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Brain Awareness Week 2023

As every year, the BBC was the initiator of the Brain Week in Belgium 12-18 March 2023. The 2023 programme of the different activities organised by Caregivers, Breinwijzer, Leuven Brain Institute, UCLouvain, ULB and ULiège can be found at <https://www.braincouncil.be/brainawarenessweek>

Here are some pictures of the week:

- at the **ULB** on 14 March, the lecture by IRIDIA researcher **Giovanni Reina**: Bees can reveal the secrets of human brain function can be seen and heard again on YouTube by clicking on the link : <https://youtu.be/ReGIfgp9ub4>



- In **Liege**: 3 days organised by the **EpIC** and the **APk** under the direction of **Dr. Gianni Franco**



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- In **PdS at UNamur**: <https://bouke.media/info/oui-les-sciences-peuvent-etre-amusantes/8757>

- **Breinwijzer**

Meeting of Minds for Youth festival, Tuesday March 14, De Centrale, Ghent
Brain Science Festival for schools 2nd and 3rd grade (12-18 year): scientific presentations on consciousness, the social brain, the predictive brain, brain and gender, and how to cope with criticism.

Full programme: https://www.breinwijzer.be/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/MOM4Y_Programma_2023.pdf

Photo album: <https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipPqQmtn8FmAHEjN-71fbiNkzeWL5NV2LCFOICII-1RrNwxAF6dUpfXSvgsfYE8zEw?pli=1&key=NUMxaFJCNmhmTUvtVX051OGpDVXJOa2ZYTlo0YVZ3>



- In **Molenbeek** : conference on sleep disorders organised by **Marguerite Mormal**



- In **Leuven**, various events throughout the week organised by **Ann Van der Jeugd of the Leuven Brain Institute**



BBC and the abolition of the use of animals in science

As announced in the January newsletter 54, the Board of Directors of the Belgian Brain Council has given its support to the initiative led by the European Brain Research: Animal Research and "**Pledge for Science**".

In essence, and in response to the European initiative "Save cruelty-free cosmetics - Commit to a Europe without animal testing" which aims at "phasing out the use of animals in science", the brain trust wishes to moderate these demands: a total ban on the use of animals in biomedical research is premature. To raise these concerns, the EBC has issued a statement on animal research for Brain Awareness Week 2023. You can read the full statement which the BBC supports and share with your community here: <https://www.braincouncil.eu/the-european-brain-council-launches-statement-on-animal-research/>

BBC and the 9th Academy of National Brain Councils

This year, the 9th NBC Academy will be held over two days: Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 May 2023. The 23rd of May will be dedicated to the "Pledge for Science" (see point 2) where NBC delegates will be invited to meet MEPs from their country. The meetings with MEPs are organised by the EBC (for more information please contact Eleonora Varntoumian, the new Communications and Policy Officer, policy@braincouncil.eu). The day will end with a reception at the European Parliament in Brussels.

On 24 May, the morning will be devoted to meetings between each NBC delegate and the respective health attachés of their permanent representation. These meetings are organised by the EBC. In the afternoon, the session of the Academy will take place at the University Foundation. This meeting will be held in pre-taped and online.

Belgian Brain Plan

The continuation of phase 1 of the Belgian Brain Plan, financially supported by eight pharmaceutical companies (BMS, EISAI, IPSEN, JANSSEN, LUNDBECK, MERCK, PFIZER and UCB), focused on the state of the art of such a plan with as a key point a national registry of brain diseases, was marked by an important 3-hour meeting held on 17 March at the University Foundation bringing together the BBC's Belgian Brain Plan task force, the federal deputy, Dr. Daniel Bacquelaine, academics from UMons and ULB, representatives of the LUSS and the VPP, the pharmaceutical industry (Janssen, Pfizer and UCB), and the policy advisor of the EBC. The meeting was moderated by Prof. Grégory Lewkowicz, Director of the Smart Law Hub and researcher at the Institute of Artificial Intelligence for the Common Good (FARI) in Brussels. Professor Lewkowicz was accompanied by 3 data scientists. The meeting allowed for active participation of the participants. The results of this meeting will be presented by Prof. Lewkowicz at the GA on 23 May. Further action will be submitted to the GA on 23 May for approval.



Belgian Brain Plan - Reunion of the 17th of March



Sponsors of the Belgian Brain Plan Phase 1

BBC and Erasmus+

BBC is a partner in 2023 in 3 Erasmus+ actions

- **Care4PD**

The action is effective from 14/02/2022 to 14/02/2024 and is entitled Exchange of good practice in e-healthcare for adults with Parkinson's disease and their family carers in Europe is coordinated by Asociación Parkinson Madrid and has 4 partners from Belgium, Greece, Spain and Serbia. Read more on its website : <https://sites.google.com/view/ecare4pd/the-project>. In addition, this action ensures its dissemination/communication via LinkedIn cf. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/europeanprojectsparkinsonmadsp/?originalSubdomain=es> and Twitter (cf https://twitter.com/e_care4pd?lang=fr)

E-Care4PD

@e_care4pd

➔ Exchanging good practices in e-health care for adults with Parkinson's and their family caregivers in Europe - EU Funded - Coordinated by: @ParkinsonMadrid

📍 Madrid, Comunidad de Madrid ecare4pd.eu

📅 Joined March 2022

The BBC has involved the following members in this action: Action Parkinson (Cécile Grégoire), Association Parkinson (Gianni Franco), Demoucelle Parkinson (Anne-Marie Demoucelle), Vlaamse Parkinson Liga (Miek Van Der Wee).

- **Care4Autism**

This project has been selected by AEF-Europe, the Francophone Agency for Education and Training, and is coordinated by the BBC. This project runs from 28/02/2022 to 28/02/2024 and is entitled **Exchange of good practice for adults with autism and their family carers** and has 5 partners from Belgium, Spain, Greece, Italy and Latvia.

The kick-off meeting on 28 March 2022 is on YouTube : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NNHfuTXn8uA>
More information is available on the website: <https://care4autism.eu>

- **eHealth4Autism**

This new short term action is effective from 1/02/2023 to 1/03/2024 and gathers 3 partners from Belgium, Cyprus (coordinator) and Greece. The kick-off meeting is scheduled for 27 April.

BBC and EU

Following the call HORIZON-HLTH-2023-CARE-04 (Ensuring access to innovative, sustainable and high quality healthcare), a project entitled SUPERCAREGIVERS was submitted on 13 April, in which BBC is one of 14 partners from 9 EU countries. The results of the evaluation are expected in September 2023.

General Assembly

Our General Assembly will be held in the University Foundation from 14:00 to 16:00 and will be enhanced by the participation of two speakers: Mr. Nick Marly, PhD, member of Minister Vandenbroucke's cabinet and Prof. Grégory Lewkowicz, director of the Smart Law Hub and researcher at the Institute of Artificial Intelligence for the Common Good in Brussels (FARI).

News from our members

- **APEPA**

APEPA is organising during the month of April, on the occasion of World Autism Day, awareness-raising workshops on autism for adults and new technologies. The target groups will be mutual insurance companies (Altéo, Solidaris, Neutre, Libérale), Forem, AViQ, EWETA (Fédération Wallonne des Entreprises de Travail Adapté), the city and province of Namur (Handicontact), parents and caregivers.

- **Action Parkinson**

On the occasion of World Parkinson's Day on 11 April, the association Action Parkinson is organising a day with a conference: « **Parkinson mode d'emploi, given by Dr Jean-Emile Vanderheyden, neurologist** which will be followed by the Presentation of the Therapeutic Monitoring Tool My PD Care, created by Abbvie and a convivial meal. The afternoon is devoted to the demonstration of the courses which take place all year long: Tango, Kinesiphilia Dance, Gymsana, Power Moves and Boxing

- **Association Parkinson celebrates its 25th anniversary on 15 April:**
<https://www.parkinsonasbl.be/4026-2/>

- **The Charcot Foundation**

invites you to be a member of its team for the 20 km of Brussels on 28 May. Registrationvous invite à être un des membres de son équipe à l'occasion des 20 km de Bruxelles le 28 mai. Inscription : <https://fondationcharcot.koalect.com/fr-FR>

- **The Belgian Pain Society**

is organising its annual congress on 3 June Life with a back at Bluepoint, Conference Centre, Bd A. Reyers 80, 1030 Bruxelles
inscription : <https://www.belgianpainsociety.org/bps-congress-2022?lang=fr>

- **The BCNBP**

organises its national day on 23 June with the theme: WHY WE SLEEP at the National Library, bd de l'Empereur, Brussels.
Registration: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdnwfn2T--7w2MnWUivDXRjg2DtIjq-j83wgnqn3cAksjgLFg/viewform>

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The BBC is present on these following social medias:



Dates to remember

2 April
World Autism Awareness
Day

11 April
World Parkinson Day

15 April
APk Association : 25th
anniversary-Centre
culturel Namur

6 May
Ligue Huntington
Speaking space at the
LUSS, Schaerbeek

23 May
BBC General assembly

23-24 May
Brussels 9th Academy of
the National Brain
Councils

28 May
20 km from Brussels Join
the Charcot Foundation
team

3 June
Belgian Pain Society
Meeting

8 June
EUROPEAN HEALTH TASK
FORCE SUMMIT

23 June
BPS Congress link :
<https://www.belgianpainsociety.org/bps-congress-2022?lang=fr>

17 November
Belgian Society of
Pediatric neurology
Congress

Composition of the Executive Committee for the period 2021-2022

President : Professor Laurence RIS

Secretary General: Professor Roland Pochet

Vice-Presidents: Professor Chris Bervoets, Dr Gianni Franco, Baron Charles van der Straten-Waillet

Treasurer: Baron Charles van der Straten-Waillet

Secretary: Mrs Lia Le Roy