

European Brain Council

Newsletter - October 2023



EBC Activities



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

Brain Innovation Days 2023 - Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's event, centred around the Brain in the 21st Century. It was an exciting two days jam-packed with high-level brain innovation on stage and in the Innovation Hall. Stay tuned for more post-event updates coming soon, including pictures, videos, podcast episodes and more.

We look forward to welcoming you at our next BIDays. Until then, let's keep the community alive to promote dialogue between all key stakeholders and work together for the benefit of society as a whole.

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Registration Launch for Our Brains, Our Future

In the framework of the **Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European Union**, the European Brain Council (EBC) looks forward to organising the event ***“Our Brains, Our Future: The Value of Brain Research – From Basic to Clinical – to Improve Patient Outcomes in Europe”***, in partnership with the Spanish Brain Council and the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), hosted in the **Senate of Spain** on **28 November 2023** in Madrid.

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Rethinking Schizophrenia Project Launched at the Brain Innovation Days!

The European Brain Council (EBC) is very pleased to announce the start of the [Rethinking Schizophrenia project](#), launched at the [Brain Innovation Days](#), organised by EBC, which took place on 26-27 October 2023 in Brussels.

During the third edition of the event, participants had the opportunity to explore the [Rethinking Schizophrenia poster exhibition](#), featuring portraits and quotes of people living with schizophrenia, patient advocates and caregivers. The exhibition fell under the [#BeyondTheVoices](#) campaign highlighting the need to rethink the way we deal with schizophrenia.

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Value of Treatment Collection Published in European Psychiatry Special Issue

On the occasion of **World Mental Health Day** on 10 October 2023, [The European Psychiatry](#) released a **Special Issue** on [The Value of Treatment \(VOT\)](#), focusing on Early Intervention and Continuity of Care for Mental Disorders (Anorexia Nervosa, Autism and Major Depressive Disorder).

With this new Study, the **European Brain Council (EBC)**, together with its [members](#) and academic partners (Hospital Universitario Gregorio Marañón, King's College London, The London School of Economics and Political Science and University of Greenwich, is not only looking at the socio-economic impact and value of optimal healthcare interventions but is also emphasizing how timely care pathways are likely to need greater integration and how collaborative care between primary care and specialist care – inexistant in many countries – can be achieved in the future for the benefit of those living with a mental disorder.

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EBC takes part in "All in One Brain" Event in the European Parliament

On the occasion of World Mental Health Day on October 10, 2023, MEP Stelios Kympouropoulos (EPP, GR) hosted a conference entitled "*All in one brain: a discussion on mental health*" in the European Parliament, with the participation of the Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Ms Stella Kyriakides and the Greek Deputy Minister of Health and psychiatrist Dr. Dimitris Vartzopoulos.

Frédéric Destrebecq, Executive Director of the European Brain Council (EBC), moderated the discussion and participated in an active dialogue with the speakers.

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Moving towards a new Alzheimer's disease
detection and diagnosis pathway
in Sweden



Look back at the highlights of Rethinking Alzheimer's disease virtual event!

Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of dementia, is a pressing issue for our lifetime. Society needs to be responsive to ensure that people can live with more dignity and access services and resources despite their diagnosis.

On 26 September 2023, 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), organised a digital event "***Rethinking Alzheimer's disease: Moving towards a new Alzheimer's disease detection and diagnosis pathway in Sweden***", exploring the ways we can rethink the Alzheimer's care pathway, particularly in the Swedish healthcare context.

[Watch the video](#)



EBC took part in the Rare diseases and European Reference Networks conference

The conference on *Rare diseases and European reference networks* was organised under the auspices of the Spanish Presidency of the EU Council and in cooperation with the authorities of the Basque Country. It took place on **11th October 2023** in the **Euskalduna Conference Centre in Bilbao**, Spain.

Vinciane Quoidbach, Public Health and Policy Research Project Manager at EBC, took part in a session on "Action at European level" where she highlighted the need to pursue the intense research being conducted in many areas related to ALS, from basic science seeking the roots of the disease to therapy development to find effective treatments, and shared the outcomes of the EU Action Plan on Rare Diseases, published in the framework of the Value of Treatment project, coordinated by EBC.

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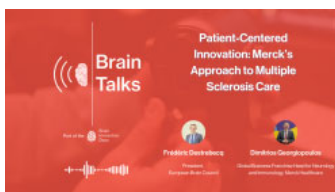


EBC attended Defeating Dementia Conference

EBC was honoured to be part of the Defeating Dementia Conference, bringing together leading experts in dementia, which took place on 2 October 2023 in The Hague. The Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport of The Netherlands organized the event in collaboration with the [World Dementia Council](#).

Representatives from G20 governments, international institutions, and a number of international leaders from across the dementia field, including industry, academia, care providers and civil society organisations were invited to participate in the conference.

[Read the event highlights](#)



New Brain Talks Episode | Patient-Centered Innovation: Merck's Approach to Multiple Sclerosis Care

In this new Brain Talks episode, EBC Executive Director Frédéric Destrebecq sat down with Merck Healthcare's Global Business Franchise Head for Neurology and Immunology, Dimitrios Georgiopoulos, to discuss challenges and opportunities for young people living with Multiple Sclerosis.

[Listen to the episode](#)

EBC Members



EANS Leadership in Neurosurgery Scholarship for Diverse Leaders

The 2nd edition of the EANS Leadership in Neurosurgery Scholarship for Diverse Leaders exclusively available to EANS Members is accepting applications until 15 December 2023. The prestigious scholarship will be jointly awarded by the EANS Diversity in Neurosurgery Committee, the European School of Management and Technology (ESMT) and the two Project industry partners, Novocure and OSSDSIGN, to one young neurosurgeon from a diverse background. The winner will have a unique opportunity to participate in the Young Physician Leaders (YPL) Program, scheduled for the second half of 2024 during the World Health Summit in Berlin. The YPL Program is a result of a fruitful collaboration between the ESMT and the World Health Summit. It aims to provide a leadership development program tailored for promising young healthcare and public health professionals from around the world. If you are not a member yet, [join us](#) and apply for the Scholarship!

Deadline: 15 December 2023 at 12:00 CET.

[Get started](#)



Celebrating 100 years of neurosurgery in Serbia

The Serbian Neurosurgical Society organised the 9th SNSS Annual Meeting and the 10th SNSS Congress with international participation from 30 October to 3 November in Belgrade, marking two significant milestones in the field of neurosurgery in Serbia; the 85th anniversary of the Neurosurgery Clinic of the University Clinical Center of Serbia and the 100th anniversary of Neurosurgery in Serbia. On October 31, 1938, Prof. Milivoje Kostic, one of the pioneers in the field of surgery in this region, established in Belgrade the first neurosurgery department in Serbia and Yugoslavia, only three years after the first neurosurgical department in Germany, in Wurzburg. The Neurosurgery Clinic today is the leading neurosurgical institution in Serbia and the bearer of most activities of the Serbian neurosurgeons. Neurosurgeons from across Europe gathered in the Serbian capital for a busy neurosurgical week, featuring a rich and dynamic scientific and social program. 31st of October was a dedicated day for EANS activities. Warm congratulations to our colleagues from Serbia for a gathering of 1000 participants to celebrate Neurosurgical achievements!

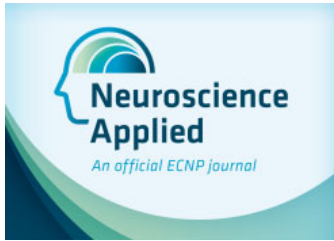
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Meet IBRO at SfN 2023!

IBRO will be exhibiting at Neuroscience 2023, the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in Washington, D.C., USA, from 12-15 November 2023. Take the opportunity to pass by booth 3223 to explore IBRO's programs and initiatives, learn more about IBRO's journals, and meet and greet the IBRO team. And on 13 November, join the discussion at the ALBA-IBRO Session: Deconstructing Colonial and Historical Biases in Neuroscience. IBRO looks forward to meeting you there!

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Neuroscience Applied — New open access articles

Check out the latest articles in *Neuroscience Applied*. All are open access and free to download.

- [Conducting CNS trials during a public health emergency – Lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic: A joint ISCTM/ECNP working_group consensus paper](#), Kemi Olugemo et al.

- [Trazodone once-a-day: A formula for addressing challenges in antidepressant safety and tolerability](#), Joseph F. Goldberg et al.

Neuroscience Applied is ECNP's fully open-access scientific journal, targeting the intersection between neuroscience, applications and new treatment horizons.

It is still possible to have your papers published **free of charge**, if you submit it before the end of 2023.

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EPNS Training Courses

Taking place in 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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SAVE THE DATE: European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS) Research Meeting

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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Call for Satellite and Networking Events

Application deadline: **6 December 2023**

The call for the FENS Forum 2024 Networking and Satellite Events is officially open! This is your opportunity to actively shape the scientific programme of Europe's premier neuroscience congress and increase your event's visibility by reaching out to over 7,000 delegates.

- Networking Events are evening events that provide an excellent opportunity for attendees to connect with their peers and network with institutions and organisations in a personal and lively atmosphere.
- Satellite Events offer you the chance to host independent events that align with the Forum's scope. Satellite events will be advertised on the Forum website.

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National Brain Councils



Belgian Brain Council Launches the Brain Data Hub

The BBC with the support of EBC and 5 other NBCs is preparing a Data Altruistic Association.

The Brain Data Hub is pioneering the establishment of Europe's first data altruism organization in the brain and mental health domain. Our mission is to fuel research and support evidence-based public policy.

The NBC partners in this initiative are revealed **every Thursday** on BBC social media.

[Visit the BBC social media](#)



10th Academy of National Brain Councils

The 10th National Brain Councils Academy will take place in Pula (Croatia) on **May 8-9, 2024**.

National Brain Councils (NBCs) are independent and multidisciplinary councils that unite scientific organisations of neuroscientists, psychiatrists, neurologists, neurosurgeons, patients' associations, as well as the pharmaceutical and medical device industry, in order to speak with one strong voice — at the national level — on behalf of the "brain space".

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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

14 November 2023 - Good off-label use practices: Where are we? What next?, Brussels (Belgium)

28 November 2023 - Our Brains, Our Future, Madrid (Spain)

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

Events of Interest

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

14 November 2023 - Disparities in Access across Europe from the Neurology Perspective, Brussels (Belgium)

14 November 2023 - Paving the way for rare diseases patients: Addressing unmet needs for an improved quality of life and care, Brussels (Belgium) & Virtual

14-15 November 2023 - Digital Health Society Summit, Virtual

15 November 2023 - Dementia and the Brain, Dementia Research Network Ireland Webinar, Virtual

16 November 2023 - Brain Disorders: The Neglected Burden in Non-Communicable Diseases Brussels (Belgium) & Virtual

16-17 November 2023 - European Employment & Social Rights Forum 2023, Brussels (Belgium) & Online

22 November 2023 - SFCNS Swiss Brain Health Plan Kick-Off Meeting, Zurich (Switzerland)

22 November 2023 - Diet and Brain Health in Dementia, Dementia Research Network Ireland Webinar, Virtual

28 November 2023 - BRAINTEASER Webinar: The Gender Dimension in Multiple Sclerosis, Virtual

29 November 2023 - Brain Stimulation in Dementia, Dementia Research Network Ireland Webinar, Virtual

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

6 December 2023 - EPA 40th Anniversary event, Brussels (Belgium) & Virtual

6 December 2023 - Brain-Specific Post-Diagnostic Support, Dementia Research Network Ireland Webinar, Virtual

13 December 2023 - Brain Health in Dementia and Physical Activity, Dementia Research Network Ireland Webinar, Virtual

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

24-26 April 2024 - 36th Global Conference of Alzheimer's Disease International, Krakow, Poland

9-12 May 2024 - 3rd International Conference on Neurological Disorders and Neurorestoration (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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