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### Brain Awareness Week 2025 will take place from March 10 to March 16.

This year, Ann van der Jeugd has committed to disseminating the call for participation in BAW 2025 among our members. As in previous years, the BBC supports the organization of BAW events in Belgium through a maximum subsidy of €1,000. To qualify for this funding:

- Supporting documents and invoices must be submitted. The BBC logo, accompanied by the 20th anniversary designation, must be prominently displayed on all publications, posters, announcements, as well as on the website and social media posts.

## Call for Contributions 2025

On the occasion of our 20th anniversary, where financial support is essential for a memorable event, our treasurer, Charles van der Straten, is initiating an appeal for membership fees and donations. Additionally, by remitting your membership fee, each member demonstrates their commitment to the mission and values of the BBC.

### Get involved

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## Belgian Brain Initiative Phase III

The achievements of Phase I in 2023 and Phase II in 2024 of the Belgian Brain Plan, realized through the collaboration with the French, German, and Greek Brain Councils to establish an AISBL European Brain Data Hub, motivated us to persist in this endeavor.

This phase III, with a budget of €60,000 for 2025, seeks to evaluate the data sharing mechanism developed in the preceding phases under real-world conditions.

Concretely,

The BBC presented its project on November 14, 2024: The European Brain Data Hub: Facilitating Data Sharing to Accelerate Brain Disorder Research and Inform Public Policy at the Brain Innovation Days organized by the European Brain Council.

[find here the presentation](#)

The BBC is collaborating with the National Order of Physicians to host a seminar on April 1, 2025.

- The successful completion of phase III will be exceedingly challenging without the support of our partners in the pharmaceutical industry. Currently, 5 partners have committed to sharing this risk and effort. Consequently, we are eagerly anticipating the responses of at least 7 additional partners.



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**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, DATA SHARING, AND THE MEDICAL PROFESSION**

AI and the benevolent exchange of data by Professor Gregory Lewkowicz, professor at ULB and director of the SMART Law Hub.

- Fondation 101 Génomes by Ludivine and Romain Alderweireldt-Verboogen,
- AI in Medicine: Ethical Considerations and the Physician's Responsibility by Pr. Christian MELOT, Vice-President of the National Order of Physicians.
- Artificial Intelligence and Legal Challenges by Professor Tom Goffin, University of Ghent, Chairman of the Federal Commission on Patient Rights
- The European Brain Data Hub for the Advancement of Data Sharing by Professor Roland Pochet, President of EBDH.
- Patient Perspective by Mrs. Cécile Grégoire, Coordinator of Action Parkinson.

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**PROGRAM**

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
**April 1, 2025**

At FARI, Cantersteen 12  
1000 Brussels

Explore our website.  
[HTTPS://WWW.BRAINCOUNCIL.BE/](https://www.braincouncil.be/)

**REGISTER NOW**

With the assistance of

The BBC endorses and aligns itself with the statement issued by Alzheimer's Association Europe in reaction to the EMA's unfavorable report on lecanemab.

[HERE](#)

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Updates from our members  
We were present.



## November 8


**BASS Autumn Meeting 2024**  
Bedtime Frustrations:  
Modern Times, Modern Sleep Issues  
Friday 08/11/2024 Leuven

**B**elgian  
**A**ssociation for  
**S**leep research and  
**S**leep medicine



www.belsleep.org

Programme:

 <https://www.belsleep.org/media/R8A8Z7C0L3/docs/2024autumnmeetingflyer.pdf>

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## November 23

- The Huntington League is hosting a Mat'Info session at the Institute of Genetic Pathology-Gosselies, focusing on current clinical trials and the Enrol-HD registry



[cf Program](#)

- In Brussels, the tenth anniversary of the Neuromuscular Reference Center



**HUB** HÔPITAL UNIVERSITAIRE DE BRUXELLES ACADEMISCH ZIEKENHUIS BRUSSEL

Hôpital Erasme ULB

European Reference Network for rare or less prevalent complex diseases

**ULB** UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Symposium de célébration du 10<sup>ème</sup> anniversaire du Centre de Référence Neuromusculaire de l'Hôpital Universitaire de Bruxelles**

**Université libre de Bruxelles**

**Prise en charge holistique des patients Neuromusculaires, au-delà du nerf, du muscle et des molécules...**

**→ Samedi 23 novembre 2024**  
(matinée Scientifique suivie d'un lunch)

Musée de la Médecine - Campus Erasme  
Place Facultaire, Campus Erasme - 808 route de Lennik, 1070 Bruxelles

Programme scientifique communiqué sous peu, une accréditation sera demandée, y compris en rubrique Ethique et Economie

Program and registration available HERE: <https://www.erasme.be/fr/le-centre-de-referenceneuromusculaire-de-lhub-fete-ses-10-ans>

## November 30 at East Limburg Hospital (Synaps Park 1, 3600 Genk)

The Belgian Clinical Neurophysiological Society (BCNS) is organizing a symposium titled "Deep Dive into IntraOperative NeuroMonitoring (IONM)."

Registration and Program:



[www.bcns.be](http://www.bcns.be)

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December 2  
at the  
Academy  
Palace



**EU4HEALTH**  
INTEGRATION AND  
IMPACT INITIATIVE

## Newsletter

**Exciting news!** 🎉

We're happy to announce that the EU4Health Integration and Impact Initiative has been granted to tackle pressing public health challenges in Europe!

Starting in June 2024, this 12-month project will address healthcare disparities, improve access to therapies, enhance diversity in clinical trials, and bridge gaps in paediatric cancer care and brain health, while advocating for a holistic approach and promoting the One Health perspective.

**How will we foster innovation, inclusivity and influence policy?**

- Organising a high-impact EU4Health event in Brussels on Childhood Cancer, One Health and Brain Health
- Hosting three side-events focusing on each topic
- Carrying out sustainable patient-centred awareness campaigns on social media and our dedicated website to raise awareness and facilitate an interactive exchange between citizens and health experts

**Save the date!**

Our EU4Health Event will take place:

- On December 2, 2024
- At the Palace of the Academies
- As a public event

For project updates and more information, stay tuned for our upcoming community channels and local events, and join us in our mission to improve European public health and create a healthier, more resilient future for all Europeans! 🌟 #EU4H3I #EU4Health

**Project collaborators:**

 Co-funded by  
the European Union



December 7, 2024  
Belgian Stroke Society

23rd BSC scientific symposium  
BSC Symposium, conference, seminars

We are also very pleased to announce the date for the annual BSC scientific symposium, which will be held at December 7<sup>th</sup> 2024, at Provinciehuis Leuven. As always, access is free for BSC members.

More information and full program here.





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**December 12, 2024**



**Belgian College of Neuropsychopharmacology & Biological Psychiatry**

BCNBP Virtual National Evening, 12 December, 8 p.m.

NATIONAL EVENING "OPIOIDS FACTCHECKED" The Zoom link will be sent via email the day prior.

Registration and Program: <https://www.bcnbp.org/events/national-evening-on-opioids-belgiums-got-talent>

**December 14, 2024**

## **A conference in Brussels (Erasme Hospital)**

Chronic Subdural Hematoma: A Multidisciplinary Symposium on a Common Intracranial Condition. On December 14, 2024, we invite you to the Tagnon Auditorium, located on the first floor of the Jules Bordet Institute, for the inaugural Belgium cSDH Multidisciplinary Symposium, organized by the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) and the Department of Interventional Neuroradiology at the Erasme Medical Center in Brussels.

**[Detailed program and registration available HERE.](#)**

**January 21, 2025**

Action Parkinson



Conference "The ABC of Parkinson's" featuring Dr. Philippe Bergiers and Cécile Grégoire.

**14 March 2025**



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

**Organizes its spring concert at BOZAR.**



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