

# BSN NEWSLETTER

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## EVENTS

### EMBO | EMBL Symposium: Brain (epi)genome

**Location:** Hybrid, EMBL Heidelberg

**Event date:** 10 March 2026



Recent technological breakthroughs in single-cell, spatial, and 3D genomics and epigenomics are revealing unprecedented insights into the molecular logic behind neural diversity as well as neuronal connectivity and function. But there is much we do not understand, especially when trying to link these molecular and cellular processes to higher brain functions or to disrupted brain states. Progress in these directions will require studies in human cells with traditional and emerging model organisms, all of which will be featured in this workshop. By bridging genomics, neuroscience, and epigenetics, this conference aims to stimulate new ideas on how the (epi)genome orchestrates brain function and to solidify the growing scientific community that sees the intersection of these three disciplines as fundamental to our understanding of the brain. For more information visit the [website](#).

### Stop Alzheimer Young Researcher Congress

**Location:** Lamot, Mechelen, Belgium

**Event date:** 27 March 2026

Organized by Stop Alzheimer, this one-day congress brings together early-career researchers active in Alzheimer's and dementia research to share their latest findings, exchange ideas, and build new collaborations. Belgium plays a significant role in dementia research worldwide, and young researchers are key in shaping the future of the field. This congress offers them a dedicated platform to gain visibility and connect with peers. For more information, visit the [registration form](#).

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### 47th BCLAS Annual Symposium

**Location:** Brussels, Belgium

**Event dates:** 22-23 April 2026



The Belgian Council for Laboratory Animal Science is pleased to invite you to its 47th Annual Symposium. It is a 2 day-event with an afternoon of workshops and a full day of scientific presentations and activities. The purpose of the symposium aligns with the missions of BCLAS to promote the replacement, reduction and refinement of laboratory animal use. Additionally to the main symposium programme, there will be an animal technician forum in the afternoon on April 23. For more information visit:

<https://www.bclas2026.org/>

### Neurobiology of Socio-Emotional Dysfunctions

**Location:** Regensburg, Germany

**Event dates:** 8-10 May 2026



The study of the neurobiology of socio-emotional dysfunctions is essential as conditions like major depressive disorders, schizophrenia, and anxiety disorders adversely impact human well-being. This in-person symposium in Regensburg will bring together an international community of researchers to discuss the underlying brain mechanisms of socio-emotional dysfunctions and foster scientific exchanges. By focusing on these fundamental mechanisms, the meeting directly supports to advance our neurobiological understanding of behaviour and to promote interaction among neuroscientists across disciplines and career stages. For more information visit the [website](#).

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### Inflammatory Brain Disorders Conference 2026

**Location:** Virtual

**Event dates:** 14-15 May 2026

The Inflammatory Brain Disorders Conference features nationally and internationally renowned experts skilled in diagnostic and therapeutic approaches who will present a diverse range of emerging clinical and research challenges, insights, and advances in the field of inflammatory brain disorders. Presentations are carefully selected to familiarize attendees with rapidly developing research and to educate clinicians on the latest understanding of treatment options. Both generalists as well as specialists in pediatric and adult medicine will find the conference valuable to their practices. Though the conference is designed for physicians, all are welcome to attend. For more information visit: <https://neuroimmuneinstitute.org/>

### Neurobiology Doctoral Students Workshop

**Location:** Würzburg, Germany

**Event dates:** 8-12 June 2026

**Registration deadline:** 10 March 2026



This conference is organized by PhD students for PhD students under the patronage of the German Zoological Society (DZG) and German Neuroscience Society (NWG). They have created an exciting program with renowned keynote speakers and interactive workshops. To increase connectivity and networking, we take care of social activities and dinners. A central part of the NeuroDoWo is the unique opportunity for you to present your research among early-career scientists like yourself without any pressure from seniors. This creates a collegial environment to practice your first talk or to present your poster. For more information visit <https://neurodowo.nwg-info.de>

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### Soap Box Science 2026

**Location:** Maastricht, the Netherlands

**Event date:** 13 June 2026



Soapbox Science is a novel public outreach platform for promoting women and non-binary scientists and the science they do. Our events transform public areas into an arena for public learning and scientific debate. With Soapbox Science, we want to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy, learn from, heckle, question, probe, interact with and be inspired by some of our leading scientists. No middle man, no PowerPoint slide, no amphitheatre – just remarkable women and non-binary scientists who are there to amaze you with their latest discoveries, and to answer the science questions you have been burning to ask. Simply hear them talk about what fascinates them, and why they think they have the most fantastic job in the world! For more information visit [website](#)

### PNS Annual Meeting

**Location:** Maastricht, the Netherlands

**Event dates:** 13-16 June 2026

The PNS Annual Meeting is the place to learn about the latest international research across specialties in peripheral neuropathy. During the meeting, junior and senior scientists of various backgrounds teach about the field's most current and groundbreaking developments. The PNS continues to enhance its educational initiatives and expand its featured programming by incorporating special interest group parallel sessions – Charcot-Marie-Tooth and Related Neuropathies Consortium (CMTR), Inflammatory Neuropathy Consortium (INC), International Diabetes Neuropathy Consortium (IDNC), Neuropathic Pain Consortium (NPC), and Traumatic & Toxic Neuropathy Consortium (TTNC). For more information visit <https://pnsociety.com/2026-pns-annual-meeting/>.

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### Organization for Human Brain Mapping 2026

Location: Bordeaux, France

Event dates: 14-18 June 2026



The Organization for Human Brain Mapping (OHBM) is an international scientific society dedicated to advancing our understanding of the human brain's anatomical and functional organization—particularly via neuroimaging methods—and promoting their medical and societal applications. Its flagship Annual Meeting brings together more than 2,500 researchers each year to share cutting-edge research, attend educational forums, and network across disciplines. The OHBM 2026 Annual Meeting will take place at the Palais 2 l'Atlantique in Bordeaux, France. For more information visit <https://humanbrainmapping.org/OHBM2026/>

### ENCODS 2026 Meeting

Location: Barcelona, Spain

Event dates: 4-5 July 2026



This year's theme, "Brain in Context," emphasises how genetic, environmental, and internal factors shape brain function and development, an understanding that is essential for accurately analyzing and interpreting neural mechanisms across multiple levels of neuroscience. The conference aims to bring together diverse perspectives, celebrate both differences and similarities in approaches, and foster discussions that advance the field. Building on this theme, ENCODS 2026 is designed to help early-career neuroscientists communicate their research effectively by offering workshops to build confidence, provide essential tools for modern research, and explore strategies to succeed in a career in academia or beyond. For more information visit the [ENCODS 2026 page](#).

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### FENS forum

**Location:** Barcelona, Spain

**Event dates:** 6–10 July 2026



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The Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS) and the Spanish Neuroscience Society are delighted to welcome you to the FENS Forum 2026. The FENS Forum is Europe's largest neuroscience congress, covering all areas of neuroscience from basic to translational research. It will feature an exciting programme of plenary and special lectures, scientific symposia, technical workshops, special interest events, career development and networking opportunities and so much more!

### World Spinal Column Society

**Location:** Homburg, Saarland, Germany

**Event dates:** 10-12 September 2026



The World Spine 11 is an international congress that brings together experts, innovators, and dedicated professionals from around the world to explore the evolving landscape of spine surgery. From minimally invasive techniques to complex spinal reconstructions, the program will reflect the full spectrum of modern spinal care uniting science, skill, and technology. The congress aims to create a dynamic forum for learning, collaboration, and advancement in spine surgery. Attendees can look forward to in-depth lectures, case-based discussions, and hands-on sessions featuring the latest surgical tools and approaches. For more information visit:

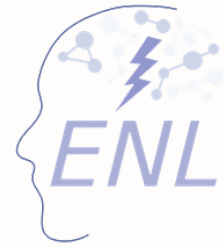
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### What Vagus Nerve Activity could tell us?

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Event date: 9 June 2026



This symposium is organized by the Epilepsy and Neuromodulation Laboratory (ENLab) in collaboration with the University Catholique de Louvain (UCLouvain) and Institute of Neuroscience (IoNS). Taking place in the Auditorium Maisin, this event will bring together researchers and clinicians for a day of engaging discussions at the forefront of neuroscience. The program features talks on the recording of sympathetic and vagal nerve activity, the kainic acid model, cardio-respiratory response, and emerging biomarkers for vagus nerve stimulation. Do not miss this chance to be part of a stimulating and interactive scientific gathering. More information can be found on this [poster](#).

## CALLS

### ZonMw – Open Competition

The ZonMw Open Competition round 2026 will open on February 17, 2026. The deadline for submitting a pre-proposal is Thursday 2 April 2026 at 14:00 CET. After this, a decision procedure will take place, after which applicants will be invited to develop their pre-proposal into a proposal. The deadline is Tuesday 15 September 2026 at 14:00 CET.

## WORKSHOPS

### TTN Workshop: Science communication and data presentation

**Location:** Maastricht, the Netherlands

**Event date:** 24 March 2026

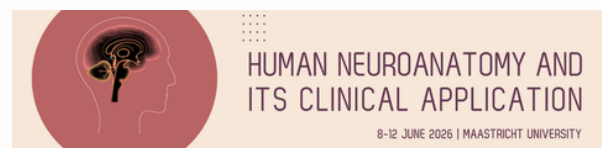


MHeNs organises the annual Topics in Translational Neuroscience (TTN) workshop, a one-day course especially for PhD candidates. This year's workshop is on "science communication and data presentation". This year, a variety of experts agreed to give presentations and workshops. Their expertise includes, for example, various programmes to present data or how to communicate science to lay audience. This led to an attractive programme. The day includes plenary sessions with broad introductions as well as two time slots with interactive parallel sessions. For more information visit: <https://www.aanmelder.nl/171587/home>

### EURON Human Neuroanatomy Course

**Location:** Maastricht University, the Netherlands

**Event dates:** 8-12 June 2026



The research institute Mental Health and Neuroscience and EURON offer a PhD course entitled: "Human neuroanatomy and its clinical application". The course is intended for PhD students in the field of neurosciences, neuropathology, psychology and psychiatry. The course will introduce the human neuroanatomy by lectures, seminars and dissection of a human brain under supervision. Imaging techniques like MRI and PET will be introduced including site visits to the state of the art facilities. The course yields 2 ECTS points. For more information visit <https://www.aanmelder.nl/hn2026/home>.



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