

# European Brain Council

## Newsletter - December 2023



### EBC Activities



#### EBC Launches its Manifesto for the 2024 European Elections

As you know, 2024 will be a pivotal year for brain health, research, and innovation – at both the European and international level.

One major milestone is coming soon: **European elections** will take place on June 6-9 2024. In anticipation, EBC, together with its nine member organisations, is pleased to release its 2024 Elections Manifesto, to help guide policymakers better understand the importance and urgency of **placing brain health and research at the top of the European policy agenda**.

[Read the Manifesto](#)



#### Brain Health for Society: Insights from Brain Capital

On 25 January 2024, following the World Economic Forum in Davos, the **European Brain Council**, in partnership with **Rice University Baker Institute for Public Policy** and the **Brain Capital Alliance** will host a full day event, **Brain Health for Society: Insights from Brain Capital**, in Basel, Switzerland.

This conference will showcase the importance and urgency of prioritising brain health, particularly by presenting the novel concept of 'Brain Capital', which puts a premium on cognitive skills and abilities in accomplishing socio-economic objectives.

[Read more & Register](#)



## European Brain Foundation Event on Concussion in Sports

On February 24, the European Brain Foundation (EBF), in partnership with [Rugby Europe](#) and other top rugby federations, will host its first event on the subject of Brain in Sport dedicated to concussion, providing the most comprehensive information possible on concussion and its treatment, including key opinion leaders and experts in field to share state of play in a medico-scientific perspective and testimonies from players, to better understand where the risk of concussion and head trauma in a particular sport exists and how it best to manage it.

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## "Our Brains, Our Future" Highlights are Available

On November 28, EBC organised the event 'Our Brains, Our Future' in partnership with the Spanish Brain Council and CSIC, in the Senate of Spain.

Within the context of the Spanish Presidency of the EU, more than 20 researchers, patients, scientists, industry representatives, and policymakers gathered to shed light on the steadily growing burden of brain disorders, calling for the urgent prioritisation of brain research in Europe and increased efforts towards the translation of basic neuroscience into clinical practice for the benefit of patients.

The event report and the full day recording are now available on EBC's website.

[Read the highlights](#)



## Fostering Brain Research and Innovation in the EU

Fostering brain research and innovation must, more than ever, be a European priority. Earlier this year, the European Citizens' Initiative 'Save cruelty free cosmetics – Commit to a Europe without animal testing' called for a legislative roadmap to phase-out all animal testing in the EU before the end of the current legislative term. In case this request was accepted, the consequences would be major. Read the article in the Parliament Magazine featuring EBC President, Prof. Suzanne Dickson.

[Read the article](#)



## No Health without Brain Health

Whilst an estimated 179 million Europeans live with brain conditions, brain disorders still lack the awareness and recognition in the EU.

The human brain is an incredibly complex organ, acting as the control centre of our body, in charge of even the smallest function within our bodies.

Brain conditions, neurological and mental alike, are non-communicable diseases that emerge throughout the life course and affect all individuals. These conditions impose a high burden on all affected and represent a major medical, technological and societal challenge.

[Read the article](#)



## EBC is Hiring a Communications & Dissemination Intern!

We are hiring a Communications & Dissemination Intern to help strengthen the work of the Communications & Advocacy team!

Internship Highlights:

Role: Communications & Dissemination Intern

Duration: February – August 2024

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Application Deadline: 15 January 2024

Don't miss out on this opportunity to come and work with us or share this with your network!

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## Catalyzing Innovation: Establishing a Dynamic Ecosystem through Collaborative Networking with Relevant Projects and Initiatives

Participating in collaborative networks with pertinent projects and initiatives is pivotal for progressing in research and innovation pursuits. This collaborative approach offers numerous advantages that greatly enhance the success and impact of these activities, ultimately amplifying the societal relevance and application of their innovations.

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## EBC at the 17th European Headache Congress

The [17th European Headache Congress \(EHC\)](#), took place on 6-9 December 2023, in Barcelona, Spain. Under the theme '**Headache: Expanding the horizon**,' EHC 2023 aimed to spotlight the latest advancements in headache research and its management. The event's scientific agenda encompassed diverse sessions, educational courses, sponsored symposia, expert meetings, and poster presentations.

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## EBC Joined WHO Meeting in Tallinn

On December 12-13, EBC attended the WHO Regional Office for Europe's Conference "Trust and transformation: resilient and sustainable health systems for the future", celebrating the 15th anniversary of the Tallinn Charter.

Demonstrating that health, health systems and economic development are dynamically entwined, the Charter recognized that health is an investment rather than a cost and provided the Region's policy-makers with a joint statement of values to underpin their efforts to strengthen their health systems in the future.

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## EBC Members



## Join the meeting virtually — ECNP New Frontiers Meeting 2024

**Registration for virtual participation is open!**

'A roadmap for a new diagnostic framework for mental disorders', 17-18 March 2024, explores how, by linking the classification of neuropsychiatric disorders to their underlying biology, new pathways might be opened to precision diagnostics and the development of new and better treatments.

All scientists, industry leaders, patient representatives and regulators interested in joining the meeting can participate virtually via access to the virtual platform where all sessions will be livestreamed.

View the [programme](#) and click [here](#) to find out how to register and what fees apply.

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## European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS) Research Meeting

### SUBMIT an ABSTRACT/ APPLY FOR A BURSARY

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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## European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS) Masterclass

### APPLY FOR A BURSARY

Taking place at the university in **Cambridge, UK on 19-21 September 2024**, with the topic 'Great Expectations', this is a special event in the EPNS calendar. As well as the world class clinical and neuroscience faculty you expect from the EPNS we will have parents, ethicists, philosophers, and researchers from disciplines you don't ordinarily meet speaking.

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## Meet the new Chief Editors of Neuroscience

The International Brain Research Organization (IBRO) is pleased to welcome Francesca Cirulli, Chen Zhang, and Sarah Spencer as new Chief Editors of Neuroscience. The scientific excellence and diversity of these three outstanding neuroscientists will help shape the future of Neuroscience and will play a pivotal role in supporting IBRO's global funding and training programs.

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## National Brain Councils



## 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

25 January 2024 - Brain Health for Society: Insights from Brain Capital, Basel (Switzerland)

24 February 2024 - Brain in Sport: Preventing & Managing Concussion and its Consequences, European Brain Foundation, Brussels (Belgium)

7 April 2024 - Assessing the value of mental health treatments for youth in Europe, 32<sup>nd</sup> European Congress of Psychiatry, Budapest (Hungary)

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

### Events of Interest

16 January 2024 - The Evolution of Mental Health, Davos (Switzerland)

5-9 March 2024 - AD/PD™ 2024 International Conference on Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Diseases and related neurological disorders, Lisbon (Portugal) & Virtual

11-12 March 2024 - European Life After Stroke Forum, Dublin (Ireland)

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)

24-27 September 2024 - 27th Congress of the European Sleep Research Society, Seville (Spain)

13-17 October 2024 - Congress of the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies (EANS), Sofia (Bulgaria)

8-12 July 2025 - 16th European Paediatric Neurology Society Congress, Munich (Germany)



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