

European Brain Council

Newsletter - July 2023



EBC Activities



Statement on the European Commission's response to the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) 'Save Cruelty-free Cosmetics – Commit to a Europe without Animal Testing'

The European Brain Council (EBC) acknowledges and welcomes the European Commission's (EC) Communication on the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) 'Save cruelty-free cosmetics – Commit to a Europe without animal testing.'

As a network of key players in the 'Brain Area' representing 179 million Europeans living with brain conditions, mental and neurological alike – scientific societies, patient organisations, professional societies and industry partners – EBC appreciates the relative alignment of the proposed actions with brain research practices and the outlined priorities with evolving scientific and technological developments.

[Read the statement](#)



EBC joins EU-level mental health organisations call on EPSCO Council for concrete action on mental health

On July 28, on the occasion of the informal EPSCO Council, EBC joined 5 organisations active in the area of mental health representing mental health professionals, patients, carers and brain researchers, to call on the Spanish Presidency to consider proposing concrete EU-level action on mental health.

This call is issued against the background of the recent Commission Communication entitled 'A comprehensive approach to mental health', adopted on 7 June; this provides the right context for in-depth reflection on what would be required to improve mental health and prevent mental ill-health on the ground. Action is clearly needed, as currently, in the EU, one in four people is affected by mental health issues.

[Read the joint letter](#)



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

Brain Innovation Days: Pitch Competition Jury Members Announced

The Brain Innovation Days team is excited to announce the Pitch Competition Jury Members of the 3rd Brain Innovation Days Pitch Competition, to be held on 27 October at 14:00–15:00. The Pitch Competition will take place during the second day of the Brain Innovation Days event, that falls under the theme “The Brain in the 21st Century”, centred around building resilience and better brain health for future generations and increasing our brains’ readiness to adapt to an ever-changing environment.

Discover the Pitch Competition Jury Members and get your tickets now!

[Discover more](#)



Registration now open for the Rethinking Alzheimer’s disease virtual event

Registration is now open for the virtual event Rethinking Alzheimer’s disease: Moving towards a new Alzheimer’s disease detection and diagnosis pathway in Sweden, taking place virtually on 26 September 2023 at 09:00 – 11:00.

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.

[Register now](#)

EBC attended 9th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology



EBC was pleased to once again take part in the 9th Annual Congress of the European Academy of Neurology (EAN), which took place on 1-4 July 2023 in Budapest, Hungary. The overarching theme of the congress this year was “Neurology beyond the Big Data”.

The annual congress provides an unrivalled chance for the neurology community to share a rewarding clinical and scientific experience. With the rich cultural tapestry of Budapest as its backdrop, the congress was an ideal environment for establishing new contacts and friendships, and of course renewing old ones.

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EBC featured in the July edition of Open Access Government

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.

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BRAINTEASER: Assessing Predictive Algorithms and Enabling Data Sharing for Enhanced Research

Each year, the BRAINTEASER project organizes an open evaluation challenge, called iDPP@CLEF (Intelligent Disease Progression Prediction), to involve research groups from academia and industry in the assessment of the performance of their AI algorithms to predict the progression of ALS and MS. These challenges are open to anyone wishing to participate and they are built around real clinical and sensor data (properly anonymized), provided by the clinical partners in our consortium.

The challenges represent a unique opportunity for researchers to access highly curated data and discuss their own approaches with other researchers interested in the same topics. Indeed, since all the groups participating in a challenge operate on the same datasets, it is possible to directly contrast the performance of all the proposed approaches and solutions, in order to comparatively understand what works best and what does not work.

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EBC Members

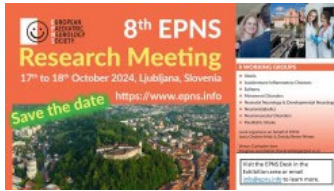


Join the neuroscience community in Granada for IBRO 2023

From the opening plenary to the closing ceremony, IBRO 2023 will feature a vast array of world-renowned speakers covering many captivating topics surrounding neuroscience. Join us in Granada for an exciting programme of plenary sessions, topical debates and networking opportunities.

Registration is open.

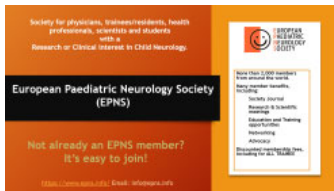
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SAVE THE DATE: European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS) Research Meeting, Ljubljana, Slovenia on 17-18 October 2024

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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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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New IF for ECNP journal European Neuropsychopharmacology

We are happy to report that the impact factor (IF) of the ECNP journal European Neuropsychopharmacology (ENP) has reached a new historic high of 5.600, up from 5.415 last year. ENP is now ranked by IF 52 out of the top 272 journals in the neurosciences, 45 out of 277 in pharmacology and pharmacy, and 38 out of 155 in psychiatry.

Our congratulations to Eduard Vieta, editor-in-chief, and the ENP team!

[To the journal](#)



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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FENS Forum 2024: Sponsors and Exhibitors

FENS is thrilled to announce that it is now possible to reserve FENS Forum 2024 exhibition space, sponsored sessions and other sponsorship opportunities. Options are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so make sure to secure the best location, slot, or item as soon as possible.

The FENS Forum is the premier neuroscience congress in Europe that will bring together the best that the scientific community has to offer: thousands of experts from basic to translational research will take us to the forefront of our current understanding of the brain and central nervous system. The next edition will take place between 25-29 June 2024 in Vienna, Austria, at the Messe Wien Exhibition and Congress Center.

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FENS-Dana Brain Awareness Week 2024 grants

FENS is delighted to announce that applications for the FENS-Dana Brain Awareness Week 2024 grants are open until 14 August 2023.

Every year, FENS, on behalf of the Dana Foundation, provides financial support of up to EUR 1,000 to event organisers across Europe during Brain Awareness Week on 11-17 March 2024. Prepare your application now and make sure to submit it before the deadline, 14 August 2023.

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Brain & Spine Editor's Choice

Read the latest edition of the EANS & EUROSPINE Brain & Spine Editor's Choice selection of papers. The papers are chosen from the inaugural special topic of "**Global Humanitarian Neurosurgery**". Our aim is to shed light on groundbreaking research that strives to improve the accessibility and effectiveness of neurosurgical interventions in low-resource settings.

We have carefully selected two articles that highlight the challenges faced by healthcare providers and the innovative solutions being developed to address them. The next special topic issue is **Thoracolumbar Spine Trauma**.

The [Call for papers](#) is now open! Read [why you should publish](#) in a special topic issue!

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EANS2023 Barcelona Congress – Highlights of the Scientific Programme

Discover the updated [Programme](#) of the EANS2023 Barcelona Congress! One of the sessions not to be missed is the Ethics of Waiting LISTS and Rationing ACCESS to CARE, to be held on Tuesday, 26 September 2023 with the below topics:

- Ethical challenges related to travelling for medical care (Dr. Marike Broekman),
- European overview of waiting lists for elective surgery (Dr. Naci Balak),
- The Ethics of waiting lists rationing and paternalistic prioritization (Dr. Tiit Mathiesen),
- Comparison Between Augmented Reality-Based and Ex-Cathedra Lectures: Can We Improve The Education of Neuroanatomy with The Use of Novel Technologies? (Mr. Abiram Sandrelegar).

Join us today!

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Making Neurology A Public Health Priority - BHNC MEP Interest Group

We were proud to present this meeting of the Brain Health and Neurological Conditions MEP Interest Group with the European Association of Neurologists (EAN) to highlight that despite the knowledge that almost one in three people globally will develop a neurological disorder at some point in their lifetime – Neurology is still not treated as a public health priority. MEP Tomasz Sokol opened the event calling for more action on making neurology a public health policy.

[Watch the full replay & read the event report](#)



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 at 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.

[Find more information here.](#)

[Register here](#)

Joint REALMENT's network



The [REALMENT's project](#), in which GAMIAN-Europe is involved, is inviting stakeholders to join the project's network. This European research project that is looking at improving the lives of patients with a severe mental health condition by using real-world big data from eHealth, bio banks and national industries, integrated with clinical trial data.

[Subscribe to the project's newsletter](#)

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 Croatian Brain Council

[Learn More](#)



3rd International Conference on Neurological Disorders and Neurorestoration

The International Conference on Neurological Disorders and Neurorestoration will be held from 9th – 12th May 2023 in Brijuni National Park, Croatia.

This unique international meeting will cover a wide range of areas connected to neurology, neuroscience and neurorestoration, such as neuroinflammation, neurodegeneration, ischemic diseases, paroxysmal and extrapyramidal diseases. The School of Medicine of the University of Zagreb, supported by all clinics for neurology of the Zagreb Clinical and Hospital Centers, is the main organizer of the conference.

The conference will be organized in conjunction with the 10th Academy Meeting of National Brain Councils that will be held from 8th – 9th May.

[Learn More](#)



Event report: 9th National Brain Councils Academy

The 9th Academy of National Brain Councils (NBCs) took place on 23-24 May 2023 in Brussels, Belgium.

The annual meeting brought together NBCs representatives alongside prominent speakers and guests, in-person and remotely, from 15 countries: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Serbia, Sweden and Turkey.

[Read the event report](#)



Strategic framework for improvement of mental health in the Republic of Croatia until 2030

The Croatian Government adopted the Strategic Framework for Mental Health until 2030. The document recognizes mental health as a public health priority and stresses the need to undertake comprehensive and specific measures of health promotion, prevention and protection of mental health and treatment of mental disorders.

The purpose of the Strategic Framework is to define, in line with other strategic documents, the long-term goals for the improvement of mental health protection in order to decrease the occurrence of mental health disorders and related disability and to increase the accessibility of mental health services. Main areas for developing quality mental health care include raising awareness about mental health problems, timely detection and diagnosis and appropriate treatment and rehabilitation.

[Learn More](#)

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

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

12 September 2023 - How Should the Neuroscience Community Deal with Pressure to Reduce the Use of Animals in Research?, EBC Workshop, 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)

24 September 2023 - “The need for advocacy for brain research and brain health in Europe” EBC Session, EANS Congress 2023, Barcelona (Spain)

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

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

7 September 2023 - Time to improve the life of people living with ALS, European Parliament, Brussels (Belgium)

8-9 September 2023 - 2023 World Neuroscience & Psychiatry Conference, Singapore (Republic of Singapore) & Virtual

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

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

20-22 September 2023 - 13th Congress of the European Pain Federation EFIC, Budapest (Hungary)

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 - Neuroscience 2023, Washington (United States)

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 December 2023 - European Headache Congress, Barcelona (Spain)

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

8-9 May 2024 - 10th Academy of National Brain Councils, Pula (Croatia)

9-12 May 2023 - 3rd International Conference on Neurological Disorders and Neurorestoration, Brijuni National Park (Croatia)

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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