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European Brain Council

Newsletter - April 2023



EBC Activities



EBC Launches 2022 Annual Report

We are delighted to share with you the European Brain Council (EBC) Annual Report for 2022.

This year was a key milestone for EBC, as it marked its 20th anniversary. Twenty years ago, EBC was the answer to the need for increased unity within the brain community, building a more connected network of key players in the brain space — scientists, clinicians, patients, industry — encompassing basic neuroscience, neurology, neurosurgery and psychiatry. Its mission remains the same today: to unite the brain community and promote brain research with the goal of improving the lives of those who live with brain conditions, neurological and mental alike.

[Read the report](#)



Watch the aftermovie of the *Global Partnerships in Brain Research* Brain Awareness Week 2023 event

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.

You can now watch and subscribe to the **EBC YouTube Channel** for the **aftermovie**, the full and sessions recordings of the event.

[Discover more](#)



Global data is key to tackling the rise in brain health conditions

The Global Partnerships in Brain Research event held during Brain Awareness Week was featured in POLITICO!

Brain health conditions have become a global health emergency. The case numbers are expected to rise further due to aging and growing populations and other contributing factors such as smoking, obesity and pollution.

Global efforts to tackle the rise in brain conditions requires data to inform patients, researchers and the medical community and enable them to work together.

[Read the article](#)



Animal Research and "Pledge for Science"

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.

On **Thursday 25 May, from 9.00**, the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (**ENVI**) in association with the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (**AGRI**) and Committee on Petitions (**PETI**) will hold a **hearing on the European Citizens' Initiative: 'Save cruelty-free cosmetics – Commit to a Europe without animal testing'**.

You can find more information to follow the public hearing [here](#). Ahead of this hearing, EBC and its member organisations plan to meet with MEPs to speak about the current state of brain research, the need for prioritisation and investment and the impact such a ban could have.

[Read the statement](#)



Policy Webinar: Animals in Research and a Pledge for Science

A policy webinar organised by the European Brain Council in collaboration with its member organisations the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS), the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO) and the European College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ECNP) on the topic of **Animals in Research and a Pledge for Science** was held on **Friday, 5 May 2023**.

This webinar, featuring expert speakers, aimed to provide insight on the current state of research policy in the European Union and how it affects the wider brain community, including people living with brain conditions.

[Find the programme](#)



EBC Executive Director discusses the importance of building a consensus among key stakeholders for rare brain diseases

There are approximately 30 million people in Europe alone living with a rare condition, of which 75% have neurological symptoms. While significant progress has been made to address needs of these patients, key challenges remain including the scarcity of the expertise and fragmentation of research efforts that translate into delayed diagnosis, few disease modifying therapies, and difficulty in accessing adequate care.

In this episode of Axiom Catalyst, Frédéric Destrebecq, EBC Executive Director was invited to discuss how coordinated efforts between patient organisations, research and clinical networks, drug innovators and policy makers, can tackle these challenges and reduce the high burden posed by rare neurological disorders in Europe and beyond.

[Listen the full episode on Spotify](#)



Abstract deadline extended for Innovation Hall and Pitch Competition

Exciting applications are coming in! However, we understand that deadlines during this busy period can be overwhelming and easily missed, resulting in a number of requests to extend the deadline and provide a few more days of opportunity to submit additional abstracts. The abstract submission portal for the Brain Innovation Days 2023 remains open for an additional week.

The portal will close on 15 May at 17:00 CEST.

[Be part of the programme](#)



BRAINTEASER Community of Practice

We present the **BRAINTEASER Community of Practice**, a collaborative space for people with multiple sclerosis and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, but also for their clinicians, caregivers, researchers and the general public who are interested in using artificial intelligence and other digital tools to help manage these conditions.

This community **aims to offer a place to share the latest advances, personal stories, trusted knowledge** directly supervised by clinical experts and researchers, and insights that would provide a practical toolkit of resources and content for all.

Find the answers you always wanted to know about how technology can help with different neurological conditions, share your experience, get to know other real stories. If you are a researcher, we will be happy to communicate your latest advances in science and technology.

Together we can advance further. Will you join us?

[Find out more](#)



Nominate Your Dream #BIDays Speaker

The 2023 edition is in the works and [programme](#) building is well underway. However, the **Brain Innovation Days** are all about community engagement, fostering dialogue and showcasing cutting-edge innovation across Europe — so we want to hear from you!

Who would you like to see on stage at the 2023 **#BIDays**? Have your say in the programme! **Join the discussion on our social media channels and tag your dream #BrainInnovation speaker** — we'll get in touch.

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EBC Members



Get ready for Europe's biggest neurology meeting - EAN 2023 in Budapest

Confirm the highlight of your summer today by [registering](#) for the 9th Annual Congress of the European Academy of Neurology – EAN 2023.

This year's congress takes place in Budapest, Hungary, with online participation also available for those who want to enjoy the EAN 2023 programme virtually.

If you become an [EAN Individual member](#) by **31 May 2023** you can benefit from **additional members' discounts**.

Update your [MyEAN](#) profile* now and register for EAN 2023 today!

**Registration for the EAN annual congress is only possible with a MyEAN account*

[Get started](#)



Get ready for Europe's biggest neurology meeting - EAN 2023 in Budapest: Start planning your schedule

The EAN 2023 Online Programme Planner tool is up and running, giving you a clear overview of the incredible range of sessions already in place for this year's congress.

Simply browse the programme by day, or search for sessions, presentations, or abstracts, and filter your results by topic, tag, type, or room. Found a session you want to take part in? You can download an .ics file for that entry and import it to your own calendar!

Highlights will include an [opening lecture from Nobel Laureate, Prof. Thomas C. Südhof](#), titled 'Towards a cell biology of Alzheimer's disease', as well as a number of exciting sessions covering this year's [Overarching Theme](#), 'Neurology Beyond Big Data'.

[View Programme Planner](#)



EANS2023 Barcelona Congress: Registration is open!

After completing a record-breaking abstract submission number, we are delighted to announce that registration and accommodation are open for the EANS2023 Barcelona Congress!

You are invited to register and join us in Barcelona getting access to more-than-ever original scientific contributions presented for the first time, as well as 300+ talks by experts in the 7 parallel congress halls, Masterclasses, exciting side events, and many more. Benefit from the low early registration rates, which are even lower for EANS members, until 16 May 2023. If you are not a member yet and wish to benefit from the reduced fee, use this opportunity to become an [EANS member](#) today. The wait is over – [Register now!](#)

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EANS & EUROSPINE Tumour & Infection Days Spring Summit wrap up

136 participants from 26 countries enjoyed a few weeks away the first ever EUROSPINE and EANS #SpineSpringSummit which took place in beautiful Budapest, focusing on the latest advancements and techniques in the treatment of spinal Tumours and Infections.

Thanks to a great collaboration between the two societies, our top-notch speakers, our experienced moderator Roy Sheppard and the support of our sponsors, the event introduced a brand-new successful event format designed to provide an interactive and engaging experience for attendees with Insight talks from leading experts, discussions, and technological updates from the industry. Moderated discussions offered a unique opportunity to dive into the complexities of spinal tumour and infection management. We thank everyone, including speakers, participants, and sponsors for their valuable support. A photo gallery is available [here](#).

[Read more](#)



Call for abstracts — 36th ECNP Congress 2023

Share your research with Europe's largest audience in applied and translational research!

[Submit an abstract](#) for poster presentation at the [36th ECNP Congress 2023](#) on or before 15 May 2023.

We accept abstracts in these [scientific topics](#).

It is also possible to submit a **non-standard abstract**. For example, clinical cases, literature reviews and research proposals.

On the [congress website](#) you will find all information, including [videos to help you write the perfect abstract](#).

We look forward to receiving your abstract!

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Register now for GAMIAN-Europe and EPA's joint event on Schizophrenia

On World Schizophrenia Awareness Day (May 24th) at 11.00 CET, GAMIAN-Europe and the European Psychiatric Association (EPA) are holding the online event: "Living with schizophrenia: hearing the different perspectives". The webinar will present the findings of a two-year project focused on strengthening and improving the therapeutic relationship between patients with schizophrenia and their psychiatrists.

[Read more](#)



The Vibrant Mind project - GAMIAN - Europe

GAMIAN-Europe is currently working on a project called "The Vibrant Mind" which explores the link between art and mental health through a pan-European exhibition. This year-long initiative includes exhibitions, events, and digital resources to showcase artists' work and promote awareness. The project aims to expand its reach and inclusivity by partnering with various galleries and venues across Europe to host temporary exhibitions. To suggest a venue, interested parties can provide details through this [link](#).

[Read more](#)



FENS Forum 2024: Call for symposia and technical workshops deadline, 10 May

The deadline for the call for symposia and technical workshops is getting closer, so make sure to send your proposals before 10 May (23:59 CEST). Don't miss the opportunity to present your work in Europe's top neuroscience meeting, alongside other colleagues involved in cutting edge research. You will share your knowledge in front of a diverse international audience and will shape the Forum's scientific programme. Taking place in the vibrant city of Vienna from 25-29 June, the FENS Forum will be an unparalleled neuroscience experience! Stay updated at fens.org/2024 and #FENS2024.

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Brain Conference: Structuring knowledge for flexible behaviour

Register now for the next Brain Conference on "Structuring knowledge for flexible behaviour", taking place in Rungsted Kyst, Denmark, from 18-21 October 2023, and enjoy early registration rates. Hosted by co-chairs Timothy Behrens (UK) and Alla Karpova (US), it will explore how old information is used to influence appropriate behaviour in new contexts. This is your chance to get more insight into the connection between the brain and complex behaviour, while networking with peers and discussing the latest findings. The Brain Prize and FENS offer 10 stipends of 1000 EUR each to early career researchers and international students. **Early registration deadline: 16 May.**

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

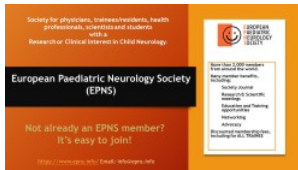
Do you have an interest in Child Neurology?

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 <https://youtu.be/tEn8bSepHMI>

Visit the Congress website to see the full programme, register and plan your visit to Prague <https://epns-congress.com/>.

[Learn more and register here](#)



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 <https://www.epns.info/become-an-epns-member/new-membership-application/> or simply email Sue and Mel who will be happy to hear from you info@epns.info

[Read more](#)

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.

[Read more](#)



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 about and reducing neurological diseases in Turkey. Society, and its nearly four thousand members, currently work towards this goal with very different methods: Society held the fifty-eighth National Neurology Congress with the participation of fifteen hundred neurologists in this year; provided many scholarships and economic support within the scope of its members' educational and professional development activities and published (more than 12 in 2022) books 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.

[Read more](#)



Neurology Patients Must be in Neurology!

The Turkish Society of Neurology is conducting an awareness campaign for neurological diseases throughout the country, starting with 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".

If it's Alzheimer's disease, the solution is in neurology. Care your brain!

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)

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

4 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)

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

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

Events of Interest

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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