



2008 Brain Awareness Week Belgian Report

Since 2005, the Belgian Brain Council (BBC) has included the “Brain Awareness Week” in its activity program.

In 2008, 13 events were organized by BBC organization and members. This places Belgium at the 7th position amongst the 19 European countries who participated (see table 1 and 2):

Table 1: Number of events registered within the **Brain Awareness Week International Calendar 10 - 16 March 2008**

Europe	249
North America	166
Asia	21
Australia	8
Africa	6
South America	1

Table 2: Number of events within the 19 participating European countries

1	Switzerland	61	12	Netherlands	12
2	France	30	13	Portugal	8
3	U.K.	27	14	Poland	3
4	Turkey	26	15	Serbia	3
5	Italy	21	16	Czeh	2
6	Germany	16	17	Hungary	2
7	Belgium	13	18	Austria	1
8	Ireland	12	19	Romania	1
9	Spain	11			

List of the BBC members who organized events (with location):

- Gianni Franco at Beauraing and Dinant
- Roland Pochet at Brussels
- Jean Schoenen at Liège
- Rufin Vogels at Leuven and Antwerpen

Details from each activity

- At Beauraing and Dinant (see Report by Gianni Franco)
- At Brussels one conference/forum on Alzheimer disease by Prof Jean-Pierre Brion (Université Libre de Bruxelles) was attended by a General Public (60 attendants), a drink was served after the questions. Another conference on drug addiction was made by Pr. Serge Schiffmann (Université Libre de Bruxelles). 250 students (15-17 years old) attended. Sandwich and soft drinks were offered after the conference.
- In Liège, there were 380 3rd and 4th year college students attending the afternoon (March 11) on the brain including a life dissection of a human brain. Four hundred lay people attended the "Café du Cerveau" in the evening of March 11th listening to short presentations on "brain and memory" and thereafter participating in small groups in round tables on 7 different topics going from neurotransmission to headache via dementia. The "open doors" day at the Neurobiology Center on March 14th am was attended by 100 people who were separated in small to attend 6 topical workshop. Photographs have been sent to EDAB.
- At Leuven/Heverlee
- At Antwerpen Schilde

Pictures of the different events

1. Bruxelles



Ecole européenne +Joanna Lopez +Serge Schiffmann



Ecole européenne (Joanna Guth)



Ecole européenne, les professeurs



L'orateur

2. Beauraing (cf Franco Gianni report)
3. Liège
4. Dinant ((cf Franco Gianni report)
5. Heverlee
6. Schilde

BBC allocated a budget to facilitate the events.