

European Brain Council

Newsletter - December 2022



EBC Activities



Registration now open for the launch event of the RETHINKING Alzheimer's disease White Paper

Registration is now open for the **launch event of the RETHINKING Alzheimer's disease White Paper**, taking place virtually on **24 January 2023** at 12:30 – 14:00.

The European Brain Council, in collaboration with the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA), will present its White Paper “RETHINKING Alzheimer's disease: Detection and diagnosis“. This paper is the first of EBC's “RETHINKING Alzheimer's disease” project, looking at how to improve the detection, diagnosis, care and monitoring of Alzheimer's disease.

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Save the Date for the Brain Awareness Week event on Global Partnerships in Brain Research

EBC warmly invites you to **Save the Date** for its **annual Brain Awareness Week event** of 2023, this time a full-day, high-level meeting focused on strengthening transatlantic and global ties in the brain research community.

Enhancing global collaboration in the domain of research and innovation is key for effectively addressing today's societal challenges and improving the health and well-being of citizens. This is particularly true for brain disorders, including both neurological and mental conditions, which are widespread and highly disabling diseases that are often difficult to treat. It is crucial to explore how global research collaboration can support brain research in a meaningful way, to the benefit of people living with brain conditions across the globe.

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Save the Date launches for European Brain Foundation Fundraising Gala Dinner

The European Brain Foundation (EBF) invites you to Save the Date for its first **Fundraising Gala Dinner**, which will take place in Brussels during the Brain Awareness Week on **16 March 2023**.

The Gala Dinner will fall under the theme “**Healthy Brains – a key to future generations in Europe**”. A nod to the EBF’s core mission and goal to serve society and support those affected by brain disorders, the theme showcases the great purpose we have to make sure that children, teenagers, and adolescents – our future generations – are provided with the best tools and care to protect their brain health. Guests and donors will contribute to help the EBF’s quest to reduce the impact of one of the biggest health challenges society is currently facing.

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Psychedelic-assisted therapies in the treatment of brain disorders

The Psychedelic Access and Research European Alliance (PAREA) and European Brain Council were pleased to hold the event, “**Psychedelic-assisted therapies in the treatment of brain disorders**”, hosted by MEPs Jarosław Duda (EPP, PL) and Alex Agius Saliba (S&D, MT) in the European Parliament on 6 December 2022.

Over 400 people registered for online and in-person attendance, including many EU and government officials. This is a clear sign that Europeans start looking for evidence-based education on psychedelic medicines.

To further shape the discussions on the responsible and safe roll-out of those treatments in the future, at the event, PAREA launched “An appeal to the European Union institutions and Member States”.

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Driving better patient outcomes in rare neurological diseases

On 7 December 2022, the European Alliance for Patient Access (EAfPA), with support of the European Brain Council and European Federation of Neurological Associations (EFNA), hosted an event in the European Parliament on **Rare Neurological Diseases in the EU**, exploring the importance of early diagnosis and real-world evidence (RWE) to drive better patient outcomes.

Frédéric Destrebecq, EBC Executive Director, presented the Value of Treatment for rare neurological and neurometabolic diseases case study results and 2022 call to action.

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Brain Health Event at the European Parliament

Under the Auspices of the Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union, and hosted by MEP Ondřej Knotek, the European Academy of Neurology held an event on ‘**The Future of Brain Health: Clinically Informed & Patient-Centred Brain Research**’ to highlight the importance and need for research, as well as the main priorities and gaps within neurology, which if addressed will have major impact on brain health.

EBC President, Prof. Wolfgang Oertel, took part in the panel discussion "The Future of Brain Research in Europe: Key Priorities and How They Can Be Addressed", together with Orla Galvin (European Federation of Neurological Associations), Paweł Świeboda (EBRAINS) and Frances-Catherine Quevenco (Women's Brain Project).

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EBC Members



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 – deadline soon!

Check out the recently announced [programme!](#)

PLUS, we have a Pre-Congress Symposium on 20 June 2023 focussing on Drug-resistant epilepsy in the 21st century: From molecular mechanisms to precision therapies.

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EPNS Training Courses: Riga, Latvia 2023

Registration opens in January for 2 training courses in paediatric neurology aimed at trainees and qualified paediatric neurologists who want to refresh their knowledge on:

Neurometabolics: 24 and 25 April 2023

Epilepsy: 26 and 27 April 2023

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Brain Conference on "Establishment and Maintenance of Brain Cell States"

Stipends are still available to attend the Brain Conference on 23-26 April 2023, Rungsted Kyst, Denmark! FENS, the Brain Prize and IBRO-PERC offer 15 fellowships of EUR 1000 each to international students. Take advantage of this benefit and submit your application before the deadline. Not sure what to expect from the Brain Conference? Co-chairs Adrian Bird (UK) and Anne Schaeffer (DE/USA) have prepared an outstanding programme full of scientific discoveries, networking activities and group discussions with world-class international researchers.

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FENS Travel Grants for the FRM 2023

FENS offers travel grants up to EUR 750 for early career researchers to attend the FENS Regional Meeting 2023, taking place on 3-5 May in Algarve, Portugal. Get ready for a rich and exciting scientific programme that will allow you to discover the latest neuroscience and technological developments while sharing practices and enjoying the company of your peers in the setting of one of Europe's most beautiful locations. Find out more information and submit your application.

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Call for nominations ECNP Awards

Nominations are open for:

- ECNP Neuropsychopharmacology Award which recognises exceptional research achievements in applied and translational neuroscience.
- ECNP Lifetime Achievement Award which celebrates outstanding career-long contributions to building the field of applied and translational neuroscience.
- ECNP Rising Star Award which honours up to three emerging research leaders in applied and translational neuroscience.

The deadline for nominating is 15 February 2023.

[Read more about ECNP Awards and how to nominate](#)



EANS2023 abstract submission is now open!

We are pleased to announce the Call for Abstracts of the upcoming EANS2023 Annual Congress, which will be held from 24 to 28 September in Barcelona, Spain.

After the EANS 2022 Belgrade Congress which will remain in the EANS history as a legacy post-COVID event with 11 plenary and 13 parallel sessions, 20 masterclasses, and 10 pre-congress symposia, we are inviting you to submit your abstract for the next edition of our Annual Congress.

Don't miss the opportunity to present your research and outcomes at the EANS2023 Annual Congress. We look forward to meeting you all next year to share knowledge and exchange ideas with our peers!

[Submit your work here by 1 March](#)



EANS 2022 abstracts are now published in the Brain & Spine Journal

Our EANS 2022 Belgrade Congress abstracts are now published in the Brain and Spine Journal and are available to view.

We invite you to review our 2022 congress abstracts and take a glimpse at the high-quality original scientific work that was presented at the congress!

Education and learning are one of the main pillars of the EANS. The EANS is a vibrant professional community, it is as active as ever and we invite all of you to become engaged and join us in our activities, whether online or in person.

[View the statement of EANS President Andreas Demetriades](#)



Survey for women with migraine and a mental health condition

GAMIAN-Europe and the European Migraine & Headache Alliance are carrying out an anonymous survey of women who experience both migraine attacks and a mental health condition. The survey will open until 12th January 2023. Don't miss it.

[Access the survey here](#)



GAMIAN-Europe President, Peter Keri, travelled to Ankara to represent mental health patients

As part of the pan-European Mental Health Coalition, GAMIAN-Europe's president Peter Keri travelled to Ankara to represent mental health patients during the second WHO. Challenges, goals, and actions to improve mental health in Europe were discussed during the meeting that took place from 23-24th November 2022.

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National Brain Councils



German Brain Plan presented at the 9th Joint Annual Conference of the German Society for Neurorehabilitation

Prof. Dr. Michael Jöbkes, Chairman of the German Society for Neurotraumatology and Clinical Neurorehabilitation (DGNKN), presented the German Brain Plan at the 9th Joint Annual Conference of the DGNR & DGNKN in Dresden (Germany).

Prevention and rehabilitation are one of the key topics of the German Brain Plan. The example of neurorehabilitative research shows the dynamics that are developing in the field of rehabilitation of brain diseases. This has been pursued with increasing commitment for three decades, which is also reflected in the number of publications. Nevertheless, the topic has not yet been firmly anchored in the German health and socio-political regulatory framework. Here there is not only a need for further research, but also for health policy action.

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Neurology patient must be in neurology!

The Turkish Society of Neurology is conducting an awareness campaign for neurological diseases throughout the country, starting with World Federation of Neurology WFN's 22 July World Brain Day. In addition to social media opportunities, the most problematic country-level neurological diseases are expressed in many different areas from city squares to billboards in subways and buses, radio, television and newspapers, and early diagnosis and prevention methods are promoted for this purpose. Our motto is "If the subject is brain health, the solution is in neurology!" and "Brain health right now".

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Turkish Society of Neurology turns thirty

The Turkish Society of Neurology was established in 1992 with the aim of improving academic neurology, shaping postgraduate education and contributing to raising awareness and reducing neurological diseases in Turkey. Society, and its nearly 4000 members, currently works towards this goal with very different methods: Society held the 58th National Neurology Congress with the participation of 15 000 neurologists this year; provided many scholarships and economic support within the scope of its members' educational and professional development activities and published books (more than 12 in 2022) in the field of neurology along with official academic journal named as Turkish Journal of Neurology. The Association will uninterruptedly continue to develop neurology in Turkey.

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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

24 January 2023 - [Launch event of the RETHINKING Alzheimer's disease White Paper](#), Virtual

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

16 March 2023 - [EBC Brain Awareness Week Event, Global Partnerships in Brain Research: Strengthening transatlantic dialogue and fostering global initiatives](#), Brussels (Belgium)

16 March 2023 - [Fundraising Gala Dinner: “Healthy Brains – a key to future generations in Europe”](#), Brussels (Belgium), *Event organised by the European Brain Foundation*

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

Events of Interest

31 January 2023 - [2023 Webinar Series: CIOMS Working Group XI Consensus report on Patient involvement in the development, regulation and safe use of medicines](#), Virtual

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

28 February 2023 - [BRAINTEASER Mid Term Workshop: Data science and artificial intelligence for supporting the care and cure of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and multiple sclerosis patients](#), Padua (Italy)

10 March 2023 - [European Life After Stroke Forum](#), Barcelona (Spain)

19-20 March 2023 - [ECNP New Frontiers Meeting: Psychedelics](#), Nice (France)

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)

24-25 April 2023 - [EPNS Training Course: Neurometabolics](#), Riga (Latvia)

26-27 April 2023 - [EPNS Training Course: Epilepsy](#), Riga (Latvia)

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

4-7 May 2023 - [EMSP Annual Conference](#), Helsinki (Finland)

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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