connect with us to experience the Europe's largest meeting on applied and translational neuroscience!

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MEP Alliance for Mental Health

This past month has been busy for the MEP Alliance for Mental Health. Mrs Estrella Dura Ferrandis MEP has joined its team of co-chairs. She will be taking the place of former MEP Rory Watson, who, sadly, had to leave the European Parliament as a result of Brexit.

Moreover, MEP Alliance for Mental Health co-chairs Alex Agius Saliba, Radka Maxová, Maria Walsh, and Tomas Zdechovsky published an article in the Parliament Magazine on the need for a comprehensive EU Mental Health Strategy.

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EPA 2021 Florence: Submit your proposal!

The EPA is looking forward to reuniting leading experts, professionals, and students in psychiatry and mental health care at its **29th European Congress of Psychiatry**, taking place **10-13 April 2021** in **Florence, Italy**.

In 2021, discussions will be guided by the congress motto **"Personalising and Integrating Mental Health Care in the Digital Era"**.

Submit your proposals for symposia, workshops, and courses to be included in the EPA 2021 scientific programme on the congress website!

The extended deadline for submission is 8 July 2020.

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FENS 2020 Virtual Forum: explore the reshaped programme!

The FENS 2020 Virtual Forum programme has been reshaped to facilitate attendance of delegates from all over the world. The online platform, and its extended three-month access, will allow you to view more content than ever before.

Discover the reshaped programme and its exciting sessions, debates and symposia on the Forum website.

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A long-awaited golden window for neurological health opens

Neurology has been awarded overdue attention in a report published by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in advance of the recent World Health Assembly.

For many years, neurology has been overlooked by WHO in its work on non-communicable diseases, aside from disease-specific efforts in areas such as epilepsy and dementia. However, following recent advocacy actions, led by the European Federation of Neurological Associations (EFNA) and partners, WHO agreed to expand its work on epilepsy to look at its 'neurological synergies'.

Read an overview of EFNA-led advocacy actions which have pushed for this opportunity along with details of the key points from the report below.

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National Brain Councils



Norwegian Brain Council & Lifebrain webinar 10 June 2020, 15.00 CET

The Norwegian Brain Council and the EU-funded project Lifebrain will hold a webinar on brain health on 10 June 2020. This webinar will address the impact of loneliness, depression and sleep on brain health. Moreover, various experts involved in the Lifebrain project will elaborate on how their research findings could influence policymaking and clinical practice. The webinar will be recorded and held in English, is free of charge and will last for one hour.

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For your Agenda

3 - 5 June 2020 - [Better Future of Healthy Ageing 2020](#), Virtual Meeting

10 June 2020 - [Norwegian Brain Council/Lifebrain Webinar on Brain Research](#), Webinar

23 June 2020 - [Enhancing the early detection of Alzheimer's disease through digital technologies](#), Webinar

4 - 7 July 2020 - [28th European Congress of Psychiatry](#), Virtual Meeting

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

13 July 2020 - [EBC Special Interest Event: Global Research Collaboration at FENS Forum 2020](#), Virtual Meeting

15 July 2020 - [Neuroscience Research Funding in Europe Post-COVID-19](#), Virtual Meeting

7 - 9 September 2020 - [HIMSS & Health 2.0 European Conference](#), Helsinki

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

21 - 24 September 2020 - [NEURO 2020 Summit](#), Salamanca

22 - 24 September 2020 - [European Research and Innovation Days 2020](#), Virtual Meeting

13 - 14 October 2020 - [EBC Brain Innovation Days](#), Brussels

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

19 November 2020 - [European Life After Stroke Forum](#), Barcelona



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