

European Brain Council

Newsletter - February 2024



EBC Activities



No Health Without Brain Health - EBC's Brain Awareness Week 2024 Event

On March 7, clinicians, researchers, patients, MEPs and civil servants will gather in the European Parliament to showcase the importance of placing the brain as a top health and research priority in the EU, in an event hosted by EBC and Colm Markey (EPP Group in the European Parliament).

Key policy asks will be presented by the brain community and showcase the importance of placing the brain as a top health and research priority in the EU.

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European Brain Foundation Event on Concussion in Sports

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 it best to manage it.

[Read the Livetweet](#)



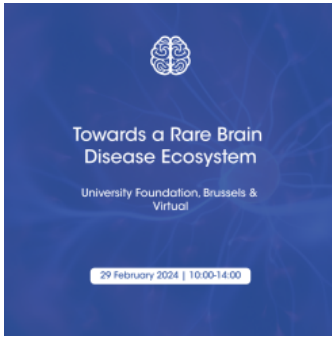
Coordination and Support Action BrainHealth

*Towards a BrainHealth
Partnership*

Coordination and Support Action BrainHealth - Official Channels

The Coordination and Support Action (CSA) BrainHealth is the preparatory phase for a European Partnership on Brain Health. Starting on November 1st, 2023 with a runtime of 24 month this new project, funded by the European Commission, builds the umbrella for 21 participants from 11 countries. BrainHealth addresses policy makers and funders from European Member States, Associated and Third Countries and other stakeholders, in close interaction with the research community.

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Towards a Rare Brain Disease Ecosystem

On the occasion of the Rare Diseases Day, EBC held an event 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.

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EBC's Executive Director in Bio-Neuroscience Congress

EBC joined Bio-Neuroscience, organized by Broadreach Global and hosted by Amsterdam UMC - Amsterdam Neuroscience has started today!

The opening panel discussion featured [Frédéric Destrebecq](#), EBC Executive Director, who provided his insights on how policy can help accelerate a new generation of novel therapeutics. Later, Dr. [Jose Lanciego](#), EBC Board Member, was part of a panel on gene therapy, RNA and advanced therapies in neurodegenerative disease.

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BRAINTEASER Project held its Plenary Meeting in Lisbon

EBC took part in the BRAINTEASER Project plenary meeting in Lisbon! BRAINTEASER is an EU-funded research project leveraging artificial intelligence and big data to better support people living with multiple sclerosis and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and clinical decision making.

EBC currently leads liaison activities with relevant EU and global initiatives to increase cooperation in the field and maximise impact.

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Launch of the Alcohol and the Brain Report in the European Parliament

The launch event of the report "Alcohol and the Brain", hosted by MEP Malin Björk, IOGT-NTO and EBC, took place on February 22 in the European Parliament.

The report is a new and unique compilation of research on how alcohol affects the human brain throughout the life course. The speakers presented the key findings from the report, and a panel of policy makers, public health experts, and opinion makers highlighted alcohol's connection to mental illness and how this can be mitigated through public policy.

[Read the report](#)



The COVID-19 pandemic impact on continuity of care provision on rare brain diseases and on ataxias

"One of the most relevant challenges for healthcare providers during the COVID-19 pandemic has been assuring the continuity of care to patients with complex health needs such as people living with RareDiseases."

Read the freshly published Value of Treatment article on how COVID-19 has impacted the continuity of care for ataxias, dystonia and phenylketonuria (PKU) in Europe

[Read the article](#)



Value of Treatment Study on Anorexia Nervosa

The Value of Treatment study, led by the European Brain Council in partnership with the The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), assessed the economic case for investing in enhanced care pathways for adults newly diagnosed with Anorexia Nervosa in Europe, looking at England, Germany and Spain.

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Prof. Di Luca receives Rodolfo Paoletti Award for Excellence in Pharmacology

The Rodolfo Paoletti Award for Excellence in Pharmacology is presented every 4 years at the EPHAR - Federation of European Pharmacological Societies meeting. The award shall be made on the basis of originality and uniqueness of accomplishments throughout a long career distinguished by sustained, significant contributions to research and/or education in pharmacology, as well as mentoring.

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Full-Day Recording of Brain Health for Society Event in Basel

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 full day recording is available on our website and YouTube channel.

[Watch the Recording](#)

EBC Members



Call for applications: Parenthood Grants, Diversity Grants, Collaborative Research Grants and more

The International Brain Research Organization (IBRO) invites you to explore a range of exciting grant opportunities! Whether you are seeking funding for an event, or a collaborative research project, or looking for support for your parental leave, have a look at the current opportunities offered by IBRO. Check out the IBRO 2024 Grants Calendar and apply today!

[Learn More](#)



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](#)



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) Congress 2025

Taking place in Munich, Germany **on 8-12 July 2025**, with the topic '**A** for Acute, **B** for Brain Health & Science, **C** for Chronic', be part of this unique ABC format to learn, meet and exchange ideas on an international stage.

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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

7 March 2024 - EBC Brain Awareness Week 2024 Event: No Health without Brain Health, European Parliament, Brussels (Belgium)

6-9 April 2024 - Beyond the Voices of Schizophrenia (e-poster), 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)

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

25 June 2024 - Boosting Youth Brain Health: The Key to a Thriving Society in Europe, 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)

30 June 2024 - Assessing the Digital Care Pathways Unmet Needs for Rare Brain Diseases. The Case of Phenylketonuria, 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, Brussels (Belgium)

Events featuring EBC

6 March 2024 - Mental Health Matters: What are the policy priorities for the Belgian Presidency and the next European Commission?, Brussels (Belgium)

6 March 2024 - Wellcome Trust European Parliament Event: An Agenda for Mental Health - 2024 and Beyond, European Parliament, Brussels (Belgium)

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

Events of Interest

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

7 March 2024 - Digitally-enabled healthcare: Is our ecosystem on track?, Online & Brussels (Belgium)

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)

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)

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)

25-29 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)

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

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

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



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