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EBC Activities



EBC Special Session on Severe Patients held as part of the EAN Congress on 24 May 2020

During the EAN Congress, EBC led a Special Session on "Severe Patients in Neurology and Psychiatry - Detecting, Managing and Refining" chaired by Ms. Joke Jaarsma, President of the European Federation of Neurological Associations, and with David B. Vodusek (European Academy of Neurology), Philip Gorwood (European Psychiatric Association), Bruno Dubois (Salpêtrière University Hospital)

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EFNA, EAN & EBC call for increased prioritisation of neurological health in open letter to EU Commission

In an open letter, EFNA, EAN, EBC and neurology advocacy groups from across Europe, call on the European Commission to acknowledge the full burden of neurological disorders and to take concrete steps to fully integrate neurological health into its main priority areas in the field of NCDs.

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Healthcare stakeholders launch statement on "COVID-19 and Brexit – Protecting patients across Europe from pandemics"

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the UK has contributed significant expertise and participated extensively in EU-wide health platforms and programmes, showing once again the importance of effective cross border coordination.

For this reason, a group of pan-European healthcare stakeholders launched the statement "COVID-19 and Brexit – Protecting patients across Europe from pandemics", calling upon EU and UK decision-makers to reach agreement on health issues during the negotiations.

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Launch of the new PRIME website

The PRIME project website is now online. EBC is a partner in this project aiming to unravel the insulin-dependent mechanisms that underlie both somatic conditions and brain disorders.

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The experience of Patient Organisations during the Covid-19 global pandemic

PatientView recently launched a survey to determine the experience of patient organizations during the Covid-19 pandemic of 2020 as well as the challenges that these organisations have been facing. The survey is open to any health-advocacy organisation worldwide. It has 11 key questions and will take no more than 20-30 minutes to complete. The survey will close on 2 September 2020.

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New EPA Online Course “Understanding and Treating Major Depressive Disorder” is available from 4 July!

We are very pleased to announce that the **3rd EPA Online Course on “Understanding and Treating Major Depressive Disorder” opened on Saturday 4 July**. This course is designed for all those who wish to learn more about the causes and treatments of depression, from students to experienced clinicians.

Led by renowned clinician scientists **Prof. Allan Young** and **Dr. Roland Zahn** from King’s College London, the topics range from epidemiology and pathophysiology to affective neuroscience and treatment paradigms. This introduction to clinical depression is a must-see for all those who seek to understand clinical depression better.

This course will be open access for all interested participants.

Have a look at the course [teaser!](#)

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Joint ERN-RND, EURO-NMD & EAN educational webinars: upcoming webinars with new focus on neurorehabilitation

The European Reference Networks for Rare Neurological Diseases (ERN-RND) and for Rare Neuromuscular Diseases (ERN EURO-NMD) organise joint educational webinars throughout the year in collaboration with the European Academy of Neurology (EAN).

ERN-RND is pleased to announce that they scheduled additional webinars with a new focus on neurorehabilitation (adult and paediatric content).

Webinars have been scheduled until the end of the year, you can find the full schedule [here](#). You can also sign up to the ERN-RND newsletter [here](#) to receive monthly updates

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FENS 2020 Virtual Forum: there's still time to register!

Don't miss your chance to explore the latest neuroscience discoveries and develop your skills at the FENS 2020 Virtual Forum!

Taking place on 11-15 July 2020, the scientific programme features sessions, debates and symposia with live Q&A, interactive posters and live chats and much more! Registration gives you access to all the presentations and posters for up to 3 months after the Forum.

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Call for late abstracts!

Present your work at the Europe's premier scientific meeting for disease-oriented brain research, attracting neuroscientists, psychiatrists and neurologists from around the world.

You have time until **7 July** to submit your abstract and be part of the 33rd ECNP Congress Virtual, 12-15 September.

Submit your abstract via this link: www.ecnp.eu/2020abstract

Watch [this video](#) that will help you to write and submit your abstract in the best way.

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EANS2020: Early bird registration extended!

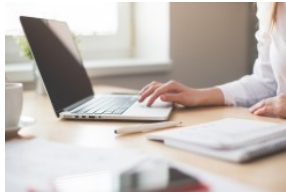
The 20th European Congress of Neurosurgery will mark an important anniversary of EANS congresses, providing an excellent opportunity to look back and to look forward, and to explore the path for the future.

The Congress theme – Trends, Insights, Innovations: Neurosurgery beyond Technology – addresses the complex relation between technological advances and human ingenuity in the field of neurosurgery.

Join the neurosurgery community and be part of #EANS2020 Congress. Early bird registration deadline extended to 31 July.

Benefit from the early bird rates and [register now!](#)

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MEP Alliance for Mental Health Virtual Meeting

The MEP Alliance for Mental Health will be holding [a virtual meeting](#), addressing the mental health impact of the measures taken to best manage and control the COVID-19 pandemic. It will take place on 15 July between 12.00 and 13.30 CET.

The GAMIAN-Europe AGM 2020 Webinar will be taking place on 14 July between 3 and 5 PM CET.

GAMIAN-Europe has a [COVID19 Platform](#) offering resources and guidelines; the platform is updated regularly.

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Winners of EFNA's #BrainLifeGoals Project Grants announced!

EFNA has announced the winners of their 2020 #BrainLifeGoals Project Grants.

The focus of this year's grants is 'Ensuring Equitable Access to Treatment, Services and Support for Neurology Patients and their Carers' and EFNA are providing grants of €3,000 to 10 selected organisations, working to address this theme.

EBC's Vinciane Quoidbach participated in the judging panel for the awards. 26 applications were received from across Europe, all featuring exciting projects.

Read about the winning projects below.

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For your Agenda

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

9 July 2020 - [Environmental modifiers in Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia](#), Webinar

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

14 July 2020 - [Gait rehabilitation in people with hereditary spastic paraplegia](#), Webinar

14 July 2020 - [Respiratory physiotherapy in parkinson's plus syndromes](#), Webinar

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

15 July 2020 - [Learning from the impact of COVID-19 measures: finding the balance between physical and mental health](#), 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](#), Brussels

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

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

10 November 2020 - [IMI Stakeholder Forum 2020 "Broader horizons: growing Europe's health partnership"](#), Virtual Meeting

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

8 December 2020 - [Encephalitis Conference](#), London



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