



# European Task Force on Brain and Neurodegenerative Lysosomal Storage Diseases

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Dear Friends,  
Hope this mail finds you well.

We are pleased to announce that we are currently organizing the next year 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Brains for Brain Workshop.

According to our traditional programme, we would like to organize it in Frankfurt, Germany, since this venue is really well connected with all the countries and facilitates the participations of people from different parts of the world.

**The meeting will therefore take place at the Hotel Holiday Inn, Frankfurt from March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 1st, 2017.**

This date has been chosen since we do not want to conflict with the Gordon Research conference on Lysosomal Diseases organized and chaired by Andrea Ballabio that will be held in March 5-10, 2017, at the Renaissance Tuscany Il Ciocco, Lucca (Barga), Italy, and with the kick-off meeting of the European Reference Networks (ERNs) held by the European Commission in Vilnius, Lithuania, in the same week.

As usual, the programme will contain scientific and a strategic sessions in which we will discuss:

1. Research achievements in the field of neurodegenerative diseases, in particular lysosomal storage disorders (LSDs) at clinical and basic science level and in the field of Blood Brain Barrier;
2. New recent advances on natural history and pathophysiology of LSDs;
3. Factors which control the entry into the brain of medicines and other therapeutic agents which may be helpful in treating central nervous system disease;
4. How B4B and the European Union might collaborate to stimulate interest on research in rare diseases, and specifically we will have a session regarding the vision, the mission and the goals of European Reference Network for hereditary metabolic diseases (MetabERN) which is lead by Maurizio and involves 69 EU nationally certified Healthcare Providers from 18 countries. And we think that B4B will surely play an important role also in this project.
5. The role of the industries in driving innovation for new therapeutic approaches for true unmet needs.

We are now drafting the programme and for this reason we are kindly asking you to send us proposal for talks and ideas for topics you would like to be discussed (with indications about favourite speakers) **not later than Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.**

We take the opportunity to also inform you that we have agreed with the Journal of Inherited Metabolic Disease to propose a selection of talks for publication in a special issue dedicated to the B4B Foundation.

Looking forward to hearing and seeing you soon  
Best wishes,

Maurizio and

David

