



ECNP Association

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# 1. About ECNP

ECNP Association is an independent European scientific association that exists to promote high-quality experimental and clinical research in applied and translational neuroscience with a view to stimulating the development of better treatments for those suffering from disorders of the brain. It is registered as a Vereniging in The Netherlands.

The mission of ECNP Association is to advance the science of the brain, promote better treatment and enhance brain health. It is non-profit-making.

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**Date of deed of incorporation:** 24-01-2024

**ANBI:** The application for ECNP Association to become a public-interest-serving entity (*algemeen nut beogende instelling* – ANBI) under Dutch tax law is under review.

## Objectives

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## Executive Committee

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### **Executive Director**

Alexander Schubert

The members of the Executive Committee receive no remuneration for their role. The President receives € 15,000 per annum, payable to his institution, for secretarial assistance. Each Officer receives € 4,000 per annum, payable to his or her institution, for secretarial assistance. And each member of the Executive Committee is entitled to € 1,500 per annum to cover associated meeting costs, including ground transportation, lunch, dinner, drinks, etc.

## 2. ECNP Association future activities

To execute its mission to support European applied and translational neuroscience, ECNP Association performs a number of activities annually, focusing especially on stimulating research, sponsoring education and raising awareness.

### Promoting and disseminating science

- ***European Neuropsychopharmacology***

ECNP publishes, in partnership with Elsevier B.V., the international peer-reviewed journal *European Neuropsychopharmacology*, featuring the latest in applied brain science across the spectrum of basic and clinical and research. The 2024 impact factor is 5.6.

- **ECNP Networks and Thematic Working Groups (TWGs)**

These virtual, multi-centre European research clusters provide a unique platform for the collection and aggregation of continent-wide clinical data, in order to foster research collaboration and ideas-sharing across the translational neurosciences.

The 24 Networks and Thematic Working Groups collectively comprise one of ECNP's most far-reaching initiatives, bringing together several hundred of Europe's leading researchers in applied and translational neuroscience, and providing the springboard for some of the region's largest and most important projects in brain research.

- **The International Society for CNS Clinical Trials and Methodology (ISCTM)**

ISCTM is an independent organisation devoted to advancing clinical research methods related to the development and use of central nervous system (CNS) therapeutics. Every two years the ECNP-ISCTM joint meeting brings together international stakeholders in academia, industry, government, and the regulatory and payer communities to address strategic clinical, regulatory, methodological and policy challenges in CNS clinical research.

- **ECNP Neuropsychopharmacology Award**

This award, conferred annually, recognises exceptional research achievements in applied and translational neuroscience, alternating between basic and clinical science. The award comes with a prize of € 10,000, contingent upon publication of a review paper in *European Neuropsychopharmacology*.

## Fostering talent

- **ECNP Rising Star Award**

The ECNP Rising Star Award honours early career researchers in applied and translational neuroscience who have the potential to advance the science of treatment and prevention of brain disorders. Conferred for the first time in 2020, in 2021 the number of awards was doubled. The award comes with an unrestricted prize of € 2,000 for each winner.

## Public outreach

- **European Affairs**

ECNP collaborates with a number of European societies to build European research and clinical capacity and advance the interests of the neuroscience research and best-practices treatment in Europe.

- Biomedical Alliance in Europe – member
- European Brain Council (EBC) – founding member
- European Federation of Psychiatric Trainees (EFPT) – supporter
- Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS) – founding member
- Expert Platform on Mental Health – Depression (EPD) – supporter
- Global Alliance of Mental Illness Advocacy Networks (GAMIAN-Europe) – member

### 3. Financial Overview

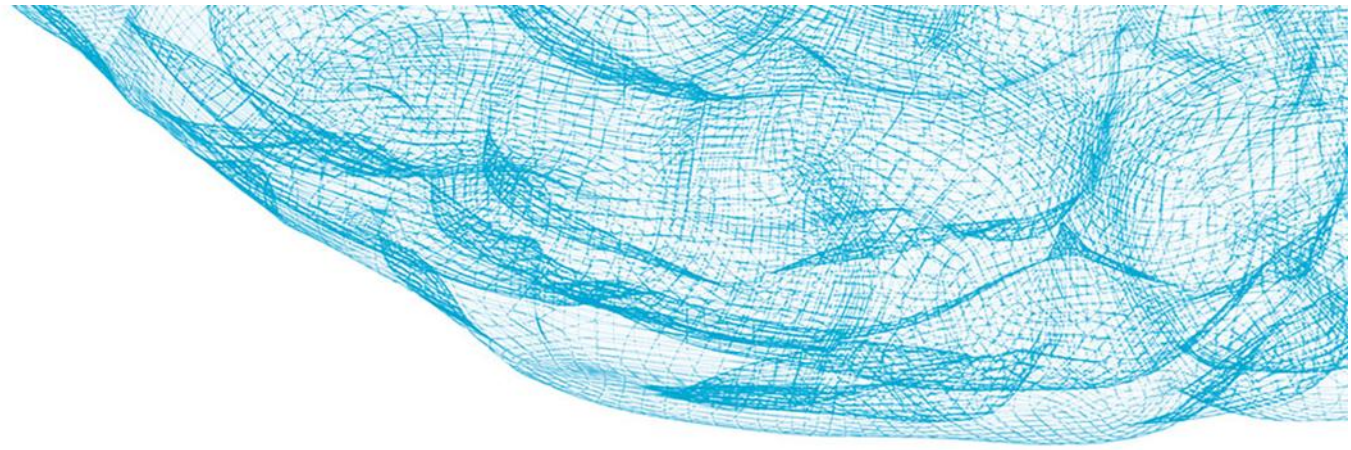
The date of deed of incorporation was 24 January 2024. The first financial report of 2024 will be published before June 2025.

### 4. Future Outlook

Technological advances, the climate emergency, and geopolitical instability have all combined to make the post-Covid world a very different place. As it has for organisations everywhere, the new reality has raised some fundamental questions about ECNP Association's future role and what adaptations will have to be made to maintain its relevance and ongoing viability. Formulating a response to these questions is the organisation's current strategic focus. Specific issues include:

- How the landscape of European brain science is changing and how ECNP Association's programmes and activities should adapt to accommodate these changes.
- How the organisation's activities can meet the scale of the need they are designed to serve and achieve an impact commensurate with the College's mission.
- Where the organisation should focus its (finite) energies and resources to make the most meaningful and lasting improvements to the field.
- How can the volunteer engagement on which the organisation depends be maintained.
- How the organisation can fulfil its social obligation to reduce its carbon footprint and contribute to environmental preservation.
- How the organisation's governance structures can be strengthened to manage the kind of changes likely to be necessary.

Plans are being developed to effect change and renewal in all of these areas and equip the organisation with the structures and systems necessary to meet the coming years of its existence.



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