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The Grete Lundbeck European Brain Research Foundation recently announced that the 2011 Brain Prize has been awarded to three Hungarian scientists, Péter Somogyi, Tamás Freund and György Buzsáki, 'for their wide-ranging, technically and conceptually brilliant research on the functional organization of neuronal circuits in the cerebral cortex, especially in the hippocampus, a region that is crucial for certain forms of memory'. The three scientists are all native Hungarians, who from their current locations in Europe and the USA share an interest in the way in which circuits of nerve cells process information in the brain. The Brain Prize is awarded to one or more scientists who have distinguished themselves by an outstanding contribution to European neuroscience.

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The 8th Francophone Days of Schizophrenia, organised by the French speaking family friendly network, recently took place from the 19th to the 26th March. This week has been co-ordinated by Dr. Hodé for the past 8 years. 2011 is the centennial year of the creation of the word schizophrenia. The week provided family-friendly leaders, in collaboration with associations of families, an opportunity to communicate in the press about schizophrenia, the situation of isolation experienced by families and also to let people know of the existence of the family-friendly programme. The associated website is <http://jfschizo.free.fr>

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Each story of a life, of illness and recovery, is unique. However, people who recover from severe mental illness have some elements in common which represent factors fostering their recovery process. To identify these factors is of extreme importance, so that, with the best professional help available, in the future as many individuals as possible can achieve their Recovery from severe mental illness. If you wish to tell your story and participate in a literary contest, log onto www.auto-aiuto.it for more information about the rules and how to participate. The deadline for entries is the 15th April 2011. The contest is being held in conjunction with the 2011 International Conference on Recovery from severe mental illness which takes place in Bolzano, Italy on the 5th and 6th May 2011.

EU Health Programme 2011 - Call for Proposals

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The European Commission has published the Work Plan for 2011 for the implementation of second programme of Community action in the field of health. The publication of the Work Plan is followed by the calls for proposals. The [Executive Agency for Health and Consumers \(EAHC\)](http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/how_does_it_work/call_for_proposals/index_en.htm) publishes calls for proposals for projects, operating grants, conferences and joint actions. The 2011 Work Plan gives more emphasis and resources to a focused cooperation with the Member States. The deadline for submission of proposals is 27th May 2011. More information at http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/how_does_it_work/call_for_proposals/index_en.htm

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In September 2010 the School of Psychology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece awarded Peter Lehmann, Founding member of the European Network of (ex-) Users and Survivors of Psychiatry (ENUSP), an honorary doctorate for his "exceptional scientific and humanitarian contributions in enforcing the rights of people with psychiatric experience". In his speech he called for a humanistic anti-psychiatry which takes a stand for a new, human psychiatry including "tolerance, respect and appreciation for diversity at all levels of life".

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Crossroads Care Gateshead in the UK has a young carer group known as the Expert Panel. They are a small group of mixed age, gender and caring backgrounds who take on projects aimed at raising awareness of young carer issues amongst the public and professionals. They are planning to hold a Young Carer Conference in June this year. The Panel would like to hear about other international projects who might like to take part in an exhibition that would display caring around the world (or at least somewhere other than the UK). Anyone interested can contact Ant Lea from Crossroads at antlea@gatesheadcrossroads.org.uk

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