

European Brain Council

Newsletter - May 2023



EBC Activities



Support Pledge for Science calling for the prioritisation of brain research & innovation in the EU

The brain community calls for brain research and innovation to be recognised as a health and research priority in the EU and asks national, EU and international policymakers to support the development of a European Brain Research and Innovation Plan, combining research and public health initiatives to address brain function and disorders in a comprehensive, collaborative and innovative way. The Pledge for Science has officially reached over 3100 signatures and more than 40 organisations joined our call.

[Read & sign the Pledge](#)



EBC and national experts meet with MEPs to support the Pledge for Science

As part of the Pledge for Science campaign, EBC colleagues and experts from across Member States met with MEPs in the European Parliament to present and seek support of the Pledge for Science; making the case for increased support and prioritisation of brain research in the EU.

Thank you to all the MEPs who made time to meet with our experts and to hear them out on the community's calls for support and prioritisation of brain research in Europe and to understand how policy developments in Brussels can directly impact their work back home.

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Public Hearing on the European Citizens' Initiative 'SAVE CRUELTY-FREE COSMETICS'

The Public Hearing on the European Citizens' Initiative 'SAVE CRUELTY-FREE COSMETICS', which includes a call to 'modernise science' by phasing out all animal testing in the EU, took place in the European Parliament on 25 May 2023. EBC and like-minded organisations were in the room to ensure the voice of the research community is heard.

Despite an ECI on cosmetics including science in its call, biomedical researchers were not included in the Public Hearing programme. Decisions in the EU should be made in an informed, factual manner. To be heard, stakeholders are signing the Pledge for Science.

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Discover the Brain Innovation Days early programme and register now!

Join us for two full days, jam-packed with high-level brain innovation on 26-27 October 2023 in Brussels! The days will host a series of exciting sessions around the theme of *The Brain in the 21st Century*, including inspiring Brain Talks, Panel Discussions, How-To Sessions and countless matchmaking/networking opportunities. Discover the [early programme](#) and [benefit from the early bird rate](#) available until 4 June!

[Discover more](#)



Look back at the European Brain Foundation Gala Dinner

Re-live the European Brain Foundation's Fundraising Gala Dinner with the official aftermovie! The evening was organized in the context of Brain Awareness Week 2023 and brought together a brain community to contribute to a good cause. Learn more about this milestone event on the [European Brain Foundation website](#).

[Watch the video](#)



EBC takes part in the Walking the Talk for Dementia

Walking the Talk for Dementia took place from 1-6 May 2023 in Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

This unique and immersive initiative was designed to empower people living with dementia and to raise global awareness about the topic by showing that dementia is not the end. The event brought together people with dementia, caregivers and healthcare professionals from over 30 countries.

EBC was delighted to be part of the Walking the Talk for Dementia Symposium and present the work made in the context of the [RETHINKING Alzheimer's disease project](#), calling for change in Alzheimer's care.

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EBC attends the General Assembly of the PRIME project

The EBC Projects Team took part in the General Assembly of the [PRIME Project](#), an EU-funded project EBC is involved in. Project Manager, Dr. Kristien Aarts, gave a presentation on policymaking in the EU and why it's so important for scientists to be aware and involved in the policies that affect their work.

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Global synergistic actions to improve brain health for human development

EBC is delighted to have contributed to the article 'Global synergistic actions to improve brain health for human development', published in *Nature Reviews Neurology*.

The paper discusses ways to address the global burden of neurological disorders, by building global synergies and fostering a neurological revolution built on surveillance, prevention, acute care and rehabilitation.

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Economic Evaluation of anti-epileptic Medicines for Autistic Children with Epilepsy

The work of the [Value of Treatment](#) working group on autism has been published in the *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*, covering the economic evaluation of antiepileptic medicines for autistic children with epilepsy.

For families with an autistic child being treated for epilepsy, the cost of treatment can be considerably high. The study thus compares the cost-effectiveness of antiepileptic drugs across four European countries: England, Ireland, Italy, and Spain.

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EBC at the 7th triMS.online Conference

The 7th triMS.online Conference, a unique, omnichannel initiative open to all Multiple Sclerosis specialists, researchers and associated health care professionals, took place on 25 May 2023.

Pioneered in 2018 by Professor Gavin Giovannoni and the not-for-profit company Oxford Health Policy Forum, triMS.online's mission is to reach a diverse global audience of professionals to advance equality for all working in the MS field.

EBC was pleased to be part of the virtual exhibition area where the attendees could learn more about the ongoing projects, initiatives and upcoming events.

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EBC Members



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

Register now! 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.

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

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

[Get started](#)



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

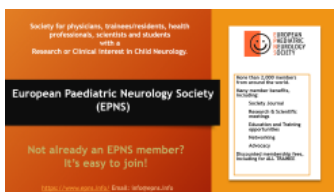
Do you have an interest in Child Neurology?

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!

Visit the [Congress website](#) to see the full programme, register and plan your visit to Prague!

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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

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36th ECNP Congress, 7-10 October 2023, Barcelona, Spain

Meet the world-class plenary speakers at [#ECNP2023](#):

- Sheena Josselyn, Canada, Making and breaking memories
- Oscar Oscar Marín, United Kingdom, winner of the [2023 ECNP Neuropsychopharmacology Award](#)
- Deanna Barch, USA, Early emergence of mental illness: from brain imaging to emotion regulation
- Asya Rolls, Israel, The neuro-immune axis: how the brain influences immunity
- Sergiu Pasca, USA, The future of brain region-specific organoids
- Peter Goadsby, United Kingdom, winner of the Brain Prize
- Kafui Dzirasa, USA, Transforming mental illness through technology

Visit [this page](#) for more information and [register today](#).

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Call for new members: IBRO's Regional and Early Career Committees

IBRO has launched a call for proposals for engaged scientists to get involved in IBRO as new members of its Regional Committees, including Pan-Europe, and its Early Career Committee. Learn more about the committees and this opportunity:

Regional Committees: <https://ibro.org/call-new-members-regional-committees/>

Early Career Committee: <https://ibro.org/get-involved-join-the-ibro-early-career-committee-of-independent-scientists/>

Visit the IBRO website



The Brain Conference "Structuring knowledge for flexible behaviour" 18-21 October 2023, Rungsted Kyst, Denmark

Regular registration for the Brain Conference on "Structuring knowledge for flexible behaviour" is open until 14 June 2023! This high-level meeting will bring together outstanding speakers to tackle the latest questions on how knowledge is organised systematically in the brain and provide early insights into how such representations are learned. Register now and gain unique insights into this new neuroscience field!

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FENS-Hertie Winter School "Neuroscience of Mental Health" 3-9 December 2023, Obergurgl, Austria

The FENS-Hertie Winter School on "Neuroscience of Mental Health" application is now open until 26 June 2023! Chaired by Patrizia Campolongo (IT), Jonathan Roiser (UK) and Carmen Sandi (CH), this winter school will cover a broad range of topics related to mental health, focusing on cognitive and computational processes, brain circuits, neurochemicals, genetics and environmental influences. Apply now, and don't forget to check the available stipends!

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National Brain Councils



9th Academy of National Brain Councils took place on 23-24 May 2023

The 9th Academy of National Brain Councils took 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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Launch of the Belgian Brain Data Hub

On the occasion of the General Assembly of the Belgian Brain Council (BBC) on 23 May 2023, BBC launched the concept of a Belgian Brain Data Hub, a secured data platform to share your data for research and policy in accordance with European Law.

[Visit the BBC 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

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

8 June 2023 - European Health Summit, Brussels (Belgium)

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

15 June 2023 - Brain Research Needs Animal Models: Let's Talk About It!, Virtual

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)

4-6 October 2023 - eSleep Europe 2023, Virtual

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

18-21 October 2023 - The Brain Conference: Structuring Knowledge for Flexible Behaviour, Rungsted Kyst (Denmark)

11-15 November 2023 - Society for Neuroscience Meeting, Washington, D.C. (USA)

3-9 December 2023 - FENS-Hertie Winter School: “Neuroscience of Mental Health”, Obergurgl (Austria)

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

6-9 April 2024 - 32nd European Congress of Psychiatry, Budapest (Hungary)

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

29 June-2 July 2024 - 10th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology, Helsinki (Finland)

21-24 September 2024 - 37th European College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ECNP) Congress, Milan (Italy)

17-18 October 2024 - EPNS Research Meeting, Ljubljana (Slovenia)



