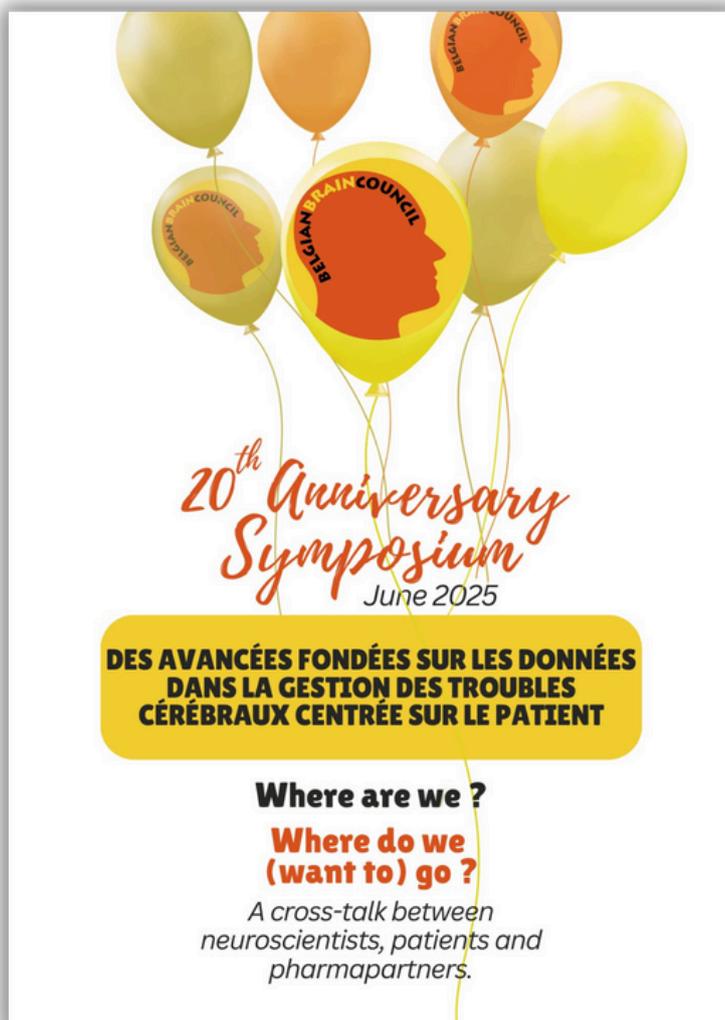


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For this anniversary, a committee led by Prof. Jean Schoenen (coordinator), along with Ann van der Jeugd, Marguerite Mormal, Charles van der Straten Waillet, Lia Le Roy, and Roland Pochet, is formulating the program. A follow-up meeting has been scheduled for October 22.



Board of Executive Committee

Present at the ZOOM meeting on September 23 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. were Laurence Ris, Roland Pochet, Jean Schoenen, Lia Le Roy, Charles van der Straten-Waillet, Dirk Van Roost, Ann van der Jeugd, Rufin Vogels, Latifah Irakiza, Marguerite Mormal, and Gianni Franco. The minutes are available for review ([here](#)). 

Among the agenda items, the renewal of the Executive Committee and its presidency was deliberated. Our president, Prof. Laurence Ris, will conclude her four-year term and has opted not to seek re-election. The committee of esteemed individuals designated to seek a new president comprises Jean Schoenen, Laurence Ris, Charles van der Straten Waillet, and Dirk Van Roost.

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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.

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EBDH - BBC

Continuing its mission to establish a Belgian Brain Plan and its requisite inclusion in a register of brain disorders, the BBC has commenced the formation of an AISBL, the European Brain3Data Hub. This strategic decision was made based on the following considerations:

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- Knowledge exchange with brain trusts from other Member States
- A unified strategy that enhances initiatives for research and patient support at the European level.
- An initiative designed to facilitate data sharing in compliance with EU regulatory requirements, thereby ensuring the ethical utilization of data.
- Access to diverse databases: By collaborating, researchers and clinicians can obtain a broader and more varied array of data, which is essential for enhancing the understanding of neurological disorders.
- Compliance with the Data Governance Act: This initiative aims to facilitate structured data sharing in accordance with EU regulatory requirements, thereby ensuring the ethical utilization of data.
- Establishing a data ecosystem: A philanthropic organization facilitates the development of a strong infrastructure for the ethical and transparent collection, analysis, and sharing of data.
- Safeguarding patients' rights: A benevolent data governance framework guarantees the protection of personal information while optimizing its utilization for research purposes.
- Support for collaborative research initiatives: The establishment of an AISBL enhances the ability to submit joint projects for European funding, thereby improving the likelihood of success.
- Accelerating discovery: Interdisciplinary collaboration can expedite innovation in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of neurological disorders.
- The establishment of a visibility platform: An association uniting multiple countries enhances the prominence of issues pertaining to brain disorders within the European context.
- Collaborative efforts can more effectively amplify the voices of patients and researchers, thereby mobilizing resources and funding.
- By choosing an altruistic AISBL, boards can establish themselves as leaders in the ethical governance of health data.

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Updates from our members We were present.

Saturday, August 31, 2024

Health and Wellness Fair. Nivelles



Marie-Anne Dage (AMD)

Chirec team in Braine-l'Alleud

Dr. Cathy De Cock, Belgian French-speaking League Against Epilepsy

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Healthy Aging for Europe's Future, organized by Friends of Europe



Roland with the GSK team (Holly Levitt on the left and Gisela Payeras Bailly on the right)

Health Summit organized by The Parliament Magazine in Brussels



Carla Barroso-Lilly, Elliot Tricot O'Farrell, RP, Kare Geil, representative of Denmark

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Wednesday, October 9th

Marie-Anne Dage, secretary of the DMLA association, coordinated a complimentary Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) test in collaboration with CHIREC Delta and the De Ceuninck firm. This test facilitates a swift and non-invasive ophthalmological examination aimed at thoroughly assessing the condition of the retinal layers.



Tom De Roos, Product Manager at De Ceunynck

Upcoming events for our members October 26 and 27



**SPIERZIEKTEN
VLAANDEREN**

**LEVEN MET EEN
LEVEND VERLIES**

PROF. DR. EM. MANU KEIRSE

Leven met een kind of een familielid met een chronische ziekte is leven met een verlies dat nooit eindigt. Als een verlies daar immers aansluit op dat de pijn van het verlies geleidelijk afneemt, maar het permanente leven met een chronische ziekte heeft niets te maken met een oplossing of beëindiging. Met zo een verlies dat niet afneemt en worden de weg gezamen.

Zaterdag 26 oktober 2024
13.00 uur - 17.30 uur

13.00 uur: DEUREN OPEN
14.00 uur: KINDS LEZING
16.00 uur TOT 17.00 uur: PRAATCAFE

Locatie: USO BAKEN
BELLESTRAAT 89
9100 Sint-Niklaas

Tickets: 12,50 euro

TICKETS VIA:
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VIA QR CODE

Stroke & Go Present

**WITH OR WITHOUT
STROKE**

Sunday 27th October 2024

Play golf against
stroke
Le golf contre
l'AVC

Charity challenge
World Stroke Day

>info@golfdurbuy.be
Route d'Oppagne 34, 6940 Durbuy <

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November 8

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

Belgian
Association for
Sleep research and
Sleep medicine



www.belsleep.org

Programme:



<https://www.belsleep.org/media/R8A8Z7COL3/docs/2024autumnmeetingflyer.pdf>

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



SAVE THE DATE

Symposium de célébration du 10^{ème} 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

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

December 2 at the Academy Palace

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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:



December 7, 2024 Belgian Stroke Council

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 7th 2024, at Provinciehuis Leuven. As always, access is free for BSC members.

More information and full program here.





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

Organizes its spring concert at BOZAR.

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The BBC maintains a presence on the following social media platforms:



Composition of the Executive Committee for the term 2024-2028

President: Professor Laurence RIS

Director: Professor Roland Pochet

Vice-Presidents: Dr. Gianni Franco, Mrs. Lia Le Roy

Treasurer: Baron Charles van der Straten-Waillet

Secretary: Professor Jean Schoenen