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## The Brain Prize – Call for Nominations 2015

Nominations are now being sought for the 2015 Brain Prize; the Brain prize has been established by a private Danish foundation, the Grete Lundbeck European Brain Research Foundation.

THE BRAIN PRIZE

The Prize recognises highly original and influential advances in research on the nervous system. If several researchers have contributed significantly to this achievement, more than one individual may receive the Prize. Nominees can be of any nationality but the research for which they are nominated must have been conducted in Europe or in collaboration with researchers in Europe. This Prize is intended to raise the visibility of European neuroscience and to be a stimulus to this important field of research. Nominations can be made by logging onto

<https://lundbeckfonden.clients.ubivox.com/relay/1655305/3094179/>.

## Schizophrenia - Report Highlights Need for Global Action

Whilst working on the Schizophrenia Policy Report, our former President, Sigrid Steffen, gave an interview to NAMI, the American Family Members Organisation, which was subsequently published in their 'Advocate' magazine. To view the NAMI website, log onto [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org).



## Driving Change Report

Driving Change is a report based on interviews with mental health Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) around the world written by the McPin Foundation in partnership with Mind. The focus was on mental health organisations that were user- or carer-led in countries across the globe working locally to raise awareness and improve services for people living with mental illness. Download the full report at <http://tinyurl.com/o64p93b>.



## Harnessing the power of the patient movement more effectively - study

This study is being conducted independently by PatientView and all respondents to any PatientView study get a final copy of the resulting report. This short study explores patient groups' opinions on the power of the patient movement in 2014. The survey was designed with the support of healthcare professionals. The survey is open to any health advocacy organisation worldwide; there are only 8 very simple questions and will probably take no more than 10-15 minutes of your time to complete. The survey is anonymous. Log onto <http://tinyurl.com/qbbkaem>.

## Happy Days project

The Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP) European project Happy Days is one which aims to create a useful Tool Kit on improving Students' Mental Health. The project team is led by County Meath Vocational Education Committee and consists of Beja's Polytechnic Institute of Portugal, 1st EPAL Neas Ionias Magnesia Ellas, Krakowskie Centrum Zarzadzania i Administracji Spolka of Poland, Timesnap Productions Limited of Ireland and Vytautas Magnus University of Lithuania. The Tool Kit is testing resources in all partner countries to assess the suitability and effectiveness that can be used by students as well as by all members of the school community. The Happy Days Project researches on conditions in the students' environment taking into account attitudes, views and statuses of students, teachers and parents affecting their mental health and peace, since Mental Health is vital not only in acquiring knowledge and skills but also in developing a healthy personality. For more details, log onto <http://happydaysschools.eu/>.



## EUFAMI Training Day and General Meeting 2014

EUFAMI is all set to welcome the delegates from its members associations who will be attending the EUFAMI Training Day and the annual General Meeting which will take place in Athens on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> June. The Training Day is being held in conjunction with two of our Greek member associations, KINAPSI and SOPSI Athens. The two days will provide an opportunity for delegates to renew old acquaintances and make new friends. It will also be an ideal opportunity for networking and exchanging of news and ideas.



## Prospect – EUFAMI's Training Programme

*Prospect, EUFAMI's Training Initiative, is currently being used by people in over 14 European countries. Prospect is a very unique peer to peer programme and was developed by EUFAMI members from many countries.*



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