

BELGIAN BRAIN COUNCIL



Call to action: Putting brain health on the agenda



To coincide with the 78th General Assembly of the United Nations in September 2023, the European Brain Council and partner organisations have organised a day of brain health and research and issued recommendations set out in a Manifesto ([see attached](#)).

The BBC joins the call to the European Parliament and the European Commission 2024-2029 to support the development of policies for equitable and quality brain health in order to tackle brain problems, promote social cohesion, boost economic productivity and guide the EU towards world leadership in brain research.

On the occasion of the European, federal and regional elections on 9 June, the BBC is calling on its members to urge the candidates in their networks to recognise brain health and position it as a priority in their electoral programmes. Furthermore, access to healthcare and treatment remains relevant and must be considered a priority in the fight against the growing burden of brain disorders.

At the BBC symposium on 14-15 May, BBC members will also have the opportunity to speak directly to Belgian politicians who are campaigning to be elected in the June elections cf <https://www.braincouncil.be/symposium>.

**Block the date, stay connected.
Registration for the symposium opens on 1er March.**



BBC symposium

May 14, 15, 2024

Foundation Universitaire, Egmont street 11, 1000 Brussels

EN & FR & NL translation provided for some sessions.
REGISTRATION COMPULSORY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS



**Les données sont-elles l'avenir pour
une meilleure santé du cerveau et
mentale?**

**Zijn gegevens de toekomst voor een
betere van gezondheid en de hersenen
en mentaal?**

**Are data the future for a better Brain
and Mental Health?**

Update of the BBC's Articles of Association

In Belgium, ASBLs must bring their articles of association into line with the Code of Companies and Associations (CSA) by 31 December 2023.

The BBC's articles of association published in the Moniteur date from 2020. In accordance with the law, the BBC's ExCo decided to use a private deed to avoid notary fees. The update was made by the ExCo on the basis of a template issued by the UCM (Union des Classes Moyennes) and then revised by a UCM lawyer. It will be approved at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on 23 January 2024, before being submitted for publication in the Moniteur.

BAW 2024, 11-17 March

Call for projects

As every year, the BBC is celebrating Brain Awareness Week. As a reminder, the BBC supports our members' events up to a maximum of €1,000 per project.

The BAW 2023 events organised in Belgium can be found here:
<https://fr.braincouncil.be/brainawarenessweek>

**Send us your programmes and we will distribute them via our
newsletters.**

- On Tuesday 12 March 2024, Mrs Mormal, from the Association des aidants proches, is organising a conference on **stress and burn-out** at the Château du Karreveld, given by psychiatrist Dr Philippe Corten.

News from our members and partners



- list of January activities:
<https://www.actionparkinson.be/agenda-des-activites/>



CENTER FOR COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE

- 18 January the CCN is organising an online conference: Population dynamics in spontaneous activations of neuronal assemblies: a topological study
- 22-25 May the SCC is organising the 7th bi-annual ESCAN meeting ([see here](#))



Thursday 18 January 2024 between 1.30pm and 3pm at CHIREC: resumption of our "AMD and me" [discussion groups](#) for patients and carers.

Monday 29 January 2024: meeting from 2pm to 4pm at CHIREC: clinical trials, how they develop, how to take part.



offers a series of activities: in February and March 3 book readings, including on 13 March a commentary on Mathieu Vandenbulke's book Living together with dementia and a series of psychology lessons for society
[see programme here](#)



As every year, the League is organising a **Gala Concert to be held on 19 March 2024 at BOZAR**. The Ensemble Orchestral de Bruxelles and the Chœurs de l'Union européenne will take us to the heart of Italian, French and Austrian lyrical music.



presents its 2024 activities:

More details at <https://www.bcnbp.org/events>



At its clinically-focused scientific congress on 1er June 2024, the BPS will present the **BPS award 2024**.



Call for applications

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The calendar of events is available [here](#)



To see the List of activities [click here](#)

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30€ at BE87 7512 0194 0094 with name + email

BBC ACCOUNT : BE87 7512 0194 0094

Composition of the Executive Committee for the period 2022-2023

Chairman: Professor Laurence RIS

General Secretary: Professor Roland Pochet

Vice-Chairmen: Dr Gianni Franco, Baron Charles van der Straten-Waillet

Treasurer: Baron Charles van der Straten -Waillet

Secretary: Mrs Lia Le Roy

The BBC is on the following social networks:



12 videos about different BBC activities/meetings/webinars are visible on UTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/@BBCBelgianBrainCouncil>



BBC acts as a host organization for the EU4EU Programme within its Erasmus+ projects

Dates to remember

18 th January CCN meeting UGent	23 January BBC extraordinary AGM	29 January AMD: clinical trials, instructions for use
5-8 February BASS: International Sleep Medicine Course: Blankenberge	11-17 March Brain Awareness Week	19 March La ligue Sclérose en plaques: Concert at BOZAR
19-20 April BSN annual meeting, Namur	8-9 May 10th NBC's Academy in Pula (Croatia)	14-15 May BBC international Symposium: Are data the future for a better Brain and Mental Health? Brussels
22-25 May 7th bi-annual ESCAN meeting	30th May World Multiple Sclerosis Day	1 Juine BPS scientific congress and award 2024