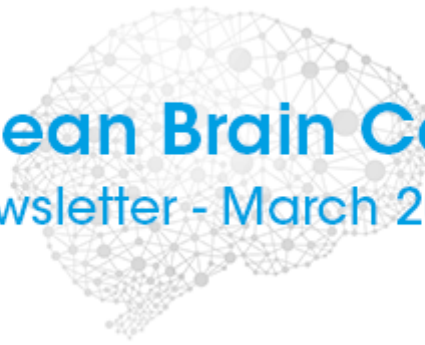


European Brain Council

Newsletter - March 2024



EBC Activities



EBC Launches 'No Health Without Brain Health' Campaign

In March, EBC was pleased to fully kick off the No Health Without Brain Health campaign in the lead up to [Brain Awareness Week 2024](#) and the upcoming EU Elections, aimed to increase public and policy awareness around brain health in Europe and beyond. Society is facing brain challenges like never before — improving the health and wellbeing of citizens has become the top priority for many governments and brain health should not be left behind. 2024 is a pivotal year as 64 countries worldwide will host major elections and major political, economic, and overall societal shifts and instability continue to unravel.

[Read more](#)



EBC Launches 'Rethinking Schizophrenia: Beyond the Voices' policy report

EBC is very pleased to launch the ['Rethinking Schizophrenia: Beyond the Voices' policy report](#), calling to improve the lives of people living with schizophrenia across Europe. It challenges the status quo and refreshes the European policy debate on people living with schizophrenia, recognises the essential role of social support and encourages multi-stakeholder-driven policy.

[Read more](#)



Move for Your Brain Campaign

The European Brain Council joins the European Brain Foundation in shedding light on the benefits of physical exercise for the brain, reactivating the #Move4YrBrain campaign in the lead up to its first activity of 2024: the Brussels 20KM.

Physical activity and healthy lifestyles have a clear and demonstrated impact on brain health. Join our team by sharing your runs, walks, or any other physical activities with us using #Move4YrBrain or by joining our Strava group.

Up for the challenge? Join our team on 26 May for the 20KM!

[Learn more](#)



UNGA79 - Save the Date for Brain Health at the Science Summit!

EBC, Brain Capital Alliance and Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy will host a two-day **(19-20 September 2024)**, high-level side event at the 79th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA79), in collaboration with partner organizations, in the framework of the Science Summit at the 79th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA79) in New York City during the high-level week.

[Learn more & Watch the 2023 highlights](#)



Brain Awareness Week 2024 Event

On 7th of March EBC fully kicked off the "No Health Without Brain Health" campaign, during the Brain Awareness Week 2024 event, which took place in the European Parliament.

Hosted by Colm Markey MEP (EPP, IE), speakers emphasized the importance of prioritizing brain health and research within the EU.

In case you missed it, the highlights and full event recording are available on our website and the YouTube channel!

[Watch the highlights and recording](#)



Essential Tremor Conference: How Can Technological Innovation Empower Patients' Lives?

The summit took place on 20th of March and shed light on the importance of giving Essential Tremor the attention it deserves by delving into patient experiences and the detrimental effects on their quality of life. Frédéric Destrebecq, the Executive Director of EBC, was part of the panel discussion and highlighted what strategies can be employed to advocate for a holistic approach at the EU policy level.

During the event, EBC signed a Joint Declaration. This declaration marks a significant step forward in collective efforts to prioritize Essential Tremor on the European agenda within the framework of the European Health Union for the upcoming mandate.

[Read more](#)



Mental Health for All: Innovative Initiatives for a Better Future

The European Pharmaceutical Students' Association Annual Reception "Mental Health for All: Innovative Initiatives for a Better Future" took place on 19th of March in the European Parliament.

The event brought together a diverse audience, including professional organisations, European institutions, fellow student organisations, and industry representatives. Frédéric Destrebecq, EBC Executive Director, was part of the panel discussion on "Implementing Mental Health in all policies, what are the outcomes for the future healthcare workforce?".

[Read more](#)



Mental Health Matters: What Are the Policy Priorities for the Belgian Presidency and the Next European Commission?

The high-level roundtable discussion "Mental Health Matters: What are the policy priorities for the Belgian Presidency and the next European Commission?", organised by the International Longevity Centre - UK and ILC Europe Network, took place on 6th of March in Brussels.

EBC was pleased to be part of the discussion together with other key partners in the field of mental health, highlighting the importance of addressing mental health and well-being in the different contexts in the life course.

[Read more](#)



Wellcome Trust European Parliament Event: An Agenda for Mental Health, 2024 and Beyond

On 6th of March EBC joined the Wellcome Trust's roundtable "Agenda for Mental Health – 2024 and Beyond", with support from MEP Sara Cerdas, to discuss priorities on mental health with key stakeholders.

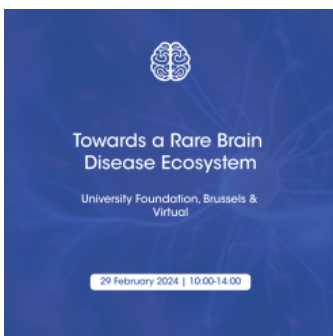
[Read more](#)



Working Towards a European Partnership on Brain Health

The Coordination and Support Action (CSA), BrainHealth gathers 21 partners from 11 countries, all working towards an ambitious European partnership to strengthen the position of Europe in the field of brain health research. EBC in particular leads the work around global outreach and communication, dissemination, innovation and impact, while actively taking part in the development of a Shared Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA), the project steering committee and other work directly related to the building of the Partnership, set to launch in January 2026.

[Learn more about CSA](#)



Towards a Rare Brain Disease Ecosystem Event Report & Recording

On the occasion of the Rare Diseases Day on 29 February, EBC held an event "Towards a Rare Brain Disease Ecosystem" bringing together researchers, clinicians, persons living with brain disease and industry to share their perspectives and priorities in the rare brain disease research, care, and policy space.

In case you missed it, the highlights and full event recording are now available on our website and the YouTube channel!

[Event Report & Recording](#)



Look Back at the Brain in Sport Event

On February 24, the European Brain Foundation (EBF), in partnership with Rugby Europe, held its first public 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 best to manage it.

[Event Highlights Report](#)



Brain Health for Society Event in Basel Event Report & Recording

On January 25, EBC held the "Brain Health for Society - Insights from Brain Capital" event in Basel, in partnership with Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy & Brain Capital Alliance.

In case you missed it, the event highlights and the full day recording are now available on our website and the YouTube channel.

[Event Report & Recording](#)



EBC is Hiring a Research Intern!

EBC is hiring a proactive and result-oriented **Research Intern** to join the Brussels office and support the implementation of a portfolio of EU-funded and partner-funded research projects focused on brain health.

If you have a keen interest in brain health, research and innovation and enjoy brainstorming about new ways to maximise research visibility and impact and bridge science, policy and society, please submit your application by 19 April 2024!

[See the internship advertisement](#)

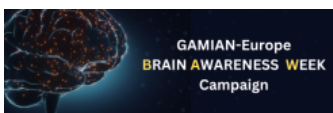


One Million Minds

"One Million Minds" is the European Multiple Sclerosis Platform's European elections 2024 campaign. EBC has proudly endorsed this campaign and the Manifesto. The manifesto is a response to the urgent need to address the unmet needs faced by over 1.2 million individuals living with multiple sclerosis (MS) across Europe.

[Read about the campaign](#)

EBC Members



GAMIAN-Europe Brain Awareness Week Campaign

During Brain Awareness Week, [GAMIAN-Europe](#) launched an [interactive campaign](#) across all the organisation's social media platforms: [LinkedIn](#), [X](#), and [Facebook](#). Through simple explanations and personal stories, the campaign aimed to enhance public understanding of the relationship between brain function and mental health.

[Learn more](#)



GAMIAN-Europe at 32nd European Congress of Psychiatry

GAMIAN-Europe looks forward to attending the upcoming European Psychiatric Association (EPA) Congress in Budapest, 6-9 April 2024. If you are attending, visit [booth number 15 at the exhibition area](#) to discuss ways of collaborating towards a more inclusive and empathetic approach to mental health care.

Join GAMIAN-Europe in Budapest and contribute to improving mental health awareness and care across Europe!



The European Academy of Neurology is hosting the next European Brain Health Summit 2024 on 7 May

The European Brain Health Summit 2024 focuses on the holistic approach to brain health, addressing the management of neurological disorders, preventive strategies, and public awareness. The theme interlinks various discussions from understanding the high burden of neurological diseases in Europe, advocating for more research, to implementing proactive health measures. The [programme](#) will also cover the importance of mental health, as well as climate change impacts and gender, diversity, and inclusion issues.

The EAN is pleased to announce the presence of **Her Majesty the Queen of the Belgians** at this year's Summit.

The event will highlight how collaboration among healthcare professionals, policymakers, and academics to improve brain health outcomes.

While **in-person attendance is by invitation**, a global audience can engage through a **live stream available on social media and on the [event page](#) of the EAN website**, facilitating widespread participation and discussion.

[Learn more](#)



EANS2024 Sofia Congress - Board the Train to Sofia! 2nd Stop: Registration!

The journey to Sofia for the EANS2024 Congress has begun!

The registration is now open and it offers:

- Reduced prices in registration categories for young neurosurgeons
- All new developments in Neurosurgery in 8 parallel halls with hundreds of top-quality scientific presentations
- A newly introduced concept of keynote speakers, delivering ground-breaking lectures
- Several networking opportunities through side events
- The opportunity to discover an amazing European destination: Sofia!
- Access to the recordings of the congress
- And more.

[Learn more and register now!](#)



Application deadline for the EANS Research Fund is extended!

We are glad to announce that the application deadline for the 2024 EANS Research Fund has been extended!

The new deadline for submissions is 10 April 2024.

The EANS Research Fund aims to nurture young researchers. The seed grants will be available to EANS Individual Members in all member countries to encourage European cooperation and collaboration. Both laboratory and clinical research projects are eligible for funding. There is a maximum of one application per applicant.

[Learn more and apply now!](#)



Call for abstracts - 37th ECNP Congress 2024

The 37th ECNP Congress, 21-24 September 2024, Milan, Italy, is Europe's largest meeting in applied and translational neuroscience with around 6,000 participants.

Does your research intersect with any of these [scientific topics](#)? If yes, [submit your abstract](#) now!

It is also possible to submit a non-standard abstract: clinical cases, literature reviews and research proposals. Please note presenting authors can submit an abstract. You can view [short videos](#) to get clear guidelines that help you write and submit your abstract

The deadline to submit an abstract for poster presentation is **1 May 2024 at 23.59 CEST** (Central European Summer Time).

[Submit your abstract](#)



EPA 2024 Summer School

The upcoming edition of the EPA Summer School will take place from 12 to 15 September in Strasbourg, France. The renowned experts in suicidology will offer an intensive 3 days blended training program focusing on Suicidal Behaviours.

Dive into a world of knowledge and skills with engaging plenary sessions, workshops, and role-play scenarios. Learn about managing suicidal crises, therapeutic innovations, and prevention strategies.

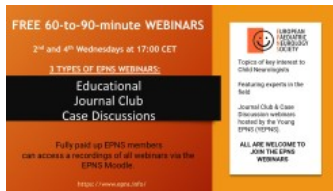
[Learn more](#)



European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS) Research Meeting 2024

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.

[Submit an Abstract / Apply for a Bursary](#)



European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS) free webinars

Every other Wednesday at 5pm CET: everyone is welcome!

The nearest webinar is taking place on 10 April 2024, with the topic "Headache treatment from the perspective of paediatric neurologist and an adult neurologist".

[Register for upcoming free webinars](#)



FENS Forum regular registration open

The Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS) is pleased to share that the regular registration for the FENS Forum 2024 is now open until 14 May 2024. Don't miss your chance to register: FENS and the Host Societies, the Austrian Neuroscience Association and the Hungarian Neuroscience Society, are looking forward to welcoming the neuroscience community in Vienna, Austria, from 25-29 June 2024!

[Learn More](#)



Call for applications: Diversity Grants, Travel Grants, Exchange Fellowships and more

Whether you seek financial support for a diversity-related event or for a lab internship, or funding to attend a neuroscience conference, explore all the opportunities currently offered by the [International Brain Research Organization \(IBRO\)](#). Learn more about them, check the eligibility and start preparing your application!

[Learn More](#)

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”.

[Learn more and register here](#)



Altruistic Data Association Symposium

On May 14 and 15, 2024, the BBC is organizing a symposium that will officially inaugurate the creation of an Altruistic Data Association. This creation is the result of the application of the European Data Governance Act (DGA), which encourages the voluntary sharing of data for altruistic purposes such as scientific research or the improvement of public services. This symposium will present the fruit of our interactions with the political world, scientific experts and the trust placed in the BBC by its 25 patient associations and 22 scientific societies.

[Read 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

6-9 April 2024 - Beyond the Voices of Schizophrenia (e-poster viewing), 32nd European Congress of Psychiatry, Budapest (Hungary)

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

24-26 April 2024 - Rethinking Alzheimer's disease: Cross-roads in the earlier detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's (poster presentation), 36th Global Conference of Alzheimer's Disease International, Krakow (Poland)

26 April 2024 - Diagnosis, diagnostic tools and cognitive assessments - Rethinking Alzheimer's disease: Scaling up health systems' readiness, 36th Global Conference of Alzheimer's Disease International, Krakow (Poland)

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

26 May 2024 - Move for Your Brain: EBC at 20km of Brussels, Brussels (Belgium)

25 June 2024 - Prioritizing Brain Health in Youth: Bringing Neuroscience to Society and Informing Policy, FENS Forum 2024, Vienna (Austria)

27 June 2024 - EBC Networking Reception | Enhancing Global Partnerships in Brain Research, FENS Forum, Vienna (Austria)

29 June 2024 - No Health Without Brain Health, TV Studio Session, EAN Congress, Helsinki (Finland)

29 June-2 July 2024 - BRAINTEASER poster, EAN Congress, Helsinki (Finland)

29 June-2 July 2024 - Value of Education poster, EAN Congress, Helsinki (Finland)

30 June 2024 - EBC Scientific Theatre, EAN Congress, Helsinki (Finland)

1 July 2024 - EBC Scientific Theatre, EAN Congress, Helsinki (Finland)

19-20 September 2024 - Brain Health at the Science Summit at the 79th United Nations General Assembly: A Brain Strategy to Rethink the World, New York (United States)

13-14 November 2024 - Brain Innovation Days: Navigating the Brain Across a Lifetime, Brussels (Belgium)

Events featuring EBC

16 April 2024 - EMA multi-stakeholder workshop on psychedelics - Towards an EU regulatory framework, Amsterdam (the Netherlands) & Virtual

16 April 2024 - Exclusive Movie Premiere : Unconditional, Brussels (Belgium)

19-20 April 2024 - EMSP Annual Conference 2024, Brussels (Belgium)

7 May 2024 - European Brain Health Summit, Brussels (Belgium)

25 August - 1 September 2024 - Walking the Talk for Dementia, Santiago de Compostela (Spain)

18 September 2024 - 'Brain Economy for One Health' - Science Summit at the 79th United Nations General Assembly, New York (USA)

Events of Interest

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

11-12 April 2024 - Mind Your Body: Symposium on immune-psychiatry, Deursen-Dennenburg (the Netherlands)

12 April 2024 - Is Europe on track to be a world leader in rare diseases?, Virtual

14-16 April 2024 - LUX Audience Award, Brussels (Belgium)

17-18 April 2024 - Healthcare needs as drivers for healthcare policy and innovation, Brussels (Belgium)

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

25-27 April 2024 - 13th Neuronus Neuroscience Forum, Krakow (Poland)

2-3 May 2024 - Tech Tour Mental & Brain Health, Carcavelos (Portugal)

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

11-16 May 2024 - 16th World Congress of the International Neuromodulation Society, Vancouver (Canada)

14-15 May 2024 - Belgian Brain Council Symposium: Altruistic Data Association, Brussels (Belgium)

15-16 May 2024 - 12th European Conference on Rare Diseases & Orphan Products, Brussels (Belgium)

15-17 May 2024 - 10th European Stroke Organization Conference, Basel (Switzerland)

25 May 2024 - Rethinking mental health care: harnessing new approaches, Geneva (Switzerland)

6-9 June 2024 - 2024 European Elections, European Union

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

27-28 June 2024 - 10th European Alcohol Policy Conference (EACP), Ljubljana (Slovenia)

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

12-15 September 2024 - European Psychiatric Association Summer School, Strasbourg (France)

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)

1 October 2024 - World Sleep Forum: 7th Think Tank: Sleep health and the burden of sleep disorders, Lugano (Switzerland)

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

17-18 October 2024 - European Paediatric Neurology Society Research Meeting, Ljubljana (Slovenia)

14-17 November 2024 - 24th World Congress of Psychiatry, Mexico City (Mexico)

5 December 2024 - Swiss Brain Health Plan 2nd Stakeholder Meeting, Bern (Switzerland)

5-8 April 2025 - 33rd European Congress of Psychiatry, Location TBC

21-24 June 2025 - 11th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology, Seville (Spain)

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

11-14 October 2025 - 38th European College of Neuropsychopharmacology Congress, Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

October 2025 - Congress of the European Association of Neurological Societies, Vienna (Austria)



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