

# EUROPEAN BRAIN COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER - September 2020

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### EBC Activities



#### **Brain Innovation Days - Digital Launch Registration closes today!**

Today is your last chance to register for the digital launch of the Brain Innovation Days, to be held on 13 October 2020 at 12:30-14:30.

This lunchtime interactive session will fall under the overarching theme, "Disrupt and rewire: how brain innovation is changing Europe" and will bring together key opinion leaders, researchers, regulators, policymakers, start-ups, innovators, clinicians and more. Speakers will explore and answer the question: why is brain innovation important and how is it changing Europe and the world? - looking at the past, present and what the future holds for brain innovation.

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## EBC provides feedback to European Commission on draft of first Horizon Europe Work Programme of the Health Cluster

In August, the European Brain Council (EBC) was able to provide feedback and input to the European Commission on the draft of the “First Horizon Europe Work Programme 2021-2022 of the Health Cluster”. An overarching first response to the draft Work Programme was composed, representing the views of the brain research community as a whole.

The Horizon Europe Health cluster aims at improving the understanding of health and diseases, developing innovative methodological and technological solutions to better manage health and diseases and designing sustainable approaches for the digital transformation and delivery of integrated, person-centred and equitable health and care services.

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## EBC Sessions at Digitalscience@UNGA75

EBC was invited to host two side sessions at the sciencedigital@UNGA75 series of virtual side events within the context of the 75th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA75) at the end of September. The central theme of these activities was to advance awareness of the role and contribution of science and digital technologies to the attainment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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## EBC Strategic workshop

This year’s internal EBC Strategic Workshop took place on 23rd September. Members of EBC discussed the strategic orientation of the organisation for the future. Participants discussed and redefined the specific areas or objectives that EBC should be pursuing.

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## 33rd ECNP Virtual Congress

EBC was present at the ECNP Congress with its virtual booth for the entire duration of the event. EBC showcased all the ongoing projects and was able to present a poster on the EBRA project.

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## Women's Brain Project summit

EBC Executive Director, Frédéric Destrebecq, was part of the panel discussion on 'The ideal migraine patient experience both in life and at work: policy changes to achieve it' at the International Forum on Women's Brain and Mental Health.

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## Incisive Health Breakfast Session

On Thursday 7 September, EBC Executive Director Frédéric Destrebecq took part in an Incisive Health morning club to discuss the future of brain health innovation in Europe with Francesca Scassellati Sforzolini, Managing Director of Incisive Health Brussels, and Eduardo Pisani, Strategic Advisor at Incisive Health.

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## EBC Members



## 6th National Brain Councils Academia

On the 29th September 2020, the National Brain Councils active in the "Share4Brain" EU project (Erasmus+) organized a virtual session with the auspices of the European Brain Council.

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## COVID-19 Survey for Patients

Empowering mental health patients depends on understanding how they have been affected by the COVID-19 crisis. We aim to facilitate informed discussion on the specific challenges faced by mental health patients during the COVID-19 crisis.

This is why GAMIAN-Europe has taken the initiative to carry out a [survey](#), focusing on the patient experience and patient needs, both in the short and longer term.

Take our survey in English and more languages [here!](#)

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## Art competition - "Me and my brain"

EFNA have launched an art competition – 'Me and My Brain'. The competition has adult and kids' categories, with prizes of up to €500!

Create a drawing, painting, collage or digital illustration that represents your relationship with your brain. Your work might explore your hopes, your frustrations, or the day to day impact a neurological disorder has on your life. Deadline for entry is Monday, 7 December 2020.

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## EAN Survey: Neurological Symptoms in COVID-19 Patients

The EANcore COVID-19 initiative has launched a survey on neurological symptoms in COVID-19 patients. Data gained from the survey will be crucial to better understanding the relation between COVID-19 and neurological symptoms and will allow EAN to provide better resources within the EANcore COVID-19 initiative. This results from the survey can help neurologists in Europe and beyond prepare for and manage the challenges this global crisis is bringing. EANcore CoVID-19 is accessible to members and non-members of EAN to support the fight against the greatest global healthcare challenge of the last century.

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## eEANS2020 Beyond Borders Virtual Congress

The EANS would like to invite you to:

- Explore the best of the best and view the Highlights of the European Neurosurgery 2020. Get connected beyond borders virtually and join us now on the eEANS2020 Beyond Borders Virtual Congress on 19-21 October 2020. There shall be state-of-the-art lectures by international experts, while many classical lectures selected from the submitted abstracts will be specially awarded! [Register now](#)

- Join us on our upcoming webinar organised by the EANS Trauma Section "Neurological Manifestation of the COVID-19 pandemic: Neurotrauma considerations and neurosurgical management". The webinar will take place on 30 September 2020 at 17.00 CEST. Register free of charge [here](#).

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## Neuroscience-based Nomenclature (NbN)

This unique international collaborative venture, led by ECNP, is seeking to develop a new nomenclature for psychotropic medications grounded in the latest advances in brain science.

- Second revised edition released – also in book form – covering 133 medications
- New Child & Adolescent version released – also in book form
- A patient version in progress
- 50,000 downloads of the app worldwide

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## For your Agenda

13 October 2020 - [Brain Innovation Days](#), Virtual Launch Event

19 - 21 October 2020 - [EANS2020](#), Virtual Congress

26 October 2020 - [EU Health Summit: Time for Action](#), Brussels

7-9 November 2020 - [The ESO-WSO Virtual Conference](#)

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

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

26 January 2021 - [Brain Innovation Days: From Innovative Ideas to Creative Brain Interventions](#), Digital Event

12 March 2021 - [European Life After Stroke Forum](#), Barcelona

12-13 October 2021 - [Brain Innovation Days](#), Brussels



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