Open call for a new ECNP Network focusing on "Digital Health"

The term digital health is rooted in eHealth, which is defined as "the use of information and communications technology in support of health and health-related fields" (1). Digital health is also an emerging topic in applied neuroscience for the optimizing of clinical research into the fundamental understanding of brain disorders.

In a world in which E-Health is becoming the rule rather than the exception, we must obtain the best results that digital approaches have to offer to the patients with brain disorders. However, there is a clear need to develop a vision and gather evidence-based information about the effectiveness of digital medicine and the ways by which such digital approaches can transform neuroscience.

Looking at other successful projects (2) and recognizing the key role of digital health in the present and future of applied neuroscience, the ECNP Networks Board therefore launches an open call for the creation of a new ECNP Network focused on "**Digital Health applied to the clinical research of brain disorders**". Focus of this Network should be the digital innovation in clinical trials and how digital health can support the diagnosis, management, and treatment of brain disorders.

Applicants are invited to submit a proposal to create the Network. The assessment of the application will follow a two-stages procedure:

- ✓ In **stage 1**, the initial proposals of the applicants (**max 1 page**) must provide an overview on how they envision the Network (describing main goal, aims and directions), with a clear documentation how the initiative is distinct from other existing European networks and which expertise and tools the applicants can provide to achieve the goals.
- ✓ The ECNP Networks Board will select the most promising application. Moreover, depending on the received applications and if deemed necessary, the Board might ask different applicants to collaborate to develop a joint proposal for stage 2.
- ✓ In **stage 2**, the selected team will be asked to consolidate their ideas in a final proposal for the ECNP Network. The proposal must address all the requirements listed in the guideline of ECNP Networks and in particular in the section "Application".

The proposal must be sent to the ECNP Office (ecnp-network@ecnp.eu) to the attention of the ECNP Networks Board.

Deadline to send your initial proposal is 1ˢᵗ February 2020.

The ECNP Networks Board is looking forward to receiving your applications!

FAQ: see here or send an email to ecnp-networks@ecnp.eu

References:

(1): WHO guideline - Recommendations on digital interventions for health system strengthening (link)

(2): Enabling efficient use of digital health technologies to support Parkinson's disease drug development through precompetitive collaboration (link)