European Brain Council

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EBC Activities



Connecting brains for the future: Brain Innovation Days 2022

As shared in the previous newsletter, EBC held the second in-person **Brain Innovation Days** on 11-12 October 2022 in Brussels (Belgium). The full event report and highlights video is now available. Held in conjunction with the Final Conference of the European Brain Research Area, the Days brought together the main circle of influence in the brain sector, with key players in the brain research and innovation field networking together: investors, researchers, clinicians, patient representatives, policymakers and more.

Look back at the event



EBRA project comes to a close

The four-year EU-funded European Brain Research Area (EBRA) project came to a close at the end of October 2022, its forged partnerships and successes officially celebrated in a **Final Conference** held in Brussels, Belgium on **11 October**. The full event report and highlights video is now available.

Read the event report



EBC participates in the The University of Texas Systemwide Brain Research Summit

EBC was honoured to have been invited by the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute to attend the **The University of Texas Systemwide Brain Research Summit**, that took place on 7-8 November 2022 in Austin, Texas. The event brought together national leaders, researchers from across various UT institutions, and key partners for collaborative discussions around advancing brain research in the state of Texas, in the United States and globally. EBC was pleased to take part in light of its growing work at the international level in regard to fostering global partnerships in brain research.



Save the date for the launch event of the RETHINKING Alzheimer's disease White Paper!

The launch event of the **RETHINKING Alzheimer's disease White Paper**, calling for change in Alzheimer's care, will take place virtually on **24 January 2023** at 12:30 – 14:00.

EBC, in collaboration with the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA), will present its White Paper "RETHINKING Alzheimer's disease: Detection and diagnosis". This paper is the first of EBC's "RETHINKING Alzheimer's disease" project, looking at how to improve the detection, diagnosis, care and monitoring of AD.

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A call for health and life sciences to be recognised as the 3rd strategic pillar for Europe for a true EU Health Union

On 14 November, the **EU Health Coalition** published a vision for European health, supported by a set of concrete recommendations and policy proposals designed to make it happen. The Coalition is a multi-stakeholder initiative – in which EBC is a partner – exploring the future of healthcare in Europe. The recommendations were officially launched in Brussels at the third EU Health Summit: Towards an EU Health Union.

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EBC contributes to the report on "The value of action: mitigating the global impact of neurological disorders"

EBC was proud to contribute to the report by Economist Impact on 'The value of action: mitigating the global impact of neurological disorders'. It seeks to break down existing silos by assessing the epidemiological burden, economic impact and current policy landscape on a multiregional and disorder-specific basis.

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Meet the Board of Directors of the European Brain Foundation

The recently launched **European Brain Foundation** (EBF) is an independent multidisciplinary and multi-stakeholder charity with the mission to support research aiming at reducing the burden of brain disorders for European citizens. Meet the Board of Directors, consisting of 11 members representing leading European neurological, neurosurgical, and psychiatric clinical societies as well as neuroscience research societies and patient organisations.



New episode of the Brain Talks Podcast out now!

Tune in to the latest episode to hear Sam Pauly speak with two expert guests, Professor Asgeir Jakola, Director of the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies (EANS) Research Fund & Dr Victor Staartjes, a neurosurgery resident at the University Hospital Zurich. They look at how the **EANS Research Fund** facilitates neurosurgical research across Europe.

Listen to the episode



BRAINTEASER takes part in the Brain Innovation Days

The second edition of the **Brain Innovation Days** featured the EU-funded **BRAINTEASER** project (in which EBC is a partner) as one of the Innovation Hall exhibitors.

Not less than 15 companies showcased their work in the Innovation Hall via an Innovation Showcase stand or poster presentation, with impressive work and tools. On behalf of the BRAINTEASER project, Vladimir Urošević, Research & Development Manager at Belit Ltd. Belgrade, presented the novel interactive BRAINTEASER Tools for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Management in the Innovation Hall.

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Mental Health Week events in Greece – with special focus on child and adolescent mental health

EBC, as a member of the pan-European Mental Health Coalition working package on mental health and well-being of children, adolescents and youth and in the framework of the joint Value of Treatment study on anorexia nervosa, autism and depression in Europe participated online in the **Mental Health Week meeting** that took place in Athens (Greece) on 3-4 November 2022.

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EBC takes part in the second meeting of the Pan-European Mental Health Coalition

WHO/Europe held the second meeting of its **Pan-European Mental Health Coalition** on 23–24 November 2022 in Ankara, Turkey, jointly hosted with the fourth Annual Conference on Social Inclusion of Persons with Mental Disabilities. Held in hybrid format, the conference aimed to leverage regional momentum and continue advocating for the necessary actions to improve mental health systems across the WHO European Region.

EBC Members



EPNS Congress, Prague, Czech Republic: 20-24 June 2023

With the theme 'from genome and connectome to cure', the abstract submission period is now open for the 15th EPNS Congress. Save the date and submit your abstract before 31 December 2022.

Check out the recently announced programme.

PLUS, we have a Pre-Congress Symposium on 20 June 2023 focussing on Drug-resistant epilepsy in the 21st century: From molecular mechanisms to precision therapies.

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EPNS Training Courses: Riga, Latvia 2023

Save the date for 2 training courses in paediatric neurology aimed at trainees and qualified paediatric neurologists who want to refresh their knowledge on:

Neurometabolics: 24 and 25 April 2023 Epilepsy: 26 and 27 April 2023

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ECNP New Frontiers Meeting 2023: save the date!

The next ECNP New Frontiers Meeting 2023: Psychedelics will be held from 19-20 March 2023 in Nice, France.

This meeting is designed for stakeholders from basic and clinical neuroscience, pharma industry, regulators, and patient and family associations.



We're indexed! Brain & Spine Journal is listed in PubMed Central (PMC)

The Editors-in-Chief of Brain and Spine, the official journal of EANS and EUROSPINE, Wilco Peul and Frank Kandziora, are pleased to announce that Brain and Spine has been officially included in PubMed Central (PMC)!

This represents a milestone for our journal and comes after a rigorous evaluation process conducted by the National Library of Medicine (NLM).

From now on, all new articles published in Brain and Spine will be automatically uploaded to the journal's website and to the PMC database. This can already be viewed here.

To celebrate this milestone, we are pleased to announce 10 additional APC waivers!

Submit your paper



Young Neurosurgeons Network – JOIN NOW!

The Young Neurosurgeons Network was officially launched during the EANS2022 Belgrade Congress. The network aims to become the number 1 connecting platform for young neurosurgeons in Europe and empower every young professional in neurosurgery to achieve more, get better training, and more education.

If you are a young neurosurgeon, you can join the Young Neurosurgeons Network and take a seat in the future of Neurosurgery!

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Join the IBRO 2023 World Congress

Happening on 9-13 September 2023, the IBRO World Congress will bring neuroscientists from all around the globe to Granada, Spain. You can still contribute to the programme by submitting, until 15 January 2023, a proposal for a Special Event, which will promote specific subjects and activities, and diversify topics of discussion amongst Congress participants. IBRO 2023 will also include an Early Career Training Program, offering Early Career Researchers the opportunity to experience short stays in a Spanish laboratory in the weeks preceding the Congress. Laboratories that wish to participate in the Program should apply by 15 December 2022.



GAMIAN-Europe participated in the Young European Greens event "Mental Health is Political"

GAMIAN-Europe participated in the Young European Greens educational lab "Mental Health is Political" held on 13th November. The three-day event brought together young political activists from 30 European countries and representatives from 15 civil society organisations.

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GAMIAN-Europe proposes a future EU Strategy for Mental Health

On 14th November, GAMIAN-Europe (GE) participated in the Czech EU Presidency conference entitled 'Resilient Mental Health in the EU'. GE's President Peter Keri welcomed the current momentum in relation to EU mental health action.

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Brain Conference "Establishment and Maintenance of Brain Cell States"

Co-chaired by Adrian Bird (UK) and Anne Schaefer (DE & USA), the Brain Conference, taking place on 23-26 April 2023 in Rungsted Kyst, Denmark, will be an excellent opportunity to debate over neuroscience findings, discover the latest research in genetic and epigenetic mechanisms and tackle the current challenges within brain research. FENS, the Brain Prize and IBRO-PERC offer 15 stipends of EUR 1000 each for international students!

Start your application before 12 January 2023!

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National Brain Councils



German Brain Council presented at the "NeuroWoche" in Berlin

The chairwoman of the German Brain Council (GBC), Prof. Dr. Ulrike Schara-Schmidt presented the German Brain Plan at the "NeuroWoche" in Berlin. The "German Brain Plan - Agenda 2030" drafts a strategic roadmap to a brain-healthy future. In the policy paper, more than 20 authors and 20 associations from psychiatric and neurological disciplines demonstrate what brain research can achieve by 2030 and emphasize the need for quick and effective support from politics and society to investigate a better prevention and therapy.

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 December 2022 <u>Psychedelic-assisted therapies in the treatment of brain disorders</u>, Brussels (Belgium) & Virtual, *Event co-organised by PAREA & EBC*
- 7 December 2022 <u>Rare Neurological Diseases in the EU: The Importance of Early Diagnosis and Real World Evidence to Drive Better Patient Outcomes</u>, Brussels (Belgium), *Event co-organised by EAfPA, EFNA & EBC*
- 24 January 2023 <u>Launch event of the RETHINKING Alzheimer's disease White Paper</u>, Virtual
- 13-19 March 2023 Brain Awareness Week, Brussels (Belgium)
- 24-25 October 2023 Brain Innovation Days, Brussels (Belgium)

Events of Interest

- 2-4 February 2023 <u>Bridging Neurosciences and Neurosurgery: New Frontiers in Intraoperative Neurophysiology,</u> Verona (Italy)
- 10 March 2023 European Life After Stroke Forum, Barcelona (Spain)
- 19-20 March 2023 ECNP New Frontiers Meeting: Psychedelics, Nice (France)
- 25-28 March 2023 31st European Congress of Psychiatry, Paris (France)
- 23-26 April 2023 <u>The Brain Conference: Establishment and Maintenance of Brain Cell States</u>, Rungsted Kyst (Denmark)
- 24-25 April 2023 EPNS Training Course: Neurometabolics, Riga (Latvia)
- 26-27 April 2023 EPNS Training Course: Epilepsy, Riga (Latvia)
- 3-5 May 2023 FENS Regional Meeting, Algarve (Portugal)
- 20-24 June 2023 <u>15th Congress of the European Paediatric Neurology</u> Society, Prague (Czech Republic)
- 1-4 July 2023 <u>9th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology</u>, Budapest (Hungary)
- 9-13 September 2023 11th IBRO World Congress of Neuroscience, Granada (Spain)
- 24-28 September 2023 The Congress of the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies (EANS), Barcelona (Spain)

7-10 October 2023 - <u>36th European College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ECNP)</u> <u>Congress</u>, Barcelona (Spain)









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