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FNR AWARD: MIND THE BRAIN



The LCSB communication and fundraising team won one of the 2020 FNR Awards for Outstanding Promotion of Science to the Public. This FNR Award is given each year to projects that use a special and effective way to raise public awareness about research in Luxembourg.

The extraordinary exhibition "Mind the Brain" was the cornerstone of LCSB's 10th anniversary celebration. For several weeks, ten giant brain sculptures drew the attention of passers-by in various public places in Luxembourg City. Each of the sculptures featured a design by a Luxembourgish artist and related to a specific area of research at the centre. Viewers were able to follow a web link to learn more about that scientific field – for example about epilepsy at the brain in dazzling orange by Eric Mangen which represents the excessive brain activity that occurs during an epileptic episode. The exhibition appealed to a broad public and showcased the LCSB's research and achievements of the last decade. After the exhibition, the sculptures were sold to the benefit of the artists and research at the LCSB, which allowed the funding of project on biomarkers in the early stages of Parkinson's disease.