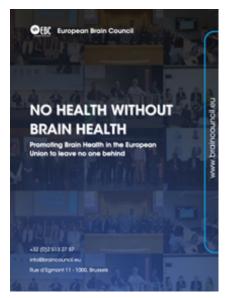
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BELGIAN BRAIN COUNCIL



Call to action: Putting brain health on the agenda

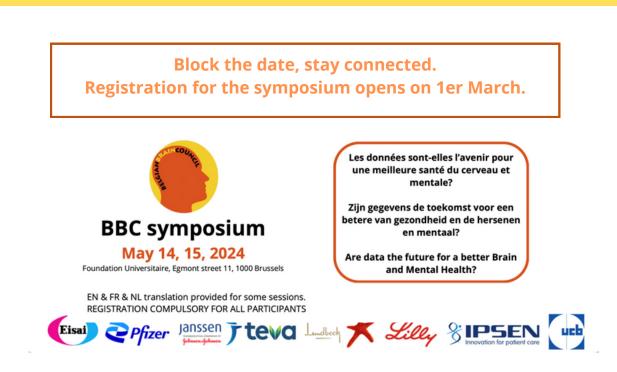


To coincide with the 78th General Assembly of the United Nations in September 2023, the European Brain Council and partner organisations have organised a day of brain health and research and issued recommendations set out in a Manifesto (see attached).

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**.



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/age nda-des-activites/

GHENT UNIVERSITY

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"** <u>discussion groups</u> for patients and carers.

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



LEUVEN BRAIN INSTITUTE

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 <u>see programme here</u>



Nationale Belgische Multiple Sclerose Liga Ligue Nationale Belge de la Sclérose en Plaques

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



Become an official Expert Patient and help make a difference! Hoofd-Stuk offers you a training course with certificate! More info at <u>https://www.hoofdstuk.be/wil-jij-een-patient-expert-worden</u>



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

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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: <u>https://www.youtube.com/@BBCBelgianBrainCouncil</u>



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	8-9 May	14-15 May
BSN annual meeting, Namur	10th NBC's Academy in Pula (Croatia)	BBC international Symposium: Are data the future for a better Brain and Mental Health? Brussels