



EUROPEAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION



## **EPA CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY SECTION REPORT 2021**

### **SECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Chairperson: Dr. Judit BALAZS

Co-chairperson: Prof. Dr. Romuald BRUNNER

Secretary: Dr. David H BEN-DOR

Councillor: Dr. Marc H.m. HERMANS

### **LAST SECTION COMMITTEE ELECTIONS HELD:**

Date: 15/03/2016

Venue: EPA Congress, Madrid



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### **ACTIVITIES OF THE SECTION IN 2021:**

#### **Meetings/events**

##### **2021 EPA**

##### **Description:**

Joint Symposium of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Section and the Neurodevelopmental Disorders across Lifespan Section of the EPA

Chairs: J. Antoni Ramos-Quiroga, Spain, Judit Balazs, Hungary Presentations:

LIVE - Symposium: Autism Spectrum Disorder: Challenges in the Assessment and Management Across the Lifespan

Date & Time: Sun, 11.04.2021, 15:30 - 17:00

- Introducing a new instrument: Diagnostic Autism Spectrum Interview (DASI) - Susan Young
- Challenges in the treatment of comorbid Autism Spectrum Disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: clinical case presentations – Judit Balazs
- Pharmacological treatment of adult Autism Spectrum Disorder – Josep Antoni Ramos-Quiroga
- Psychological management of adult Autism Spectrum Disorder – Kobus van Rensburg

**Location:** online

**Start date:** 10/04/2021

**End date:** 13/04/2021

**EPA Congress, 2021 - Joint Symposium of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Section and the**



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### Neurodevelopmental Disorders across Lifespan Section of the EPA

#### **Title: Autism Spectrum Disorder: Challenges in the Assessment and Management across the Lifespan**

**Description:** Title: Autism Spectrum Disorder: Challenges in the Assessment and Management across the Lifespan  
Chairs: Judit Balazs, Josep Antoni Ramos-Quiroga  
Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a neurodevelopmental disorder with a high prevalence, i.e. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 1 in every 54 (1.9%) 8-year-old children had been identified as having ASD in 2016. The symptoms of ASD – which are associated with significant impairment in family, social and/or educational, occupational, or other important areas of functioning - typically present in early childhood, and always persist into adulthood. Therefore proper assessment and comprehensive management of ASD is necessary across the lifespan. Moreover, individuals with ASD often present with comorbid disorders, i.e. altogether 70% people with ASD has at least one co-occurring psychiatric disorder. The most common comorbidities next to ASD are mood disorders, anxiety disorders and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. All these can often lead to challenges in the assessment and management of ASD. The lectures of the symposium aim to help clinicians' work in the field of ASD across the lifespan. The speakers are professionals from child to adult mental health services as well. The topics of the presentations include: 1) the introduction of a new semi-structured clinical interview designed to support healthcare practitioners in assessing ASD in children, young people and adults (Susan Young). 2) the demonstration of challenges in the treatment of patients with ASD and comorbid ADHD through clinical cases (Judit Balazs). 3) Pharmacological treatment of adult Autism Spectrum Disorder (Josep Antoni Ramos-Quiroga), 4) Psychological management of adult Autism Spectrum Disorder (Kobus van Rensburg).  
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**Partners:** Neurodevelopmental Disorders across Lifespan Section of the EPA

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### **FUTURE ACTIVITIES:**

#### **Meetings/events**

##### **EPA 2022**

#### **Description:**

We have accepted course entitled Autism Spectrum Disorder: Diagnosis and Psychiatric Comorbidities at the 30th European Congress of Psychiatry, 2022.



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Main organiser: Judit Balazs - co-organiser: Nora Kollarovics

**Location:** online

**Start date:** 04/06/2022

**End date:** 07/06/2022

### **FUNDING IN 2021**

Income: We didn't receive any funds

Source(s) of funding:

We didn't receive any funds

Expenditure: We didn't receive any funds

Balance: We didn't receive any funds

EPA Treasurer audit: No

Confirmation that income / expenditure is via EPA: No