

European Brain Council

Newsletter - January 2022



EBC Activities



New EBC Executive begins mandate

Following the elections held on 17 December 2021, the new **Executive Committee** of the European Brain Council began its mandate on 1 January.

After a handover meeting with the previous ExCo, the new members are looking forward to building on the vast amount of activities currently underway and working to continuously bring EBC forward.

[Discover the EBC Executive](#)



EBC calls for prioritising brain research in Europe in latest Open Access Government

The European Brain Council was featured in the January edition of Open Access Government, where Frédéric Destrebecq, EBC Executive Director, explains the urgent need for **prioritising brain research** in Europe.

[Read the article](#)



Best practices for patient safety: An EU-wide view on the use of medicines off-label

On 30 November 2021, the GOLUP consortium held a virtual event, led by the European Brain Council, to build on the latest discussions on the Declaration on Good Off-Label Use Practices on the topic of "**Best practices for patient safety: An EU-wide view on the use of medicines off-label**".

[Read the final report](#)



EBC supports European Stakeholder Group statement on maintaining the exchange of critical health data

EBC is happy to support the statement released by CPME, on behalf of the **European Health Stakeholder Group**, to call for a formal association of the UK to the Horizon research programme. The European Health Stakeholder Group aims to raise awareness of the implications that Brexit could have for patients and the public at large and make sure that patients' interests are put first.

[Read the full statement](#)



FENS Friday webinar: The importance of coordination and collaboration in brain research

The full recording of the December **FENS Friday webinar** with Prof Monica Di Luca, Dr Sabine Holter-Koech, coordinator of the Predictive Models Systems (PREMOS) cluster, and Dr Thilo Van Eimeren, coordinator of the European Cluster for Imaging Biomarkers (ECIB), is **now available**.

[Watch the recording](#)



EBC took over the PRIME Account

During the first week of December, the EBC team took over the Twitter account of the EU-funded PRIME project, where it had the opportunity – as a consortium member - to showcase current projects and events.

PRIME is a European consortium of research institutes, medical centres, companies, and societal stakeholders that aims to unravel the **insulin-dependent mechanisms** that underly both somatic conditions and brain disorders.

[Discover the PRIME project](#)

EBC Members



FENS Forum 2022 - early registration and abstract submission deadline 22 February 2022!

Beat the clock! Only one month left to enjoy early registration rates and submit your abstract to attend the FENS Forum 2022. Taking place on 9-13 July in Paris, France, the FENS Forum plans to welcome back the neuroscience community with an unparalleled in-person experience. It will be a unique and exciting event that brings together thousands of neuroscientists from around the world. Join the FENS community and take advantage of reduced-rate registrations now!

[Read more](#)



European Paediatric Neurology Society: EPNS Hybrid Congress 28 April - 2 May 2022> Going ahead in-person in vibrant Glasgow, UK, and virtually.

EPNS priority is health and safety. In-person participants can dust off their passports and book with confidence for a unique chance to return to precious face-to-face networking whilst discovering Scotland in late Spring.

Don't delay – REGISTER TODAY!

A special Congress is promised for both in-person and virtual participants to connect with colleagues.

We are focused on delivering the best care for children with neurological disorders and sharing the latest in science and medicine. Enjoy the Congress, enjoy Glasgow!

[Read more](#)

ARE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS BEING MET BY SERVICES?

PERSPECTIVES OF PATIENTS AND CLINICIANS

TAKE OUR SURVEY NOW!

A photograph showing two people, a man and a woman, sitting on a modern bench in a brightly lit hallway. They appear to be in conversation. The hallway has glass walls and doors.

Are mental health needs being met by patients?

What are the challenges encountered by patients who access mental health services and the professionals who provide these services?

GAMIAN-Europe's new survey, developed in collaboration with the [European Psychiatric Association](#), seeks to explore the impact of COVID-19 on mental health care and services, from the patient and the clinician's points of view.

The survey report will serve to advocate for national-level change, as well as raise awareness of the importance of EU-level action on mental health.

The survey is now available in 11 European languages!

[Take the survey](#)



Patient-clinician experience in Schizophrenia

A trustworthy relationship with a clinician is key for improving treatment outcomes in individuals with schizophrenia. But, at present, we lack knowledge of the key ingredients and challenges of an effective therapeutic relationship.

To address this gap, GAMIAN-Europe has teamed up with the [EPA](#), to undertake an in-depth qualitative analysis of this topic.

Research is currently ongoing – with interviews being carried out in mental health centres in Germany, Poland, Italy, and Hungary.

[More updates to come soon](#)



Suicide Prevention in Young Men

Suicide is commonly described as a 'male phenomenon', as men are 4 to 5 times more likely to die by suicide compared to women, in the European Union.

This project aims to explore and raise awareness of the mental health challenges faced by young males during the pandemic and the factors behind a potential increase in suicide ideation amongst this population group. >> Stay tuned for more information!

Are you someone with lived experience who would like to share their views and experience on this topic? (financial compensation provided). Get in touch!

[Discover more](#)

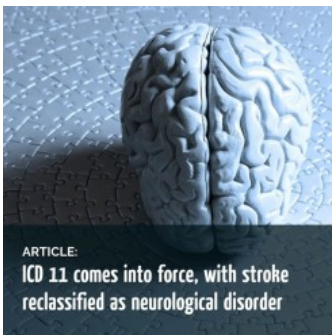


EPA 2022 Congress Postponed

As the world deals with the uncertainty brought about by the COVID 19 pandemic, the European Psychiatric Association has decided to postpone its Congress to ensure it takes place under appropriate conditions for all the faculty and participants.

The EPA 2022 Congress will now take place on 4-7 June 2022, in its hybrid format at Hungexpo in Budapest, Hungary, and Online.

[Find out more](#)



ICD 11 comes into force, with stroke reclassified as a neurological disorder

The International Classification of Diseases 11 (ICD 11) came into effect on 1 January 2022. Among major changes in the classifications, stroke has been moved from circulatory system diseases back to neurological disorders.

For decades, cerebrovascular diseases including stroke were classified as circulatory system diseases. This was in contradiction to the pathophysiology and symptoms leading to mortality and morbidity, which are those of brain dysfunction. For these reasons, the latest version of ICD – ICD 11 put stroke back under the neurological heading.

[Find out more](#)



Brain and Spine: Call for Submissions!

The EANS invites you to submit your paper at the Brain and Spine journal. The Brain and Spine accepts high quality papers from a wide variety of research areas, such as basic science at a

molecular level, translational research, and clinical epidemiology through to population health at a societal level. The most notable articles published in our new, jointly run, open-access

scientific journal will be selected by the Editors in Chief Frank Kandziora and Wilco Peul and included in Editor's Choice. The two Co-Editors-in-Chief together with a diverse and multidisciplinary

editorial board will adhere to the highest standards of science and ethics and thus provide high-quality reviews for your articles. Submission is currently free of APC fees!

[Learn more and submit your paper today!](#)



Registration for the 35th ECNP Congress

We are excited to announce that the [registration for the 35th ECNP Congress](#), 15-18 October 2022, Vienna, Austria is open. You are welcome to join either in-person in Vienna or online!

The 35th ECNP Congress is held at the congress venue and presentations are given in-person by high level scientists. Almost all presentations are live streamed to the online congress platform. Don't forget to check the special fees for ECNP Members, Early Career Scientists and CDE residents.

[Read more](#)

EBC Members & Industry Partners

The European Brain Council is a network of key players in the "Brain Area", with a membership encompassing scientific societies, patient organisations, professional societies and industry partners.

Find out the latest from our [Members](#) and [Industry Partners](#)!

For your Agenda

1 & 3 February - European Biomedical Research Infrastructures' resources for Researchers in Neurosciences, Virtual

16 February 2022 - PRIME webinar: TIMESPAN: Background, early achievements and potential links to PRIME, Virtual

7-9 March 2022 - 2nd Expert Summit on the Future of Deep Brain Stimulation, Würzburg (Germany)

20-21 March 2022 - ECNP New Frontiers in Digital Health Meeting, Nice (France)

3-6 April 2022 - The Brain Conference: Establishment and Maintenance of Brain Cell States, Rungstedgaard (Denmark)

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

29 April 2022 - EBC Session at EPNS Congress - "How EBC can promote child neurology in Europe", Glasgow (UK)

4-6 May 2022 – 8th Annual European Stroke Organisation Conference, Lyon (France)

4-7 June 2022 - 30th European Congress of Psychiatry, Budapest (Hungary) & Virtual

25-28 June 2022 – 8th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology, Vienna (Austria)

26-29 June 2022 - The Brain Conference: Genetics and mechanisms of complex disorders: highlighting migraine, Rungstedgaard (Denmark)

28 June 2022 - EBC Session at EAN Congress, Vienna (Austria)

9-13 July 2022 – FENS Forum, Paris (France)

11 July 2022 - The European Brain Research area: Building a Brain Health Partnership, Special Interest Session, FENS Forum, Paris (France)

12 July 2022 - Brain capital and the young generation, Special Interest Session, FENS Forum, Paris (France)

4-8 September 2022 – 32nd International Congress of Clinical Neurophysiology, Geneva (Switzerland)

27-30 September 2022 – 26th Congress of the European Sleep Research Society, Athens (Greece)

15-18 October 2022 – 35th ECNP Congress, Vienna (Austria) & Virtual

18-19 October 2022 - Brain Health Nexus: Galvanizing the brain health ecosystem, Washington D.C. (USA)

9-13 September 2023 - 11th IBRO World Congress of Neuroscience, Granada (Spain)

7-10 October 2023 - 36th ECNP Congress, Barcelona (Spain)



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