

European Brain Council

Newsletter - March 2023



EBC Activities



**Brain
Innovation
Days** 26-27 October 2023
Brussels, Belgium

Call for Abstracts and Early Bird Registration Open for the Brain Innovation Days

The European Brain Council (EBC) is pleased to organise the third in-person Brain Innovation Days later this year, to be held in Brussels, Belgium on **26-27 October 2023**. As last year, the 2023 event will take place over two full days, jam-packed with high-level brain innovation.

Stakeholders across the brain community are encouraged to take part and have their say on the programme — the **call for sponsors/partners** is underway, as well as the **Call for Abstracts** for the **Innovation Hall** (Posters and Innovation Showcase) and Applications for the 3rd Brain Innovation Days **Pitch Competition**. This process will be open until **5 May 2023**.

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EBC & EFPIA Launch RETHINKING Alzheimer's Disease White Paper

On the occasion of the Brain Awareness Week, EBC and the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) launched the **RETHINKING Alzheimer's disease White Paper**, calling for change in the detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease.

The policy recommendations gathered in this White Paper provide solid directions on how to rethink the detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's to help overcome the current challenges and be prepared to embrace innovation.

In addition, the [full recording](#) of the RETHINKING Alzheimer's event, held earlier this year ahead of the White Paper launch, is now available.

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The European Brain Council Launches Statement on Animal Research

A recent European Citizens' Initiative, '**Save cruelty free cosmetics – Commit to a Europe without animal testing**', calls for the 'phasing out of the use of animals in science' and urges the European Commission to 'commit to a legislative proposal plotting a roadmap to phase-out all animal testing in the EU before the end of the current legislative term'.

The brain community would like to **moderate these demands**: a complete ban of the use of animals in biomedical research is premature.

[Read the statement](#)



Event Report: Global Partnerships in Brain Research – Brain Awareness Week 2023

On **16 March 2023**, EBC held its annual Brain Awareness Week event, this time with a full-day programme focused around **Global Partnerships in Brain Research**, showcasing ongoing work to enable dialogue and foster further collaboration within the community. The event was a perfect opportunity for participants to learn from their peers located all over the world through panel discussions, presentations and networking opportunities throughout the day.

Have a look back by watching the [recordings of the event](#), now available on the EBC YouTube channel!

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European Brain Foundation's first milestone event: Fundraising Gala Dinner

The European Brain Foundation (EBF) was honoured to hold its first **Fundraising Gala Dinner**, in the context of the Brain Awareness Week 2023, on **16 March**! This was also a nod to the EBF's core mission and goal to serve society and support those affected by brain disorders. The carefully selected theme showcased the great purpose we all must make to ensure that children, teenagers and adolescents – our future generations – are provided with the best tools and care to protect their brain health.

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EBC Takes Part in the 31st European Congress of Psychiatry

The **31st European Congress of Psychiatry** took place in person from 25 to 28 March 2023 at the Palais des Congrès in Paris, guided by the motto “Social Cohesion, a Common Goal for Psychiatry”.

EBC was pleased to be part of the Congress and have a booth in the exhibition area where our most recent publications were displayed.

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A Look Back at the BRAINTEASER Mid Term Workshop

BRAINTEASER mid-term workshop took place on 28 February 2023 in the prestigious location of the University of Padua Botanical Garden, Italy and was attended by almost 80 participants.

The organization of the event came at the end of the first phase of the project and served as the basis for the launch of the second phase or ‘pilot phase’, which focuses on transforming the current approach to health from a reactive to a predictive system focused on risk forecast, patient stratification and prognosis.

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EBC Members



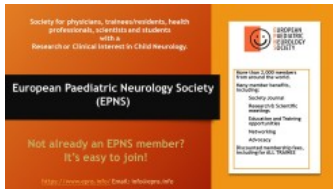
European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS) Congress, Prague, Czech Republic: 20-24 June 2023

Do you have an interest in Child Neurology?

If so, with cutting edge science and an exciting line-up of expert speakers, the next EPNS Congress 20-24 June 2023 Prague is just for you!

Check out the [90 second video](#) to learn more or visit the [Congress website](#) to see the preliminary programme and registration details.

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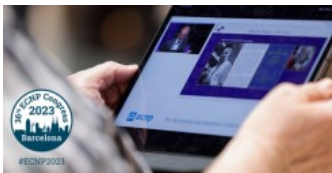
Are You a Member of the European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS)?

If not, you are very welcome to join our growing Society for physicians, trainees/residents, health professionals, scientists and students with a research or clinical interest in Child Neurology.

It's easy to join and you will benefit from substantially discounted member-only EPNS Congress registration fees plus much much more.

Fill in the [online application form](#) or simply email Sue and Mel who will be happy to hear from you info@epns.info.

[Complete the application form](#)



Scientific Programme Online — 36th ECNP Congress 2023

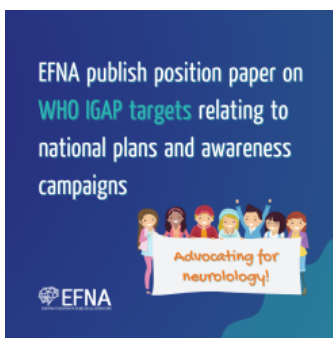
The preliminary scientific programme for the [36th ECNP Congress](#), 7-10 October 2023, Barcelona, Spain, is online!

[Browse the programme](#) and discover the sessions already confirmed.

The anchor of our programme are the Keynote Lecture and Plenary Lectures. View [here](#) our line-up so far.

Registration for the 36th ECNP Congress is already open! If you see sessions you would like to join, [register now](#).

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EFNA Publishes Position Paper on IGAP Targets

The European Federation of Neurological Associations (EFNA) has published its 2023 position paper on targets relating to national plans and awareness campaigns within the WHO Intersectoral Global Action Plan on epilepsy and other neurological disorders (IGAP). Neurological disorders are a significant public health challenge and addressing them has become a global priority with the adoption of the IGAP in 2022. Download the EFNA iGAP position paper below.

[Read more](#)



Brain Awareness Week 2023: EFNA Patient Advocacy Campaign

The European Federation of Neurological Associations (EFNA) marked Brain Awareness Week 2023 by running a social media campaign to raise awareness of the access issues that affect people living with neurological conditions in Europe - be that access to timely diagnosis, treatments or care - and why action must be taken to prioritise neurology in health policies. View the full campaign details below.

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FENS 2024 | Call for symposia and technical workshops

Dates: 25-29 June 2024, Vienna, Austria

Come be a part of the FENS Forum 2024 scientific programme! The call for symposia and technical workshops is the perfect opportunity to highlight innovative and dynamic concepts on a particular topic or field that will challenge and advance brain research.

Submission deadline: 10 May 2023

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FENS/IBRO-PERC Exchange Fellowships Programme

Are you looking for the next step in your scientific career? Apply for the FENS/IBRO-PERC Exchange Fellowships of up to EUR 4000 and spend three months in established European laboratories, learning new techniques and receiving methodological training. Funds may be used for travel and local expenses during the exchange period.

Application deadline: 15 April 2023

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You Still Have Time to Submit Your Abstract to IBRO2023!

Happening in Granada, Spain, on 9-13 September 2023, the IBRO 2023 World Congress will be an excellent opportunity for you to present your work, receive feedback, and exchange ideas. Abstracts can be submitted until 17 April 2023.

[Submit your abstract](#)



Editors' Choice Ed. 3/2023| Brain & Spine

We are excited to share the Editor's Choice articles of the Brain & Spine Journal. The Editors-in-Chief Wilco Peul and Frank Kanziora have selected these papers for their exceptional contributions to the fields of neuroscience and spine health. Whether you are a clinician, researcher, or simply interested in the latest developments in these fields, you won't want to miss these stimulating articles. Enjoy the selection [here!](#) The Brain & Spine Journal is always accepting high-quality research papers. Our editorial board, consisting of diverse and multidisciplinary experts, adheres to the highest standards of science and ethics. We encourage you to submit your papers for consideration and contribute to the advancement of the field.

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Abstract Submission & Registration Are Open For the EANS Young Neurosurgeons' Meeting, Research & Training Pre-Meeting and Research Course

We are delighted to invite you to the [12th Annual EANS Young Neurosurgeons' Meeting, Research & Training Pre-Meeting and Research Course](#) which will take place from 8 - 10 June 2023 in Madrid, Spain. FLANC, CAANS and ACNS Members can also benefit from the same reduced registration fee as the EANS Members. There is a 20% DISCOUNT on registrations for the members of the Young Neurosurgeons Network. This year delegates will also have the unique opportunity to attend Skills and Training Courses on 9 June before the start of the YNM scientific programme. There are limited places and it will be on a first come first served basis.

[Learn more and register here](#)



Comorbidity of Cancer and Depression & Top Tips For Supporting Your Brain Health

GAMIAN-Europe has released two new publications, the first one on the Comorbidity of Cancer and Depression done in collaboration with the European Cancer Patient Coalition (ECPC) and the second one, an interactive guide that includes top tips for mental health patients' brain health.

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GAMIAN-Europe Participated in the 31st European Congress of Psychiatry in Paris

GAMIAN-Europe participated in the 31st European Congress of Psychiatry that took place in Paris from 25 to 28 March. GAMIAN-Europe organised a joint symposium with EUFAMI on how to foster resilience with the involvement of mental health patients and relatives. GAMIAN also had a booth at the exhibition area where they displayed their educational material.

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National Brain Councils



9th Academy of National Brain Councils Set to Take Place on 23-24 May 2023

The **9th Academy of National Brain Councils** will take place on **23-24 May 2023** in Brussels, held in conjunction with other networking events and advocacy efforts of high importance in the context of our common campaigning for brain health priorities at EU and national level.

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The 26th Congress of the Medical-Scientific Advisory Board of the German Society for Muscular Diseases

On the 26th Congress of the Medical-Scientific Advisory Board of the German Society for Muscular Diseases (DGM e.V.), the two conference presidents, Prof. Ulrike Schara-Schmidt and Prof. Tim Hagenacker, spoke about the need for more research for people with brain and muscle diseases in order to advance the development of new diagnostic and treatment options and to improve the care of those affected. Prof. Schara, President of the German Brain Council (GBC), also provided information about the German Brain Plan.

[Visit the website](#)

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

23-24 May 2023 - 9th Academy of National Brain Councils, Brussels (Belgium)

1 July 2023 - Rethinking the management of brain disorders: Alzheimer's disease & Migraine, Scientific Theatre, 9th Annual Congress of the European Academy of Neurology, Budapest (Hungary)

1 July 2023 - The role of patient representatives in the optimization of Patient Care Pathways at European level: the PKU experience, ePoster, 9th Annual Congress of the European Academy of Neurology, Budapest (Hungary)

3 July 2023 - EAN/EBC TV Studio Special Session, 9th Annual Congress of the European Academy of Neurology, Budapest (Hungary)

9-13 September 2023 - Fostering Global Dialogue and Partnerships in Brain Research, Special Event, 11th IBRO World Congress of Neuroscience, Granada (Spain), *Exact date TBC*

26-27 October 2023 - Brain Innovation Days: The Brain in the 21st Century, Brussels (Belgium)

Events of Interest

12 April 2023 - Healthy Workplaces for Migraine Patients, Brussels (Belgium)

17 April 2023 - IMI impact on early career researchers, Virtual

21 April 2023 - Stakeholder event - A comprehensive approach to mental health, Virtual

20-22 April 2023 - Sleep and Breathing Conference, Prague (Czech Republic)

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)

27 April 2023 - Community-based Interventions Targeting Depression and Suicidal Behavior, Brussels (Belgium)

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

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

9 May 2023 - European Brain Health Summit, Virtual

16 May 2023 - RADAR-AD (Remote Assessment of Disease And Relapse – Alzheimer's Disease) Public Meeting, Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

17-19 May 2023 - Genomics of Brain Disorders, Cambridgeshire (UK)

24-26 May 2023 - 9th European Stroke Organisation Conference, Munich (Germany)

25 May 2023 - UNI 10th Anniversary, Brussels (Belgium)

8-10 June 2023 - EANS Young Neurosurgeons' Meeting, Research & Training Pre-Meeting and Research Course, Madrid (Spain)

20 June 2023 - EPNS Exam, Prague (Czech Republic)

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)

2-8 July 2023 - FENS – Chen Institute – NeuroLéman Summer School on “Motor control: from thought to action”, Lausanne (Switzerland)

10-14 July 2023 - Radboud Summer School: Brain, Bacteria and Behaviour - Understanding the Gut-Brain Axis, Nijmegen (The Netherlands)

6-8 September 2023 - 18th Computational Intelligence Methods for Bioinformatics and Biostatistics Conference, Padova (Italy)

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

14-17 September 2023 - EPA 2023 Summer School, Strasbourg (France)

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)

4-5 December 2023 - Encephalitis Conference, London (UK) & Virtual

25-29 June 2024 - FENS Forum 2024, Vienna (Austria)



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