

European Brain Council

Newsletter - May 2022



EBC Activities



Brain Innovation Days: registration is open!

Registration is now open for the Brain Innovation Days 2022! Join us in Brussels on **11-12 October 2022** at our historic venue, Les Ateliers des Tanneurs, for two days of brain innovation.

Benefit from an Early Bird Rate by registering before 1 July.

By registering, you will have access to pre-event and on-site matchmaking advantages, a Welcome Reception and Dinner on 11 October, the 2nd Brain Innovation Days Pitch Competition, an Innovation Corner, inspiring sessions and much more. You don't want to miss this!

[Register here](#)



Registration is open for the European Brain Research Area Final Conference

On behalf of the European Brain Research Area (EBRA) project partners, we are delighted to invite you to register for the upcoming **Final Conference**, to take place on 11th October 2022 in Brussels, Belgium.

Collaboration and cooperation in the brain research area remain more important than ever and the EBRA Final Conference will be a major milestone to ensure unification and commitment to the **future of brain research in Europe**.

[Programme & registration](#)

RETHINKING Alzheimer's disease project kicks off

Through RETHINKING Alzheimer's disease (AD), the **European Brain Council (EBC)** and the **European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA)** are joining forces with the ambition of improving Alzheimer's disease care pathway and the lives of people living with it.

The project kicked off its operational activities with the aim to call for change in how Alzheimer's disease care and support are organised in Europe.

[Learn more about the project](#)



Visit the extended exhibition “Living with MS during COVID-19: A case for rethinking MS care in the EU”

On the occasion of World Multiple Sclerosis Day 2022, the national extension of the virtual exhibition “**Living with MS during COVID-19: A case for rethinking MS care in the EU**” brought light to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on multiple sclerosis at country level.

National stakeholders across Europe want to make a difference in how MS care and treatment are delivered. They call for the need to rethink MS and MS care in terms of coordination, integration and prioritisation in order to ensure optimal care for people living with MS in Europe.

[Learn more and visit the exhibition](#)



Supporting the Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and other Neurological Disorders

The members of the **OneNeurology partnership** celebrated a major milestone for all those affected by neurological disorders, with the adoption of the **Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and Other Neurological Disorders**, announced at the 75th World Health Assembly.

EBC fully endorse its aims, will support its implementation, and celebrate the positive impact it should have for those living with neurological disorders, their carers, the medical professionals who support them, and those researching scientific breakthroughs in prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

[Read more](#)



Interview on research and neuroscience

Frédéric Destrebecq, EBC Executive Director, was interviewed by Eduardo Pisani in Fortune Italy to discuss the impact EBC has had over the past two decades in promoting priorities in the field of brain health and brain research.

[Read the article \(in Italian\)](#)



EBC at the 2nd International Conference on Neurological Disorders and Neurorestoration

Professor Wolfgang Oertel, EBC President, was invited to speak during the opening ceremony of the **International Conference on Neurological Disorders and Neurorestoration** in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

His talk focused on how to identify and characterize prodromal Parkinson's disease.

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Share4Brain final meeting

EBC took part in the Share4Brain final meeting in Bari on 6 May. This meeting is one of four National meetings organized in the framework of the project in order to implement common actions to integrate all levels of research, better prevention, better diagnosis, and better treatment of patients suffering from neurological and psychiatric disorders.

The Share4Brain project is an Erasmus+ project involving 6 EU countries and responding to the need to better tackle the burden caused by brain disorders at the national and local levels

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EBC takes part in the event on "Patient involvement in Brain Health: Safeguarding the future of Brain Health for patients"

Frédéric Destrebecq, EBC Executive Director, was invited by EFNA, GAMIAN-Europe and Alzheimer Europe to speak about **patient involvement in research prioritisation**. The roundtable was moderated by Nigel Olisa, GAMIAN-Europe Executive Director, and involved Helen Rochford, Chair of the European Dementia Working Group, Stefan Schreck, Deputy Director General for Health at DG SANTE, and Dr Georg Starke.

[Read more](#)



20 years of
uniting the
brain community
2002 - 2022



EBC continues celebration of its 20th anniversary

In March 2022, EBC reached a major milestone, celebrating 20 years of uniting the brain community. To celebrate, the EBC launched a series of celebratory videos from its leadership and members as well as an extensive timeline highlighting key activities that have taken place over the last two decades. In May we looked back at two: the publication of the [second study on the economic cost of brain disorders in Europe](#) in 2012 and the launch of the [Election Manifesto](#) for the European elections in 2019.

Look out for more social media activity on Twitter and LinkedIn as we continue to spotlight other moments in our history.

[Discover the EBC timeline](#)

EBC Members



EPA Summer School

The EPA is happy to announce that the **11th EPA 2022 Summer School** will take place **on 29 September - 2 October 2022 in Strasbourg, France**.

Following the success of the online course "[Focus on Suicidal Behaviours](#)" on [the EPA e-learning platform](#), the EPA has decided to take this topic one step further. Therefore, this Summer School edition will address the topic "**Focus on Suicidal Behaviours - One Step Beyond**".

All interested candidates must complete and submit an online application **by 19 June 2022**. Find out more about the programme and the application process [here](#).

[Find out more](#)



Neurological disorders become a major global health priority with adoption of Global Action Plan

The European Federation of Neurological Associations - EFNA, along with members of the [OneNeurology partnership](#) which EFNA co-founded, celebrates a major milestone for all those affected by neurological disorders today, with the adoption of the Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and Other Neurological Disorders (GAP) at this week's 75th World Health Assembly.

EFNA fully endorse its aims, will support its implementation in Europe, and celebrate the positive impact it should have for those living with neurological disorders, their carers, the medical professionals who support them, and those researching scientific breakthroughs in prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

EFNA calls for a close alignment of the GAP with the EU NCD Initiative 'Healthier Together', expected to be adopted in June 2022. A conjunction of the NCD Initiative and the GAP couldn't be timelier. The European community is now presented with a unique window of opportunity to provide an integrated and cross-sectorial response to neurological health. Investing in this holistic model can bring measurable health and economic gains to European countries. This includes decreasing the incidence of neurological disorders, improving survival rates, reducing complications and disability, lowering treatment costs and – ultimately – ensuring a better quality of life for all those affected.

[Read more](#)



9-13 July 2022 | Paris, France

FENS Forum 2022

With 15+ Special Interest Events, there will be plenty of opportunities to learn and network at the FENS Forum 2022. Interested in discussing new academic challenges? Register to the SiE "Mentoring during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond!".

Not registered yet? Late registration is now open to attend in-person the FENS Forum 2022! Registration deadline: 20 June.

[Register here](#)



EAN Congress 2022

With just weeks left until EAN 2022 gets underway, we are offering you a small taste of this year's programme.

The speakers of our opening and named lectures have each provided us with a teaser video, previewing their talks.

Click the link below and find out what you can expect to learn from our highly regarded invited speakers.

[Watch the teaser](#)



8th Academy of National Brain Councils

The **National Brain Councils** met in Brussels at the prestigious Permanent Representation of the Free State of Bavaria on 10 May to discuss their work at national level.

The meeting was the occasion to officially present the **German Brain Plan** and exchange ideas and solutions among national representatives.

[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

EBC Events

4 - 7 June 2022 - EBC at the 30th European Congress of Psychiatry, Virtual

4 June 2022 - European Brain Research Area (EBRA) at the 8th European Psychiatric Association (EPA) Forum, Virtual

27 June 2022 - EBC Value of Treatment (VOT) Study – A Comparison of Optimal Management vs Current Management of Chronic Pain, EAN Congress, Vienna (Austria)

28 June 2022 - 20 Years of Advocacy for the Brain, EBC Special Session, EAN Congress, Vienna (Austria)

28 June 2022 - European Brain Research Area (EBRA) session at EAN Congress, Vienna (Austria)

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)

11 October 2022 - European Brain Research Area Final Conference, Brussels (Belgium)

11-12 October 2022 - Brain Innovation Days: Connecting Brains, Brussels (Belgium)

Events of Interest

4-7 June 2022 - 30th European Congress of Psychiatry, Virtual

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

27 June-1 July 2022 - 11th European Conference on Rare Diseases & Orphan Products (ECRD 2022), Virtual

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

30 June - 3 July 2022 - NEURO 2022, Okinawa (Japan) & Virtual

4 - 8 July 2022 - XVI Workshop on Neurobiology of Epilepsy (WONOE 2022), Talloires, France

7-8 July 2022 - European Neuroscience Conference by Doctoral Students (ENCODS), Paris (France)

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

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

5-8 September 2022 - CLEF 2022 Conference and Labs of the Evaluation Forum, Bologna (Italy)

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

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

16-20 October 2022 - European Association of Neurosurgical Societies (EANS) Congress, Belgrade (Serbia)

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 European College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ECNP) Congress, Barcelona (Spain)



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