

BELGIAN BRAIN COUNCIL



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1. BBC, PATIENTS AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES

Here, Eisai presents how the company can highlight the policy it has recently developed to streamline and integrate systems and processes in order to place patients' needs at the heart of its pharmaceutical activities.



h/hc
human health care

At **Eisai EMEA**, our first thoughts are with patients, their families and carers through our human health care (h/hc) philosophy.

Our collective passion and dedication to patient care is the driving force behind our efforts to discover and develop innovative medicines in therapeutic areas of high unmet medical need, particularly neurology. We take a holistic approach to support and care, focusing beyond symptom control on the research and discovery of life-changing medicines for patients with chronic neurological conditions.

For several years, we have been a trusted partner in the fields of epilepsy and Lennox-Gastaut syndrome, and our aim is to take on the challenge of Alzheimer's disease in the near future.

We are the European centre of Tokyo-based Eisai Co. Ltd. headquartered in Tokyo, and part of a multinational workforce working in a global network of committed R&D facilities, production sites and marketing subsidiaries. Our mission is clear: we strive to make a meaningful and lasting contribution to society in an ethical, compliant and sustainable manner by embodying our hhc philosophy in everything we do.

For more information about Eisai in the EMEA region, please visit www.eisai.eu. June 2023 - BE-NON-23-00003.

2. Belgian Brain Plan Phase 2



Belgian Brain Data Hub

*A Secured Data Platform to Share your Data for
Research and Policy in accordance with European
Law*

Proof of concept



EU Recognised
Data Altruism
Organisation

Following our AGM and the success of phase 1, our members have given the go-ahead to undertake phase 2. Phase 2 is focused on the launch of the BBC Data Altruistic association and, as with Phase I, our industry partners will bear the cost. The budget will be used to cover, in particular, consultancy and legal fees to ensure compliance with European and Belgian requirements for obtaining the agreement, improvements to the BBC demo, the development of a multilingual version, a communications campaign and the launch of a conference.

The following pharmaceutical companies have already agreed to be sponsors of phase 2:



3. BBC and the abolition of the use of animals in science



EARA European Animal Research Association

Reminder: the BBC has given its support to the declaration led by European Brain Research: Animal Research and "Pledge for Science" (see newsletter 54 of January 2023) in support of the campaign led by EARA. Many BBC members, individually and on behalf of their organizations, signed the statement, which received 3,680 individual signatures and the support of 58 organizations.

(see <https://www.braincouncil.eu/pledge-for-science-brain-research-and-innovation-in-the-eu/>)

The statement is a response to the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) petition entitled "*Save cruelty-free cosmetics - Commit to a Europe without animal testing*".

The European Commission has responded to this petition.

(see https://europa.eu/citizens-initiative/sites/default/files/2023-07/C_2023_5041_EN.pdf)

Kirk Leech, Executive Director of EARA, thanked the biomedical community for its effective campaign to warn of the implications of the ECI and said: "*While the sirens will continue to sound, the European biomedical community appreciates the Commission's recognition that scientific innovation and patient health will remain priorities in the EU, ahead of the unrealistic aspirations of animal rights groups*".

4. COVID long and clinical trials

The NIH (National Institute of Health, USA), which raised \$1.15 billion in March 2021, is (finally) launching clinical trials on the long-standing COVID, which affects 65 million people worldwide. Four phase II trials will evaluate treatments including the antiviral drug Paxlovid, online training programmes, brain stimulation and melatonin supplements. The treatments are designed to reduce the length of time the virus persists in the body, reduce cognitive symptoms such as brain fog, improve sleep quality, combat fatigue and redirect the autonomic nervous system.[1]

5. BBC and Erasmus+ Days



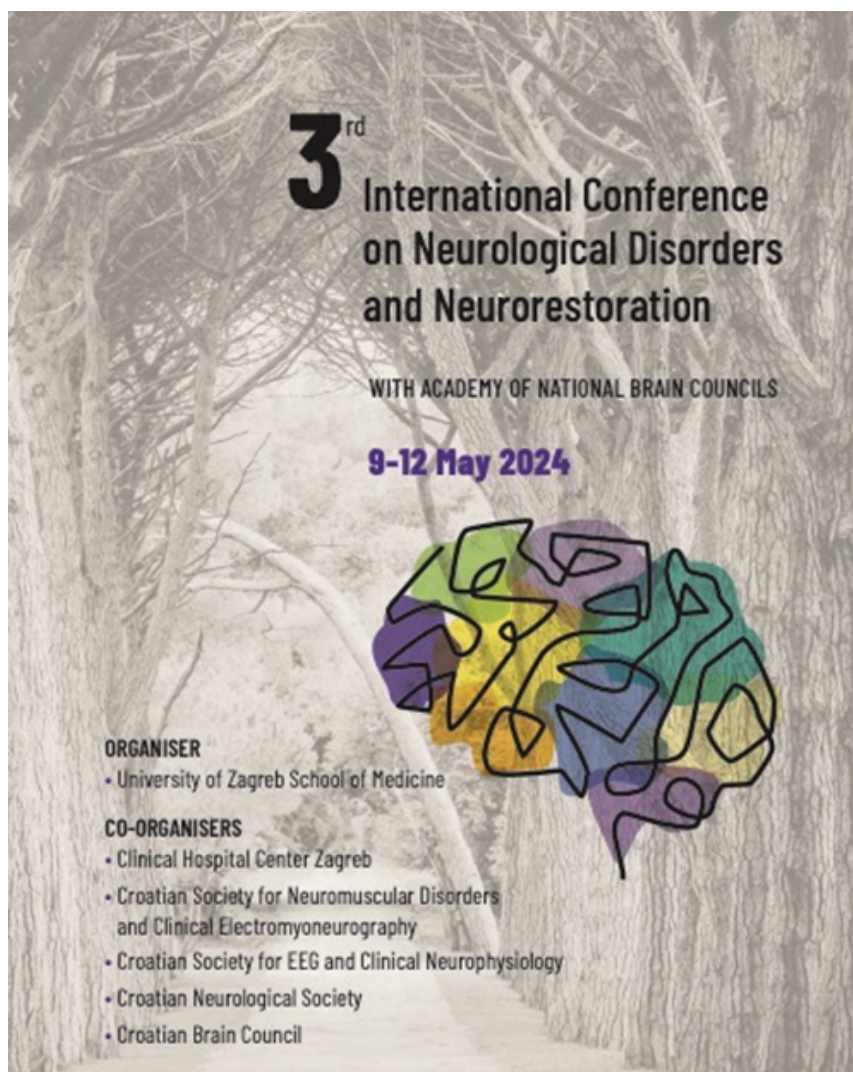
The Erasmus+ programme remains the European Union's flagship programme. The 7th edition of Erasmusdays, to be held from 9 to 14 October 2023, will highlight Europe's cultural diversity and the many learning opportunities it offers.

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[1] https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-023-02472-1?utm_source=Nature+Briefing%3A+Translational+Research&utm_campaign=19a64d584c-briefing-tr-20230809&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_872afe2a9a-19a64d584c-47596516

6. Croatian Brain Council and 10th Academy of National Brain Councils



Brijuni National Park / CROATIA

The 10th NBCs Academy will be in Pula (Croatia) on May 8-9, 2024 hosted by Pr. Dinko Mitrecic

The event will take place in the Brijuni national park, an island located 10 minutes by boat from the town of Pula. As well as being a magnificent place (protected nature, golf club, private zoo, etc.), the park will be visited and a dinner will be organised in Pula. A visit and dinner will be organised in Pula.

7. BBC and the Belgian Federal Parliament

The BBC is registered with the House of Representatives' Register of Lobbies.

The registration number is 2023/196.

To date, 164 people have subscribed to the list.

(see https://www.dekamer.be/kvvcr/pdf_sections/lobby/lobbyisten.pdf)

8. NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

1. The Belgian National Multiple Sclerosis League reports: WHO decision brings hope to multiple sclerosis sufferers worldwide

(see <https://www.msif.org/news/2023/07/25/whos-decision-brings-hope-to-people-with-ms-worldwide/>).

2. Action Parkinson is organizing a conference in Brussels on 18 September



Parkinson et urologie

Conférence du **Dr Elena Oprea**
Neuro-urologue à l'UCL,
clinique universitaire de Saint-Luc à Woluwe-Saint-Lambert

Lundi 18 septembre 2023
de 14h à 16h
Chaussée de Vleurgat 109, Ixelles

Les troubles urinaires sont fréquents dans la Maladie de Parkinson, concernant jusqu'à 60% des patients. Ils sont malheureusement responsables d'une diminution de la qualité de vie des patients pouvant mener à une dégradation de l'image de soi, une diminution des activités physiques et dans les cas les plus graves à un isolement social. Les symptômes urinaires les plus prévalents sont la nycturie (le fait de se lever la nuit pour uriner), les urgences (envie d'uriner d'emblée très important et difficile à différer), la pollakiurie (>7 mictions par jour) et les fuites urinaires. Cette conférence abordera les mécanismes physiopathologiques à l'origine de ces troubles, les différents symptômes, leur distribution parmi les deux sexes, ainsi que les solutions susceptibles de les améliorer.

Inscription obligatoire Entrée gratuite Tout public

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Logo de l'Association Belge des Malades de Parkinson (ABMP) et de l'Association Française des Malades de Parkinson (AFMP).

3. Leuven Brain Institute

The Leuven Brain Institute is organizing its first fundraising event with a large number of participants: Beer festival on 19 September in Leuven city centre and LBI fundraiser.



Breinfestijn
Fundraising event tvv
Leuven Brain Institute
19 september 20:00 - 22:00
Stadsschouwburg Leuven
Verschillende toponderzoekers
lezen voor uit hun boek:
Rudi D'Hooge - Bart De Strooper - Jessie
Dezutter - Batja Mesquita - Filip Raes - Pascal
Sienaert - Erik Thys - Rik Vandenberghe -
Mathieu Vandenbulcke - Bram Vervliet
Muziek: Big Brain Band
Gastheer: Jan Hautekiet
Met aansluitend receptie

QR code: 

KU LEUVEN
LEUVEN BRAIN INSTITUTE

UPC
ZORG KU LEUVEN

UZ
LEUVEN

The poster features a central illustration of a yellow brain with musical notes and lines radiating from it, symbolizing the connection between music and brain activity. Below the brain are icons of an open book and a coffee cup. The background is a light pink color.

4. **Hoofd-Stuk** is organizing a campaign to end the stigma attached to migraine.

More details at

<https://www.hoofd-stuk.be>



**CAMPAGNE ROND AWARENESSDAG 12 SEPTEMBER,
KLEURT DIT JAAR
GROEN**

**"Groen licht om een einde te maken aan
het stigma van migraine!!**

Aan wie wenst deel te nemen
aan onze social media-actie,
bezorgen wij per post
gratis een groene lamp.

Doe jij ook mee?

The poster features a green lightbulb icon on the left side. The background is a light green color with a bokeh effect of green circles.

5. University of Antwerp is organising on 30-31 October the **18th international GEPD (Genetic Epidemiology of Parkinson's Disease consortium) meeting**.

See programme at:

<https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/conferences/international-meeting-geopd/programme/>

6. On 16 November, the Club des mouvements anormaux is organising a video session with **SOFMA (Société Française des Mouvements anormaux)**.

The programme is readable at:

<https://www.sofma.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/pre-programme-novembre-23.pdf>

7. The Belgian Society of Pediatric Neurology is holding its autumn conference in Brussels on **17 November**.



AUTUMN MEETING OF THE BELGIAN SOCIETY OF CHILD NEUROLOGY

FRIDAY 17th November 2023

BIP Meeting Center, Brussels

NEW INSIGHTS ON NEURO CUTANEOUS SYNDROMES

On this occasion, our President, Laurence Ris, was invited to present the BBC and its interactions with member scientific societies.

See programme at:

<http://www.bspn.be/download/20231117-BSPN%20Autumn%20Meeting.pdf>

Support Our Actions I



BBC ACCOUNT : BE87 7512 0194 0094

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>

Composition of the Executive Committee for the period 2021-2022

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

Dates to remember

September
Henallux Continuing
Education

12 September
Hoofd-Stuck organizes a
campaign to
destigmatize migraine

15 September
BSC Scientific Stroke
Workshop, UZ Brussel

18 September
Action Parkinson: lecture
by Dr Elena Oprea,
neuro-urologist on
urological problems.
Brussels

19 September
KULeuven Breinfestijn

22 September
Belgian Stroke Scientific
Workshop. UZ Brussel

26 September
Rethinking Alzheimer's disease:
Moving towards a new Alzheimer's
disease detection and diagnosis
pathway in Sweden, Virtual

28 September
KULeuven distinguished lecture:
Molecular Memories by Dr. Oded
Rechavi
link: <https://bio.kuleuven.be/odedRechavi>

9-14 October
Erasmusdays 2023

26-27 October
Brain Innovation Days: The
Brain in the 21st Century,
Brussels

30-31 October
18th international GEPD
(Genetic Epidemiology of
Parkinson's Disease) **meeting.**
UZ antwerpen

16-17 November
Société française de
mouvements anormaux
French-Belgium symposium

17 November
Belgian Society of Pediatric
Neurology Congress

21 November
Leuven Brain Institute Science
Day

(see <https://www.kuleuven.be/brain-institute/events-and-outreach/lbi-2023-science-day-november-21st-1-6pm-neurodiversity>)

May 8-9, 2024
10th NBCs Academy in Pula
(Croatia)

