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EBC Activities



EBC, EFNA and GAMIAN-Europe launch Save the Date for Brain Awareness Week event

EBC, the European Federation of Neurological Associations (EFNA) and GAMIAN-Europe are pleased to invite you to Save the Date for our upcoming **Brain Awareness Week event on Patient Engagement in EU-Funded Brain Research Projects**, to be held on **16 March 2021 at 12:30-14:00**.

Stay tuned for the final programme. Registration will launch this week!

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MULTI-ACT project launches Save the Date for Final Conference

After years of work, the outcomes of the MULTI-ACT project will be presented at the **Final Conference**, "The MULTI-ACT model: the path forward for participatory governance in health research and innovation", to be held virtually on **23 March 2021 at 14:00 - 17:00 (CET)**.

Keep an eye for more details, free registration will open in the coming days!

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Relive the 2nd Brain Innovation Days event!

Did you miss the second Brain Innovation Days event held on 26 January? The **full recording** is now available on the Brain Innovation Days YouTube channel!

This interactive session fell under the theme "**From Innovative Ideas to Creative Brain Interventions**" and drew focus on the business and start-up world within the brain ecosystem.

[Watch the Video](#)



The burden of neurological diseases in Europe: new "Brain Talks" episode with Prof. Deuschl

What is the driving force behind the need and creation of the Brain Innovation Days? At some point of their life, one in three Europeans will live with a brain disease – neurological and mental alike. As a result, the estimations are that brain disorders account for up to 45% of total healthcare budgets. This burden is expected to grow. We spoke with **Prof. Günther Deuschl**, Professor of Neurology at Christian-Albrechts-Universität in Kiel, Germany and former President of the European Academy of Neurology (2014-2018) to address the immense burden carried by neurological diseases, both in Europe and worldwide in the new episode of the **Brain Talks** podcast.

[Listen to the podcast](#)



NeuroTech Europe: Connecting stakeholders with the world of brain research

NeuroTech Europe is a newly born project that would promote the interest of association members towards EU institutions (EU Commission, DG Research & Innovation, EU parliament) and the permanent representations of key EU member states. It aims to shape the research agenda, specifically increasing the number of calls related to neurotechnologies. In this conversation, **Sebastian Haesler**, creator of NeuroTech Europe, explains to us in the latest episode of **Brain Talks** the goals and the purposes of the initiative.

[Listen to the podcast](#)



Rare Disease Day 2021

EBC recognized **Rare Disease Day**, celebrated on 28 February, under the theme "Equity". As emphasized by EURORDIS, equity in practice means meeting people's specific needs and eliminating barriers preventing their full participation in society.

EBC initiated a three-year research project (results will be released in 2021) on the **Value of Treatment** for Brain Disorders for more equitable access to care all around Europe "Bridging the gaps and achieving seamless, coordinated care for people affected by rare diseases". The project includes case studies on the Ataxias, Dystonia and Phenylketonuria.

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Launch of the PREMOS cluster

The European Brain Research Area (EBRA) project was happy to announce a new cluster last month, **PREMOS**. The cluster aims to enhance the alignment of EU disease model development resources with clinical and brain research community needs across academia & industry.

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New fact sheet on Alzheimer's disease released

A new **fact sheet on Alzheimer's disease** has been released, providing in a nutshell a quick overview of key facts, history, known causes, diagnosis, symptoms and treatment.

EBC disease fact sheets fall under the **#ILoveMyBrain campaign**, which was created by EBC to promote and communicate brain health and ongoing efforts to prevent and treat brain disorders in Europe. The ultimate goal of the campaign is to gain more attention for brain disorders from EU policymakers and the general public, and ensure that more resources are channeled towards research on the brain and for patients of brain disorders.

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EPA e-Learning 2021: What's Next?

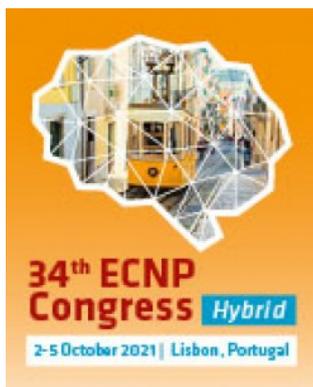
Whether you are an avid e-learning user, new to the online training world or simply curious, your input is important to the EPA!

The EPA is always looking for innovative ideas to expand their [e-learning offer](#) and we would love to know more about your experience with online training, with the EPA or other platforms.

Your answers to [this short survey](#) will be a tremendous help in building the future of the [EPA e-Learning programme](#).

Please respond by 8 March 2021.

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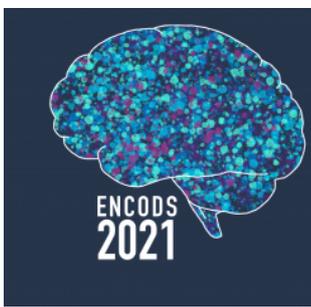
34th ECNP Congress goes hybrid!

You can now attend the 34th ECNP Congress in two entirely different ways: in-person in Lisbon or online!

By joining us in-person in Lisbon on 2-5 October 2021, you will be able to experience the excitement of an in-person meeting, with face-to-face interaction with research leaders, clinical experts and peers, and participation in our Love Your Brain, Campfire and Brainstorming Sessions and Poster Jams.

Or you can participate in the scientific sessions and live Q&As by live stream, network with other participants and interact with industry partners via live streamed industry sessions and virtual stands from your home or office.

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ENCODS 2021: a conference for PhD students

ENCODS 2021, the European Neuroscience Conference by Doctoral Students, will take place online on 4-6 June 2021. The 2021 edition will focus on "Translational neuroscience" and will feature a programme of world-leading keynote speakers and workshops on career development, reproducibility and how to communicate your research.

PhD students, register for ENCODS 2021 to network, exchange ideas and develop new collaborations at ENCODS 2021!

Registration deadline: 18 March 2021

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A plea for equitable global access to COVID-19 diagnostics, vaccination and therapy

As COVID-19 continues to impose challenges on healthcare services, the EANcore COVID-19 Task Force continues to provide crucial information and resources with its latest article "A plea for equitable global access to COVID-19 diagnostics, vaccination and therapy".

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Apply for the IBRO/IBE-UNESCO Science of Learning Fellowships

There are just a few more days left to apply for the [IBRO/IBE-UNESCO Science of Learning Fellowships!](#) Deadline: 5 March.

Selected fellows will be hosted at the IBE-UNESCO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland to learn about policymaking in an international context and work on translating key neuroscience research on learning and the brain to educators, policymakers, and governments.

Click below to apply and to see our other open applications.

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National Brain Councils



Public stakeholder meeting: approval, safety monitoring and impact of COVID-19 vaccines in the EU

The Belgian Brain Council is pleased to inform you about the third EMA public stakeholder meeting on the approval, safety monitoring and impact of COVID-19 vaccines in the EU to be held virtually on 26 March 2021 from 13:00 to 15:15 CET.

The agenda and all information related to the event are available on the EMA website event page. The meeting will be broadcast live and a recording will be available after the meeting.

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What can we learn from the vaccination campaign?

Michel Goldman, former Executive Director of the EU Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) and Professor Emeritus at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, published on Science|Business. In this article, Professor Goldman retraces the steps of the vaccination campaign, analysing the mistakes made and proposing a new model for pandemic preparedness in Europe, comparing the situation with the US and the UK. His analysis shows that there is still time to adjust the course and spread the vaccine doses effectively, but that collaboration between the European institutions and the Member States, based on a new clear long-term plan, is essential to do this.

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For your Agenda

4 March 2021 - [Value Based Healthcare Virtual Conference](#), Virtual

15-21 March 2021 - Brain Awareness Week

16 March 2021 – [Brain Awareness Week Event: “Patient Engagement in EU-Funded Brain Research Projects”](#), Virtual

19 March 2021 - [Global Webinar Series 2020-2021: Part 5 – Complications and how to handle them](#) (Hydrocephalus Society), Virtual

23 March 2021 - [MULTI-ACT Final Conference "The Path Forward for Participatory Governance in Health Research and Innovation"](#), Virtual

26 March 2021 - [Public stakeholder meeting: approval, safety monitoring and impact of COVID-19 vaccines in the EU](#) (European Medicines Agency), Virtual

10-13 April 2021 - [EPA Congress](#), Virtual

15 April 2021 - 7th National Brain Councils Academia, Virtual

24 April 2021 - [Global Webinar Series 2020-2021: Part 6 – Outcome](#) (Hydrocephalus Society), Virtual

27 April 2021 - [Brain Innovation Days](#) Digital Session, Virtual

20 May 2021 - EBC Board & General Assembly Meetings

8 June 2021 - VoT2 Virtual Joint Meeting

19-22 June 2021 - [EAN 7th Congress](#), Virtual

23-24 June 2021 - [European Research and Innovation Days](#), Virtual

25-27 August 2021 - [FENS Regional Meeting](#), Virtual

1-3 September 2021 - [7th European Stroke Conference](#), Helsinki (Finland)

2-5 October 2021 - [ECNP Congress](#), Lisbon (Portugal) & Virtual

3-7 October 2021 - [EANS Congress](#), Hamburg (Germany)

12-13 October 2021 - [Brain Innovation Days: United for Brain Innovation](#), Brussels (Belgium)

7 December 2021 - [Encephalitis Conference 2021](#), Royal College of Physicians, London (and virtual)

28 April-2 May 2022 - [14th European Paediatric Neurology Society Congress](#), Glasgow (UK)



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