
BELGIAN SOCIETY FOR NEUROREHABILITATION (BSNR)

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

MISSION OF BSNR

The BSNR is a society promoting best clinical practice and research on neurorehabilitation of people with acquired neurological disorders.

In doing so, BSNR is promoting multidisciplinary, bridging research and practice, facilitating networking/exchange, stimulating young professionals and acting across language areas in Belgium.

BSNR BOARD COMPOSITION

The BSNR board composition has been changed and approved at the General Assembly on June 1st 2024.

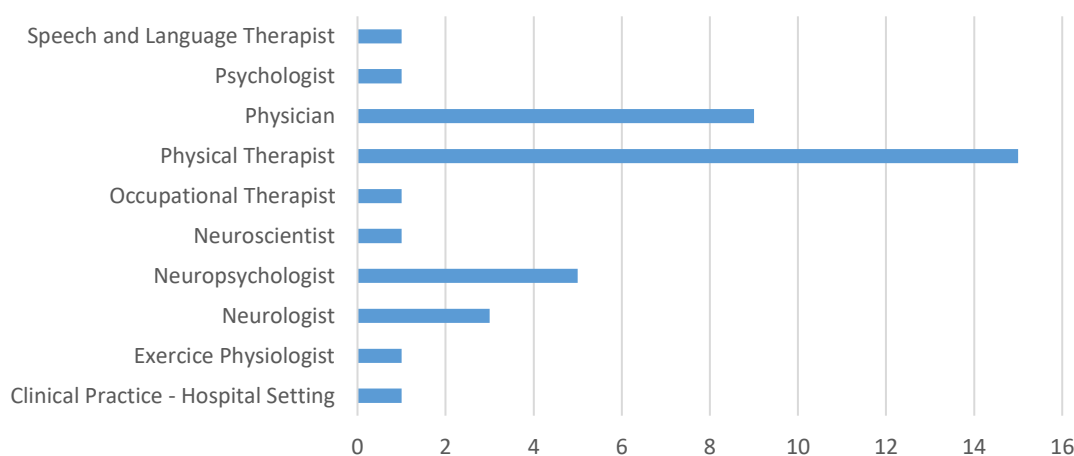
- President: Daphne Kos
- Vice President: Nicolas Lejeune
- Treasurer: Eva Swinnen
- Secretary: Clara Selves
- Webmaster: Stephen Bornheim
- Board members: Miet De Letter, Nathalie Vaes, Katie Bouche

The following board members left the BSNR board in 2024: Gaëtan Stoquart, Kristine Oostra, Yves Vandermeeren, Evert Thierry.

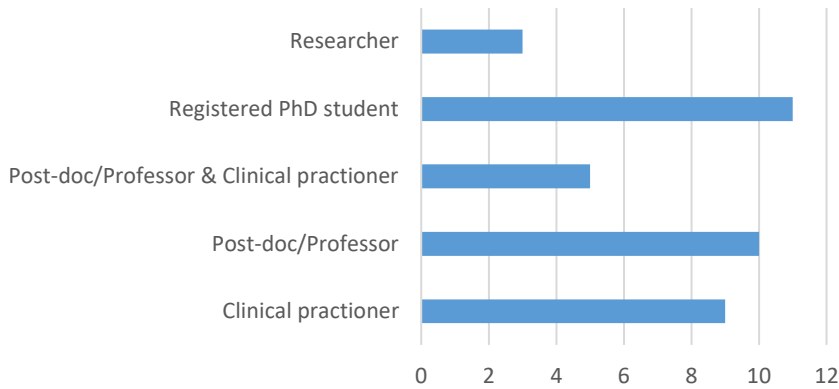
MEMBERSHIP

In 2024, BSNR has 38 individual members, with a diverse professional background and position (see below).

Professional Background of BSNR members 2024



Professional position of BSNR members 2024



STRATEGY 2023-2026

The BSNR board has met online three times in 2024.

The Vice President of BSNR attended the online meeting of the presidents of national societies in Central and Western Europe (09.04.2024), hosted by Thomas Platz.

The face-to-face BSNR board meeting to meet with the new board composition is scheduled in January 2025.

BSNR has continued working on the actions of the strategic plan 2023-2025:

- The webmaster has renewed the website keeps it updated (www.bsnr.org).
- A LinkedIn account has been created and actively used to communicate on events and information of BSNR or other relevant organisations.
- BSNR organized a face-to-face Symposium (see activities 2024) and collaborated in the preparation of NNR conference in 2025 (see planned activities in 2025)
- Autumn webinar has become a Winter webinar, planned in January 2025
- The framework for the newsletter has been created and will be operationalized in 2025
- Young researchers received a prize (see activities 2024)
- Relevant interdisciplinary educational programs are communicated through the website

Mission - Why?	Vision - How?	Strategy - What?	Actions 2023-2025
The BSNR is a society promoting best clinical practice and research on neurorehabilitation of people with acquired neurological disorders.	Promote multidisciplinary	Organize events (face-to-face and online)	Newsletter
	Bridge research and practice	Exchange research and clinical expertise	Connection with clinical centers
	Facilitate networking/exchange	Share research to be used in research and clinical practice	Prize for young researchers
	Stimulate young professionals	Prizes for young professionals	"Find a neurorehabilitation professional" on website
	Across language areas in Belgium		Stimulate membership
			New website and communication platform
			Organize face-to-face symposium 2024
			Organize NNR 2025
			Organize autumn webinar
			Guidelines/recommendations relevant for neurorehab
		Link with interdisciplinary education	

ACTIVITIES 2024

BSNR organized a face-to-face symposium on June 1st 2024, at UC Louvain Brussels.

Fifty three (53) participants registered: 21 PhD students, 15 postdoc/ZAP and 17 clinicians.

Theme of the symposium was “Neurorehabilitation Excellence: Calling in the Specialists” and 3 keynote presentations were scheduled. Besides, (young) researchers presented their research in oral presentations or posters.

The symposium was highly **appreciated**, with 82% of participants being satisfied or highly satisfied with the content of the programme. All respondents was (very) satisfied with the practical organization.

Awards:

Best oral presentation: Debeuf Ruben (VUB) “Electrotherapy in stroke rehabilitation can improve lower limb muscle characteristics: a systematic review and meta-analysis”.

Best poster presentation: Micca Letizia (KU Leuven) “The effects of post-learning sleep on motor memory consolidation in Parkinson’s disease”.

Every BSNR symposium, the Luc Van Calster Award is awarded to a person who takes initiative in driving collaboration between professionals and people in the field of Neurorehabilitation. The Luc Van Calster award recipient of 2024 is Prof. Dr. Evert Thiery.

ACCOUNT

The balance of the account on December 31st 2024 is €3018.79.

Expenses: € 3266.88

Income: € 3686.32

PLANNED ACTIVITIES IN 2025

- Webinar January 30th 2025 (www.bsnr.org/events)
- 5th International Congress on Neurorehabilitation and Neural Repair organized by the Dutch, Belgian and German Societies for Neurorehabilitation and the Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Neurology in the United Kingdom, 14 May - 16 May 2025, Maastricht (NL) (www.neurorehabrepair.eu/).