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LAST SECTION COMMITTEE ELECTIONS HELD:

Date: 12 May 2021

Venue: online

ACTIVITIES OF THE SECTION IN 2022:

Meetings/events

Schizophrenia Section business meeting

Description:

Agenda

Chairpersons: Prof. M. Nordentoft – Prof. A.Vita

01. Introduction and Welcome
02. Adoption of the agenda
03. Officers' Reports
04. Future activities planning
05. Proposals for section symposia, workshops, and courses for the next EPA Congress 2023
06. Other business

Location: Virtual meeting on Zoom platform

Start date: 06/07/2022

End date: 06/07/2022

Attendance: Present: Merete Nordentoft (Denmark); Antonio Vita (Italy); Gabriele Sachs (Austria), Silvana Galderisi (Italy); Armida Mucci (Italy), Istan Bitter (Hungary), Stefan Kaiser (Switzerland), Andreas Erfurth (Austria), Umberto Volpe (Italy)

Assessment and Treatment of Cognitive Impairment in Schizophrenia

Description:

Chairpersons: Antonia Vita, Silvana Galderisi, Speakers: Silvana Galderisi, Gabriele Sachs, Armida Mucci, Merete Nordentoft, Antonio Vita, Til Wykes. Organised by the EPA Section on Schizophrenia.

Cognitive dysfunctions represent a core feature of schizophrenia, are present at any stage of the disease and in subjects at high risk for psychosis (UHR), and have a significant impact on patient psychosocial functioning. Pharmacological treatment is modestly effective on cognitive dimension while there is considerable evidence of the efficacy of cognitive remediation interventions on cognition and functioning. The Workshop, proposed within the activities of the Section on Schizophrenia, has the aim of updating knowledge and discussing about the definition of cognitive impairment in schizophrenia, the impact of cognitive dysfunctions on the patients' real life functioning and quality of life, the available assessment instruments, the detection of impairment in early intervention settings, and the possible treatments, both pharmacological and non-pharmacological, with a special focus on cognitive remediation techniques. All these topics will be debated by the panel of experts involved in the preparation of the EPA guidance paper on the assessment and treatment of cognitive impairment in schizophrenia.

Location: Budapest & Online

Start date: 05/06/2022

End date: 05/06/2022

Early Intervention in Psychosis: Working as a Team and Involving Families

Description:

Chair: Merete Nordentoft: Organised by the EPA Section on Schizophrenia. The early phases of psychosis have been hypothesized to constitute a critical period, a window of opportunity. At the same time, the early phases of psychosis are associated with increased risk of unwanted outcome, such as suicidal behaviour and social isolation. This was the background for the emergence of early intervention services, and in Denmark, the OPUS trial was initiated as part of that process. Now there is convincing evidence for the effectiveness of early intervention services from trials all over the world- The different elements in early intervention services will be presented together with the principles for involving families. The psychoeducational multifamily treatment model will be presented. questions to the audience will be included in the presentations. there will be role play demonstrating the problem-solving method.

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Publications

European Psychiatric Association guidance on assessment of cognitive impairment in schizophrenia

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