

26.03.2018

Alexandre Quintanilha  
Presidente da Comissão Parlamentar de Educação e Ciência

INVITATION

Dear Prof. Quintanilha,

We are pleased to invite you to a meeting of the Academy of *National Brain Councils* (NBCs) and [TINA event](#) - *Training Initiatives for Neurology Advocates* for patient associations, events that are co-organized by the *European Brain Council* (EBC) and *European Federation of Neurological Associations* in the morning of 18<sup>th</sup> April. It will take place at the Champalimaud Foundation in Lisbon.

The event will bring together 60 representatives from over 20 countries. One of the meetings' goal is to explore interactions between national and European work in the field of health and research, in an effort to help participants to be more effective in their advocacy work. This will be done in particular on the example of the HTA process.

Given your involvement in the topic of health, both at the national and European level, we hoped that you could join us for the meeting and provide participants with perspective on your work, adding to it the context of HTA.

In case if you can accept this invitation, we would like to extend our invitation to the dinner that will take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> April in the city centre.

Attached to this message you will find the draft agenda with more details.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to accept the invitation.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Frederic Destrebecq  
Executive Director, EBC



António Freire  
President, Portuguese Brain Council



**Meeting of Academy of National Brain Councils  
and TINA event Training Initiatives for Neurology Advocates  
17th – 18th April 2018, Champalimaud Foundation, Avenida Brasília,  
Lisbon**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April-----

9.00                      Shuttles depart hotel

9.30                      EFNA/EBC Joint Session: The Future of Health Technology  
Assessment in Europe

Moderated by: **John Bowis, former MEP, former UK Health  
Minister and EBC Honorary Member**

Opening remarks: **Alexandre Quintanilha, President of the Portuguese  
Parliamentary Commission for Education and Science**

Value of Treatment for Brain Disorders

Question: How do we foster a new paradigm in value based, innovative  
patient centred healthcare?

**Patrice Boyer, Vice – President, EBC**

Followed by views from:

- The European Policy-Maker  
**Flora Giorgio, Head of Sector Health Technology Assessment, European  
Commission**
- The National Regulator  
**Maria do Céu Machado, President, INFARMED - National Authority of  
Medicines and Health Products**
- The Industry
- The Patient

11.10– 11.40              Coffee break

11.40 – 12.30              Discussion: Recommendations and Conclusions  
How do we ensure HTA reflects the real value of treatment  
for brain disorders?

12.30                      Tour of the Champalimaud Foundation, followed by lunch  
and departure