



EPA ADDICTIVE BEHAVIOURS SECTION REPORT 2023

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LAST SECTION COMMITTEE ELECTIONS HELD:

Date: 06-09-2022

Venue: Online

ACTIVITIES OF THE SECTION IN 2023:

Meetings/events

ADHD and substance use disorders in adolescents and young adults: state of the art

Description:

Symposium at European Congress of Psychiatry 2023

Chair: Sandra Kooij (Netherlands) , Arnt Schellekens (Netherlands)

Addictive disorders often co-occur in patients with ADHD. A recent study showed that about half of young adults with ADHD reported life time substance use disorder. Previous studies have shown that nearly one fourth of patients with substance use disorders have ADHD. Co-occurrence of these disorders negatively impacts on the prognosis and complicates treatment of both conditions. This joint symposium of the sections neurodevelopmental disorders and addictive disorders of the European Psychiatric Association will focus on recent developments in this field, specifically dealing with adolescents and young adults. Two contributions will focus on potential mechanistic explanations for the frequently observed overlap between the two conditions. Toni Ramos-Quiroga (Spain) will focus on shared heritability between ADHD and substance use disorders. Arnt Schellekens (the Netherlands) will focus on altered reward processing in both conditions. Next, clinical implications will be discussed, with Cleo Crunelle (Belgium) covering recent consensus work on adolescents with ADHD and substance use disorders of the International Collaboration on ADHD and Substance Abuse (ICASA) group. And finally, Corne Coutzee (South Africa) will share findings on protective effects of stimulant treatment on the development of addictive disorders in young adults.



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Location: EPA Congress 2023 - Paris

Start date: 26/03/2023

End date: 26/03/2023

How to deal with co-mortality and suicide within substance use disorders

Description:

Chair: Geert Dom (Belgium)

Description: Mortality is very high in patients with substance use disorders. A broad variety of factors play a role. Among them the most important are accidents in the context of intoxications, (accidental) overdose deaths and suicide often related to additional psychiatric comorbidities, e.g. impulsivity. Also gender and the broader societal living conditions have their impact. Within the context of this workshop these different factors will be explored with respect to their causality mechanisms, impact on prevalence, recognition and possible therapeutic / preventive interventions. The latter going from broader public health approaches to attitudes and skills of individual care givers. 1. Laura Orsolini (Italy): Suicidality and self-injury behaviours due to the use of novel psychotropic substances (NPS) 2. Massimo Clerici (Italy); suicidal behaviour and substance use disorders with prison populations. 3. Tine Maes (Belgium): the impact of suicidal patients on inpatient nurses and caregivers: interventions, attitudes and skills. 4. Jorgen Bramnes (No); Gender differences in suicide and suicide attempts among patients in AUD treatment This workshop is a proposal from the Section on Addictive Behaviors EPA

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Gambling disorder and other behavioral addictions: recognition and treatment

Description:

Chair: Geert Dom (Belgium)

Speaker: Anneke Goudriaan (Netherlands)

Location: EPA Congress 2023 - Paris

Start date: 27/03/2023

End date: 27/03/2023



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Medical prospects of cannabis products, cannabinoids, in psychiatry and addiction medicine

Description:

Chair: Agata Szulc (Poland) , Andrea Fiorillo (Italy)

Speakers: Jorgen Bramness (Norway) and Albert Batalla (Netherlands)

Description: Cannabis products such as CBD, are increasingly investigated as potential therapeutics for different psychiatric and health conditions. In addition, from both the users and producers' side they are increasing pressures to use these compounds. In this core symposium, we start from the different cannabis compounds and their respective actions and provide results from studies on cannabinoids treatment in alcohol addiction, pain, and psychosis.

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End date: 27/03/2023

EPA-EUFAS Joint Symposium: Behavioral Addictions: closer to substance use disorders or to psychiatric disorders?

Description:

EPA-EUFAS Joint Symposium: Behavioral Addictions: closer to substance use disorders or to psychiatric disorders?

Chair: Jorgen Bramness (Norway) and Marcin Wojnar

Speakers: Anneke Goudriaan (Netherlands) and Anna Karlsson (Sweden)

Description: Behavioral Addictions, such as gambling disorder, video gaming disorder, or sexual addiction disorder, are classically considered within the scope of addictive disorders, which means that they resemble to substance use disorders. However, their clinical features may also look like typical psychiatric disorders, such as obsessional compulsive disorder, and their main therapeutic principles, such as cognitive & behavioral therapy, or some classes of psychotropic medications, are similar to those used in psychiatric disorders. In this joint EUFAS-EPA session, neuroscience specialists, epidemiologists, and clinicians, will address the fundamental and practical elements that may help to settle the nosological position of behavioral addictions between substance use disorders and psychiatric disorders.



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Partners:

EUFAS

Location: EPA Congress 2023 - Paris

Start date: 27/03/2023

End date: 27/03/2023

Meeting of the EPA Addiction Section members

Description:

Meeting of the EPA Addiction section members and discussion about next activities and projects.

Location: EPA Congress 2023 - Paris

Start date: 27/03/2023

End date: 27/03/2023

Addiction Section - Board meeting

Description:

Board meeting:

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- Annual Report
- Activities
- EPA meeting 2023: section meeting organisation
- Topics for proposals for the EPA section meeting 2024 during the section meeting in Paris:
- Agenda for the meeting section

Location: TEAMS

Start date: 31/01/2023

End date: 31/01/2023

Addiction Section - Board meeting

Description:

Addiction Section - Board meeting

Arnt Schellekens; Albert Batalla; Laura Orsolini; Sophia Achab; Francina Fonseca

Agenda:

- Pan-European Psychiatric training
- Book: synopsis of Psychiatry
- Syllabus and competencies in psychiatry
- Future webinars
- Contact with section members
- EPA Annual Report

Location: TEAMS

Start date: 11/10/2023

End date: 11/10/2023

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Agenda:

- Pan-European Psychiatric training
- Book: synopsis of Psychiatry
- Syllabus and competencies in psychiatry
- Future webinars
- Contact with section members
- EPA Annual Report due for January

Location: TEAMS

Start date: 30/11/2023

End date: 30/11/2023

ISAM annual congress 2023

Description:

ADDICTION AND WOMEN: IS THERE SCOPE TO EXAMINE IT WITH A FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE?

Chair and speaker- Dr. Sophia Achab, Switzerland, ["Behavioural addictions: does the gender matter?"]

Location: Marrakesh

Start date: 02/11/2023

End date: 02/11/2023

ISAM annual congress 2023

Description:

GAMING AND GAMBLING IN HIGH-RISK POPULATIONS

Speaker: Sophia Achab

Location: Marrakesh

Start date: 04/11/2023

End date: 04/11/2023



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Publications

Article: Sections in the spotlight

Journal:

EPA newsletter, issue24

Authors:

Sophia Achab

(Expected) Publication date: 01/01/2023

Acknowledged as official Section publication? Yes

Other Section activities

Description:

Sophia Achab, has been honored by "ISAM distinguished fellow" 2023 Award

Event Start date: 02/11/2023

Event End date: 02/11/2023

FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

FUNDING IN 2023

Income: none

Source(s) of funding: NA

Expenditure: NA

Balance: NA

EPA Treasurer audit: No

Confirmation that income / expenditure is via EPA: No