

European Brain Council

Newsletter - June 2023



EBC Activities

Brain research and innovation must be recognised as a health and research priority in the EU.



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 3,600 signatures and more than 50 organisations joined our call.

[Read & sign the Pledge](#)



EBC responds to the European Commission's communication on a 'comprehensive approach to mental health'

"The European Brain Council (EBC) welcomes the European Commission's new strategic approach to mental health," comments EBC President, Prof. Suzanne Dickson.

"The cross-sectoral approach across the life-span that the European Code on Mental Health and the Joint Ecosystem for Brain Research advance has the potential to accelerate collaborative brain research in the EU and is a great boost to the work the EBC has been spearheading in this area with the European Brain Research Area (EBRA) initiatives.

EBC will do everything it can to help the Commission to make the strategy a reality. It's important to note, however, that progress towards new therapies and innovation will require much investment in research into basic and clinical research."

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EBC presents at the SANT Committee Public Hearing on the "Mental Health of Youth"

On the 29th of June the European Parliament's Sub-Committee dedicated on public health (SANT) held a hearing on 'Mental health of youth'. Vinciane Quoidbach, EBC Research Project Manager presented during the public hearing with the presence of many Members of the European Parliament highlighting the importance of **investing in brain research and innovation**.

During her presentation, she highlighted that there is less investment in research on prevention, detection, screening and diagnosis, treatment development and evaluation, disease management or health services, and that the majority of the funding is allocated to research in adults, whereas the majority of problems develop during one's childhood and adolescence, proposing the need for a **European Brain Capital Policy Lab** to scientifically study the issue, address socio-economic and commercial components of mental health, as well as track current policies and data to reach an evidence-based assessment of what the necessary action plans to mitigate and respond to the worrying trend noticed today in terms of mental health struggles.

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EBC takes part in EU4Health Stakeholders Conference

On 9 June 2023, EBC attended the Stakeholders' Conference in Brussels organized by the European Commission. The event focused on important health priorities and offered an opportunity to reflect on priorities, strategic orientations, and future work programs.

The event programme consisted of sessions on five topics:

- Improving and fostering health
- protecting people
- enhancing access to medicinal products and medical devices
- preparing health systems for the digital era
- exploring synergies and complementarities

The Conference was also the occasion to hear about the first analysis of the outcomes of the Stakeholders' Targeted Consultation on EU4Health.

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Discover the Brain Innovation Days showcases & posters

Molecular mechanisms of the central nervous system, cortical stimulation in stroke recovery, VR-based intervention, ethics in animal research, activating cognitive performance in elderly & more!

Explore the future of brain research in our amazing 2023 Innovation Hall

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Be Open about Animal Research Day 2023

The third edition of EARA's global 24-hour social media campaign (#BOARD23) takes place this Thursday 15 June.

Throughout the day, on EARA's Twitter and other social media channels, the biomedical research community will celebrate the ways it communicates publicly about animal research, by sharing statements, case studies, videos and other materials.

EBC joined this communication campaign by recalling how important animal models are for brain research and innovation.

[Read EBC's contribution](#)



Save the date for Rethinking Alzheimer's disease virtual event

The European Brain Council (EBC), in collaboration with the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA), the Swedish Brain Foundation (SBF) and the Swedish Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry (LIF), will explore the ways we can rethink the Alzheimer's care pathway, particularly in the Swedish healthcare context.

The virtual event follows the launch of the Rethinking Alzheimer's Disease White Paper: Detection & Diagnosis, looking at how to detect and diagnose the disease at an earlier stage (at mild cognitive impairment – MCI – stage) and what new care pathways would need to be implemented to reach out to patients at that stage. Furthermore, with disease modifying treatments targeting patients with MCI potentially coming to market in the near future, it is important to see how prepared healthcare systems are to provide these new treatments.

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The Economic Impact of Reducing Treatment Gaps in Depression

EBC is delighted to have contributed to the article 'The Economic Impact of Reducing Treatment Gaps in Depression', published in *The European Psychiatry*.

Major depressive disorder is highly prevalent in Europe, with a mean prevalence of 6.38%, and imposes high economic costs. This study shows that reducing treatment gaps in MDD appears to be a cost-effective use of resources. If indirect costs are also considered, then further benefits may be apparent.

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EBC attended the 15th EPNS Congress

The 15th Congress of the European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS) took place 20-24 June 2023 in the Congress Center Prague.

The main theme of the congress was "From genome and connectome to cure". EBC was pleased to be a part of the Congress and have a booth in the exhibition area where our most recent publications were displayed.

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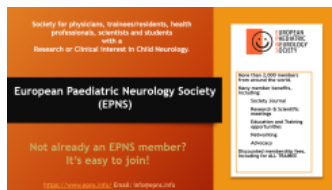
EBC Members



Call for Chief Editors of IBRO's flagship journal, Neuroscience

IBRO is seeking motivated neuroscientists to take on the editorial leadership of its journal Neuroscience within a new structure of committed and dynamically collaborative Chief Editors. Don't miss this chance to showcase international scientific developments and contribute to IBRO's worldwide funding and training programs!

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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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SAVE THE DATE: European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS) Research Meeting, Ljubljana, Slovenia on 17-18 October 2024

This meeting is a forum for researchers in Paediatric Neurology, where they present their work, ideas, results, creating the possibility for good interaction between researchers and premises for networking, future collaborative research in Europe and beyond. Experienced professionals and young researchers get together, in an environment where interactive, vivid discussions can take place around the presented topics.

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Call for abstracts — ECNP Workshop for ECSs in Europe

The annual ECNP Workshop in Nice offers 100 Early Career Scientists (ECSs) a chance to engage with Europe's leading researchers in translational neuroscience across three days of lectures, discussion sessions and direct exchange in experimental and clinical research on disorders of the brain.

If you wish to attend the next ECNP Workshop, 14-17 March 2024 in Nice, France, we encourage you to submit your abstract to apply.

The deadline for abstract submission is 26 October 2023 at 17.00 CEST (Central European Summer Time).

More info about this workshop can be found [here](#).

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36th ECNP Congress in Barcelona, Spain

The ECNP Congress is Europe's largest meeting in applied and translational neuroscience, annually bringing together around 5,500 psychiatrists, neuroscientists, neurologists and psychologists from around the world to share the latest discoveries and developments in the science and treatment of brain disorders.

Spanning the spectrum of human mood, behaviour, cognition and emotion, from basic science to clinical care, the ECNP Congress is Europe's premier showcase for new research, treatments and technologies in applied brain science.

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The Brain Conference: Structuring Knowledge for Flexible Behaviour

FENS is delighted to announce the opening of late registration for the next Brain Conference on "Structuring Knowledge for Flexible Behaviour" until 5 September 2023. Taking place from 18-21 October 2023 (Rungsted Kyst, Denmark), co-chairs Timothy Behrens and Alla Karpova are ready to tackle this new field of neuroscience that underlies the rich and flexible inferences that characterise the real-world behaviour.

Participants can also engage in vibrant exchanges, collaborate with fellow researchers, and expand their horizons through lectures and enlightening poster presentations.

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FENS Forum 2024: key dates and deadlines

The FENS Forum 2024 is Europe's largest neuroscience congress, covering all field areas, from basic to translational research. Mark your calendars with the key dates and deadlines, and don't miss out on this incredible neuroscience event!

Call for satellite and networking events: 13 September 2023
Call for early registration, abstract submission and FENS travel grants: 29 November 2023
Stay updated at fens.org/2024 and #FENS2024.

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Brain & Spine Journal: Now indexed in Scopus!

The EANS is thrilled to announce that the Brain & Spine journal has achieved another significant milestone; after being indexed in PubMedCentral last year, the journal has now also been accepted for indexation on Scopus. This remarkable accomplishment solidifies the journal's position as a high-quality, peer-reviewed publication.

By choosing to publish their research in the Brain and Spine Journal, the authors not only ensure its inclusion in Scopus but also increase the likelihood of receiving high citations from esteemed scholars and peer researchers. The members of EANS and EUROSPINE can publish their research in the Brain and Spine Journal free of charge until further notice.

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EANS Becomes a member of the Health Technology Assessment Stakeholder Network (HTA)

The EANS proudly announces that the association has been appointed by the European Commission as a member of the Health Technology Assessment Stakeholder Network (HTA).

Following this appointment, the EANS will have a strong voice at the European level and will be contributing to the policy-making process on HTA.

The application was initiated by the newly established EANS Task Force on Emerging Technologies and Innovations (ETIN) led by Prof. Nikolay Gabrovsky.

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GAMIAN-Europe's webinar: Migraine and Mental Health - Addressing the Challenge

GAMIAN-Europe and the European Migraine and Headache Alliance are organising the webinar "**Migraine and Mental Health: Addressing the Challenge**" on 21st September, 11:00 CET.

The session will focus on the coexistence of migraine attacks and mental health conditions, with a special emphasis on women. [Learn about the project's key findings and potential strategies](#) to enhance the quality of life of people living with this comorbidity.

[Register here](#)



GAMIAN-Europe's Art Project: The Vibrant Mind

GAMIAN-Europe recently started the second chapter of this year's Art Project titled The Vibrant Mind. The project looks at raising awareness of mental ill health through creativity and non-verbal communication.

If your organisation have artists with lived experience of mental health conditions and they are interested in having their artwork shared in a gallery, please get them to fill out their details by clicking on [the following link](#).

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National Brain Councils



Save the date: 10th National Brain Councils Academy

The 10th NBCs Academy will take place in Pula (Croatia) on May 8-9, 2024

The Academy will be hosted by Pr. Dinko Mitrecic, President of the Croatia Brain Council

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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

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)

18 September 2023 – EBC Event on Global Partnerships in Brain Research, Science Summit at the 78th United Nations General Assembly, New York (USA)

26 September 2023 - Rethinking Alzheimer's disease: Moving towards a new Alzheimer's disease detection and diagnosis pathway in Sweden, Virtual

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

Events of Interest

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)

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)



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