

REPORT

Stichting 39th ECNP Congress 2022-2025



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INTRODUCTION

The Foundation 39th ECNP Congress was established on 12 April 2022.

The objective of the Foundation is to obtain funds for the benefit of the ECNP Research and Scholarship Foundation (ECNP R&S), whose goal is to promote and maximise research in the field of neuropsychopharmacology. ECNP R&S is a Dutch public interest serving entity (ANBI).

The Foundation achieves its objective by organising the international congress named "39th ECNP Congress", which will be held on 10-13 October 2026 in Munich, Germany.

The Foundation does not aim to make a profit. A net operating surplus, if any at all, will be transferred to ECNP R&S. Any shortfall will be covered by ECNP R&S.

The members of the board do not receive remuneration for their role.

This report will give you an outline of the activities related to the organisation of the congress.

We hope you will enjoy reading this report and for any comments or questions please contact us at congress2026@ecnp.eu.

Alexander Schubert
Secretary, Foundation 39th ECNP Congress
June 2026

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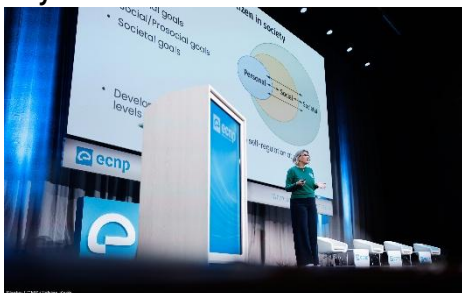
Thomas Wolfers, Germany

AIM AND CONGRESS ACTIVITIES

The aim of the ECNP Congress is to bring together people from disciplines across the spectrum of applied and translational neuroscience to network, exchange ideas and to advance the science of the brain, promote better treatment and enhance brain health.

To fulfil this aim, a variety special activities and sessions will be organised.

Keynote Lecture



80 minutes (including welcome speech and ECNP Award hand-overs); livestreamed; available for in-person and virtual participants. The ECNP President opens the meeting with a welcome, followed by the Keynote Lecture delivered by a distinguished, internationally recognised speaker. This lecture officially marks the start of the scientific programme, and all participants are warmly invited to attend.

Plenary Lectures

45 minutes; livestreamed; available for in-person and virtual participants. Plenary Lectures at the ECNP Congress are delivered by leading, internationally recognised scientists and form the central pillar of the scientific programme. Of the six lecture slots, two are dedicated to the [2026 ECNP Neuropsychopharmacology Award](#) recipient and the [Brain Prize](#) winner.

Symposia and other presentations

Symposia

80 minutes; livestreamed; available for in-person and virtual participants. In these traditional ECNP Symposia, four leading experts – guided by a symposium chair – provide an overview of the current state of the field and share their latest research insights. The sessions are designed from open submission, ensuring a broad and diverse range of perspectives. Each speaker is assigned 15 minutes to present, followed by questions and answers.

Breaking Hot Topic Symposium

80 minutes; livestreamed; available for in-person and virtual participants. The Breaking Hot Topic Symposium provides a platform for discussing the timeliest science during a short talk. Speakers were selected by the Scientific Programme Committee (SPC) from open submission.

New Findings in Applied Neuroscience

80 minutes; livestreamed; available for in-person and virtual participants. New Findings in Applied Neuroscience is a special symposium that gives six promising [Early Career Scientists](#) – selected from the best research presented at the ECNP Workshop on Applied Neuroscience – the opportunity to present their latest findings. Each lecture ends with a short questions and answers segment.



Novel Therapies Symposium

80 minutes; livestreamed; available for in-person and virtual participants. The Novel Therapies Symposium is a dedicated session focusing on clinical trials of new compounds, including proof-of-concept and post-marketing studies, using data from human trials – particularly phase II and III studies. The scope has been expanded to also include studies involving new medical devices, such as neurostimulation technologies. Speakers were selected by the Scientific Programme Committee (SPC) from open submission.

Career Development Sessions

45 minutes; available for in-person and virtual participants

The Career Development Sessions offer training led by experienced experts in the field. These intimate sessions cover a range of topics aimed at supporting your scientific career, such as writing research papers, enhancing presentation skills, launching a spin-off company, or exploring career opportunities in industry. Designed especially – though not exclusively – for Early Career Scientists, each session concludes with an interactive questions and answers segment.

Love Your Brain Sessions

30 minutes; only available for in-person and virtual participants

These sessions – each led by a single speaker – focus on the importance of prevention of brain disorders and promotion of mental health through a healthy and brain-friendly lifestyle. These sessions will explore neuroscience from a different perspective! The presentation of the speaker is followed by a short questions and answers segment.

Top Paper Sessions

30 minutes; only available for in-person and virtual participants

In the Top Paper Sessions, distinguished speakers present and discuss four papers published within the past year that they consider the most clinically relevant and cutting-edge in their field. These sessions offer an excellent opportunity to quickly catch up on the latest advances in clinical research.

Interactive sessions

Campfire Sessions



45 minutes; available for for in-person and virtual (audio only) participants

The Campfire Sessions allow maximum interaction between experts and participants on a specific topic. In these unique sessions, participants gather in a circle – as if around a campfire – without slides or screens. The expert, supported by a moderator, introduces the topic before opening the floor for an engaging, interactive conversation.

The campfire format provides a perfect opportunity to ask your burning questions directly to a leading expert. Limited to a maximum of 80-100 in-person participants, Campfire Sessions operate on a ‘first come, first served’

basis. One of the Campfire slots is reserved for the ALBA Network: the objective of this session is to raise awareness of gender and diversity issues in brain sciences and to disseminate positive practices countering discrimination.

Other campfires will be hosted by the [European Brain Council](#). Additional sessions will be dedicated to the [Neuroscience-based Nomenclature project](#) and to the [ECNP Rising Star Award winner\(s\)](#).

Educational Update Sessions

80 minutes; livestreamed; available for in-person and virtual participants

These interactive sessions are designed to provide an educational update with an emphasis on new information relevant for clinical practice. During their talks, the speakers engage the participants repeatedly by inviting them to take part in multiple interactive polls on the presented topics. One of the Educational Update Sessions is hosted by the [European Psychiatric Association \(EPA\)](#).

Poster Sessions



Poster and ePoster Sessions

Poster Sessions: available for in-person participants in the poster area. The abstracts accepted for in-person presentation will be presented by means of a paper poster, printed for free by ECNP.

ePoster Sessions: available for in-person and virtual participants.

All posters from accepted abstracts are also available via the Congress platform and the app as ePosters, starting from the first day of the Congress.

Focus Sessions

ECNP's Got Talent – a contest in storytelling

60 minutes; livestreamed; available for in-person and virtual participants

For this innovative format, ECNP challenges four Early Career Scientists to explain their research to a non-specialist audience. The contest is not only about what is presented, how the data is presented is equally important – 'storytelling' and 'engagement' are key concepts. The performances will be evaluated by a jury and the best one will receive an award.

ECNP Inspired - the stories behind the researcher and the research

45 minutes; livestreamed; available for in-person and virtual participants

'Inspiration' can be defined as an event that reveals a new truth to our mind, guiding us to new acts or a new perspective about our life and work. The ECNP Inspired Session gives the stage to speakers that will inspire you by giving a short talk on their experiences as researchers and clinicians.

EAN Mini-symposium

45 minutes; livestreamed; available for in-person and virtual participants

This short symposium brings together and highlights the strengths of both psychiatry and neurology, showcasing the valuable insights that emerge when the two disciplines intersect. Co-hosted by the [European Academy of Neurology](#), it offers participants a unique opportunity to engage with leading experts at the forefront of both fields.

Lived Experience Session

45 minutes; livestreamed; available for in-person and virtual participants

ECNP is committed to ensuring that advances in the understanding of the brain are translated into better treatments and enhanced public health. Hence, one of the goals of ECNP is to facilitate the dialogue between researchers, regulators, government bodies, and persons with lived experience. This session is designed to create space for sharing personal experiences, challenges, and priorities, and to engage in meaningful multi-stakeholder dialogue. Each year, the Congress hosts this session in partnership with lived experience organisations around a specific theme. This year's session is developed in collaboration with the Dutch ADHD association Impuls & Woortblind, ensuring that real-world expertise of people with ADHD are central to the discussion.

Regulatory Spotlight Session

45 minutes; livestreamed; available for in-person and virtual participants

This is a special regulatory dialogue session with the [European Medicines Agency \(EMA\)](#). Designed for open and active engagement amongst EMA stakeholders, the session is an excellent opportunity for scientific and regulatory exchange.

Industry Sessions

These industry sessions are organised with financial support from industry and are reviewed for balance and rigour by the [Scientific Programme Committee](#) (SPC).

Industry Satellite Symposia

80 minutes; livestreamed; available for in-person and virtual participants, if applicable

These industry sessions are scientifically oriented and have a well-balanced programme (e.g. not concentrating on one specific medication). The programmes are not organised in parallel with the official ECNP scientific programme.

Industry Mini Sessions

45 minutes; livestreamed; available for in-person and virtual participants, if applicable

These scientifically oriented mini sessions have a well-balanced programme and are not organised in parallel with the official ECNP scientific programme.

Industry Interactive Discussions

30 minutes; not-livestreamed; available for in-person participants only

These interactive sessions offer the opportunity to move from commercial oriented exposure to more focused, scientifically driven engagement with participants. This format allows for close interaction with participants on a specific topic. After a short introduction by the expert(s), the session focuses on interactive discussion with the audience. The programmes take place in parallel with the official ECNP scientific programme.

Industry Product Theatre

30 minutes; livestreamed; available for in-person and virtual participants, if applicable

These high-value sessions provide a podium for industry to present to participants on a broad range of issues, including new treatment approaches, medical devices, digital health apps, the uses of specific medications, clinical insights, innovative services and product demonstrations. The programmes take place in parallel with the official ECNP scientific programme.

Industry Case Study

30 minutes; not-livestreamed; available for in-person participants only

These interactive sessions provide participants with the opportunity to discuss the application of medicines, devices, and/or treatment strategies in real-world clinical settings. After a short introduction, the session focuses on interactive discussion and problem solving with the industry expert(s). The programmes take place in parallel with the official ECNP scientific programme.

Exhibition

An exhibition will be organised during the congress days.

TIMELINE

2023

Stichting Buro ECNP based in Utrecht, the Netherlands, is charged with the organisation of the congress.

Registration with the tax authorities in the Netherlands has been completed.

A bank account was opened in the name of the 39th ECNP Congress at the ABN AMRO bank. A deposit was transferred from ECNP R&S to the 39th ECNP Congress as income for the Foundation, while revenue from registration fees and industry support will not commence until January 2026.

The contract with the venue has been signed.

2024

The annual accounts of 2023 were prepared and finalised in May 2024.

The foundation requested the approval of the Dutch tax authorities to become a public interest serving Dutch entity (ANBI) and obtained this status.

In Autumn 2024 information became available on the congress website and a call for symposia went out.

A site visit was organised to start negotiations with the venue suppliers and other suppliers.

2025

The annual accounts of 2024 were prepared and finalised.

A second site visit was organised in May to further explore details and conduct negotiations with the venue and other suppliers.

Work on the budget of the 39th ECNP Congress has started, and the registration fees have been set.

The deadline for programme proposals was 4 March. In April the first meeting of the Scientific Programme Committee (SPC) was held to review the programme suggestions received and to prepare the first draft of the scientific programme.

In May, the second SPC meeting took place, followed by the third meeting in June, both held via Zoom. The scientific programme was subsequently finalised and reviewed by the members of the Executive Committee and the Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP). In November, invitations to speakers were sent out.

In autumn, the Industry Guidelines, including the request for support, were distributed, with a deadline of 20 January 2026 for applications for industry sessions and exhibition space.

In December, the chairs of the sessions were invited.

2026

The annual accounts of 2025 were prepared and finalised in May.

In January 2026, registration and abstract submission for poster presentations opened.

The team was divided for two site visits. In February, one team visited the congress venue to finalise the use of space and continue discussions with suppliers for catering, stand construction and AV/IT. A second team will visit the venue at the beginning of June to finalise details regarding signage, branding and catering.

The budget for the 39th ECNP Congress was finalised and signed in March.

In March, the programmes of the industry sessions were approved and allocated to time slots.

CME accreditation has been requested for the scientific programme.

Logistics will be arranged regarding catering, meeting space, AV, IT, the exhibition, signage and the overall venue set-up.

ECNP committee meetings will be scheduled and committee members invited.

Promotion for the congress will take place at related events, and each monthly ECNP e-news edition will include congress information. Special e-alerts will also be sent to the ECNP database.

In May, the submission of abstracts for poster presentations closed, and abstracts are now being reviewed by members of the Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) and the Abstract and Poster Committee (APC). Final decisions will be made by the field editor of *ENP* and the chair of the APC before 15 July 2026.

ECNP Excellence Awards will be granted to the best abstracts submitted by European early career scientists or by submitters from a CDE. During the congress, the 15 most outstanding posters will receive the ECNP Poster Award.

A final site visit will be planned for August or September.

The congress will take place on 10–13 October 2026 in Munich, Germany.

In November, the financial and registration administration, as well as procedures with suppliers, will be finalised.

2027

The annual accounts of 2026 will be prepared and finalised.

In 2027 finances will be settled and VAT issues finalised. The final account of 39th ECNP Congress should be finished in first quarter, and an audit report will be requested. Before 30 June, any net operation surplus is to be transferred to ECNP R&S.

It is foreseen that by the summer the closing balance can be presented, and the Foundation will be liquidated and deregistered at the chamber of commerce.

FINANCE

Board

The members of the board do not receive remuneration for their role.

Secretarial Assistance

The chair of the Scientific Programme Committee will receive € 6,000 for secretarial assistance.

Reimbursement small expenses

The other members of the Scientific Programme Committee are entitled to request the amount of € 1,000 for the duration of their term on the Scientific Programme Committee. This amount should cover their expenses for ground transportation, lunch, dinner, drinks, etc.

Strategy

The strategy for the coming years can be found in the ECNP R&S report which is also published on www.ecnp.eu.

ANNUAL ACCOUNT 39TH ECNP CONGRESS FOUNDATION 12 APRIL 2022-31 DECEMBER 2023, 2024 AND 2025

Stichting 39th ECNP Congress, Utrecht

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2024

(after appropriation of profit/losses)

	31-12-2024		31-12-2023	
	€	€	€	€
ASSETS				
CURRENT ASSETS				
Prepaid costs 39th ECNP Congress	49,136		37,774	
Accounts receivable	945		-	
Bank deposits	97,195		-	
		147,276		37,774
		<u>147,276</u>		<u>37,774</u>

	31-12-2024		31-12-2023	
	€	€	€	€
RESERVES, FUNDS AND LIABILITIES				
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Trade creditors	47,276		-	
Current liabilities	<u>100,000</u>		<u>37,774</u>	
		147,276		37,774

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ANNUAL ACCOUNT 2025

Balance sheet

After appropriation of the result.

Balance sheet assets

	31-12-2025	31-12-2024
Current assets		
Prepaid costs 39th ECNP Congress	69,885	49,136
Accounts receivable	33,066	945
Bank deposits	31,362	97,195
	134,312	147,276
Assets	134,312	147,276

Balance sheet equity and liabilities

	31-12-2025	31-12-2024
Current liabilities	134,312	147,276
Equity and liabilities	134,312	147,276



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