

European Brain Council

Newsletter - October 2022



EBC Activities



Connecting brains for the future: Brain Innovation Days 2022

On **11-12 October 2022**, the European Brain Council was pleased to host its second in-person **Brain Innovation Days** in Brussels (Belgium). Held in conjunction with the Final Conference of the European Brain Research Area, the Days brought together the main circle of influence in the brain sector, with key players in the brain research and innovation field networking together: investors, researchers, clinicians, patient representatives, policymakers and more. **Full event report coming soon!**

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European Brain Foundation officially launches at the Brain Innovation Days

On the occasion of the 2nd in-person Brain Innovation Days, the newly-formed **European Brain Foundation (EBF)** — an independent multidisciplinary and multistakeholder charity whose founding members represent leading European neurological, neurosurgical, and psychiatric clinical societies as well as neuroscience research and patient organisations — was officially launched.

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"RETHINKING Migraine in times of COVID-19" Exhibition held at the Brain Innovation Days

During the Brain Innovation Days, participants had the opportunity to explore the **"RETHINKING Migraine in times of COVID-19" poster exhibition**, featuring portraits and quotes of people living with migraine, patient advocates and policy makers. The exhibition fell under the **#MigraineMyBrain** campaign highlighting the need to rethink the way we deal with migraine.

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Outcomes of the EBRA project presented at the Final Conference

After four years of work, the outcomes of the European Brain Research Area (EBRA) project were presented during the **Final Conference**, held in Brussels on **11 October 2022**.

The event was an occasion to bring the wider brain research community and key players together, to discuss key aims of the project: the current state of brain research in Europe, increased patient engagement and public awareness, research infrastructures and data sharing and the future potentials and need for a brain health partnership going forward. Full event report to follow soon.

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EBRA releases interviews with clusters, highlighting achievements and next steps

We conducted interviews with the coordinators of the following clusters: **BRAINFOOD**, **ECIB**, **TRISOMY 21**, **PSMD**, **PREMOS**, and **EPICLUSTER**. The interviews consist of a presentation of the purpose of the clusters, a description of the role of the partner involved, but also touch upon the key research and advocacy points raised during the cluster activities (messages to policy makers, needs about data-sharing, or ethical considerations, for example) and outline plans of the clusters.

[Watch the videos](#)



EBC at the 35th European College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ECNP) Congress

The annual **European College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ECNP) Congress** is Europe's premier scientific meeting for disease-oriented brain research, annually attracting more than 5,000 psychiatrists, neuroscientists, neurologists and psychologists from around the world. EBC was pleased to take part in the ECNP Congress which took place on **15-18 October 2022** in Vienna (Austria) and virtually, with a Campfire Session and Poster.

[Look back at the ECNP Congress](#)



Alzheimer Europe Conference: Symposium on rethinking the early detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease

EBC held a Symposium at the **32nd Alzheimer Europe Conference** which took place from **17-19 October 2022** in Bucharest (Romania) and online, focused on the 'RETHINKING Alzheimer's disease project', which it leads in collaboration with the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA). The project aims at identifying the roadblocks to early detection and diagnosis of AD and will propose a new clinical pathway building bridges between all stakeholders to improve the current situation.

[Look back at the evening symposium](#)



EBC presented at the EANS Congress

Prof. Wolfgang Oertel, EBC President, presented "EBC and the Brain Policies in Europe" during a plenary "Brain & Spine, The Official Journal of EANS & EUROSPINE" at the **European Association of Neurosurgical Societies (EANS) Congress** which took place from **16-20 October 2022** in Belgrade (Serbia).

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EBC at the Autism Europe International Congress

The **13th Autism Europe International Congress** took place from **7-9 October 2022** in Krakow (Poland). We were pleased to present the Value of Treatment study results on autism and autism with associated epilepsy care pathways in Europe.

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EBC takes part in the Neuro, Digital & A.I. Innovation Summit

EBC Executive Director, Frédéric Destrebecq, took part in the **Neuro, Digital & A.I. Innovation Summit** which was held from **4-5 October 2022** in Lisbon, Portugal. He presented our work, including major projects such as the Brain Innovation Days, the RETHINKING series and how we are working to further brain research to improve the lives of those living with brain conditions.

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EBC Members



SURVEY RESULTS: Assessing diagnosis and care pathways of people living with neurological disorders

Results have just been published of the European Federation of Neurological Associations' (EFNA's) survey 'Assessing diagnosis and care pathways of people living with neurological disorders in Europe', which was developed with the aim of identifying, reporting and beginning to address the varied challenges facing all affected by neurological conditions, either as patients or caregivers, from diagnosis to care pathway.

The survey reveals the shocking fact that only 1 in 5 have access to affordable therapeutic interventions that adequately manage their condition.

Other key findings include that females are less encouraged to visit a doctor, while being more aware of their symptoms and more engaged in research. Men are shown to be less aware of their symptoms, less engaged in research and believe they have fewer therapeutic opportunities. Furthermore, our data highlights that the majority of those engaged in providing care are female (85%).

[Read the full report](#)

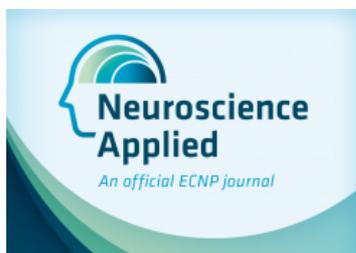


EPNS Congress, Prague, Czech Republic: 20-24 June 2023

With the theme 'From genome and connectome to cure', the abstract submission period is now open for the 15th EPNS Congress. Save the date and submit your abstract now.

Watch the [75 second video](#) to learn more

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Neuroscience Applied — New articles

Neuroscience Applied is ECNP's fully open-access scientific journal, targeting the intersection between neuroscience, applications and new treatment horizons.

Check out the latest papers:

['Risky traffic behaviour is associated with an unhealthy lifestyle'](#)

['Mechanisms underlying anxiety in Rett syndrome'](#)

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FENS-Dana Brain Awareness Week 2023 grants

Are you planning to organise a Brain Awareness Week (BAW) 2023 event? FENS, on behalf of the Dana Foundation, offers up to EUR 1,000 to fund online and in-person events for BAW 2023 (13-19 March). Use this opportunity to increase awareness about the wonders of the brain and share neuroscience with your community. Start your application before the deadline, 16 November 2022.

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FENS webinar

Registration for the FENS webinar "Running a Brain Awareness Week event in 2023" is still open. Chaired by Emma Yhnell, join Brain Awareness Week 2022 grantees Laura Lobet Reixach (ES), Anne Rahbek-Damm (DK) and Rui Rodrigues (FR) in order to get the best tips on how to write a successful FENS-Dana Brain Awareness Week 2023 Grant application and how to run an engaging outreach event. Register now!

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EANS2022 - European Congress of Neurosurgery

A very successful EANS2022 Congress came to its conclusion a few days ago! We spent five days meeting old and making new friends, exchanging scientific information, and sharing our experiences for the benefit of our patients. The Congress was full of engaging sessions, educational masterclasses, and beautiful moments that were driven by insightful talks. The Congress programme consisted of 11 plenary and 13 parallel sessions, 20 masterclasses, and 10 pre-congress symposia. The participation exceeded 1400 registrations from 83 countries. The scientific content was excellent. The Young Neurosurgeons' Network was also launched during the Annual Congress, intending to set the future ground for the neurosurgical community.

Preparations for next year's congress have already begun and we hope to come together yet again in Barcelona on 24-28 September 2023!

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GAMIAN-Europe elects new President and executive committee

GAMIAN-Europe welcomes its new President: On the 29th of September, Péter Kéri from Awakenings Foundation, a mental health patients' organisation in Hungary, was elected by the GAMIAN-Europe's Board of Members

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World Mental Health Day 2022 – Join us in Calling for an EU-level Strategy for Mental Health

On World Mental Health Day, celebrated on the 10th of October, GAMIAN-Europe together with stakeholders from different organisations including EBC, called on the European Commission for more actions on mental health.

[Watch the video](#)



Breaking Depression

There isn't one set route out of depression. Don't miss the campaign "Breaking Depression" launched in October with the collaboration of GAMIAN-Europe and EUFAMI.

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MEPs and stakeholders issue a strong call for an ambitious, cross-sectoral and inclusive mental health strategy

On the 25th of October, GAMIAN-Europe and the MEP Alliance for Mental Health co-hosted a meeting in the European Parliament to capitalise on the current EU-level momentum with respect to mental health.

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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

6 December 2022 - [Psychedelic-assisted therapies in the treatment of brain disorders](#), Brussels (Belgium) & Virtual, *Event co-organised by PAREA & EBC*

13-19 March 2023 - Brain Awareness Week, Brussels (Belgium)

24-25 October 2023 - [Brain Innovation Days](#), Brussels (Belgium)

Events of Interest

8 November 2022 - [Running a Brain Awareness Week event in 2023](#), Virtual

9 November 2022 - [BeNe Brain Stimulation Symposium](#), Hasselt (Belgium)

9 November 2022 - [Getting back to work after stroke](#), Virtual

14 November 2022 - [Resilient mental health in the European Union](#), Brussels (Belgium) & Virtual

15 November 2022 - [EU Health Summit: Towards an EU Health Union](#), Brussels (Belgium)

16-17 November 2022 - [Patient Advocacy Summit 2022](#)

27-29 November 2022 - [The EANS Advanced Course in Spinal Surgery](#), Edinburgh (United Kingdom)

29 November 2022 - [Addressing Gender related issues and bias in the Prevention and Treatment of Neurological Conditions](#), Brussels (Belgium) & Virtual

2-4 February 2023 - [Bridging Neurosciences and Neurosurgery: New Frontiers in Intraoperative Neurophysiology](#), Verona (Italy)

25-28 March 2023 - [31st European Congress of Psychiatry](#), Paris (France)

23-26 April 2023 - [The Brain Conference: Establishment and Maintenance of Brain Cell States](#), Rungsted Kyst (Denmark)

3-5 May 2023 - [FENS Regional Meeting](#), Algarve (Portugal)

20-24 June 2023 - [15th Congress of the European Paediatric Neurology Society](#), Prague (Czech Republic)

1-4 July 2023 - [9th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology](#), Budapest (Hungary)

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

24-28 September 2023 - [The Congress of the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies \(EANS\)](#), Barcelona (Spain)

7-10 October 2023 - [36th European College of Neuropsychopharmacology \(ECNP\) Congress](#), Barcelona (Spain)



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