



## **EPA EPIDEMIOLOGY AND SOCIAL PSYCHIATRY SECTION REPORT 2024**

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

Date: Sept, 12th, 2024  
Venue: Lausanne University, Switzerland

### **ACTIVITIES OF THE SECTION IN 2024:**

#### **Meetings/events**

##### **Section business meeting**

###### **Description:**

Martin Preisig attended an online meeting with Katharine Keyes, the president of the Epidemiology section of the WPA, to coordinate the congresses to be organized in 2026. The president of each section will be invited to the business meetings of the other section at their respective conferences.

**Location:** Webex  
**Start date:** 12/11/2024  
**End date:** 12/11/2024

##### **Section business meeting**

###### **Description:**

Section committee business meeting to discuss next congress in 2026

**Location:** Webex  
**Start date:** 02/12/2024  
**End date:** 02/12/2024



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### **Section business meeting**

#### **Description:**

Section committee business meeting to discuss the next congress in 2026

**Location:** Webex

**Start date:** 16/12/2024

**End date:** 16/12/2024

### **EPA section coordination meeting**

#### **Description:**

M. Preisig, A. Mykleton and M-P. Strippoli attended the EPA section Coordination meeting in Budapest.

**Location:** Budapest

**Start date:** 09/04/2024

**End date:** 09/04/2024

### **21st EPA section congress in Lausanne**

#### **Description:**

We had a very successful section symposium meeting, the 21st Congress of the EPA Section of Epidemiology and Social Psychiatry, held at the Lausanne University in Dorigny on Sept 11-14th 2024. The host of this congress was Martin Preisig and the head of the local organizing committee was Marie-Pierre Strippoli. There were 328 registered participants, of which 49% were from early career researchers. A total of 26 symposia were accepted and 204 individual abstracts were accepted (125 as oral presentations and 79 as poster presentations). We had 7 invited plenary lectures, of which one was presented by A. Mykleton on the topic "Is Under- or Over-Diagnosis of ADHD the Problem? Settling the ADHD Controversy with Causal Modelling and Population Registry Data" and one by the distinguished Professor Kathleen Merikangas from the National Institute of Mental Health, USA, entitled "Shifting the Landscape of Psychiatric Epidemiology in the Next Generation". The program was a great success in terms of the scientific quality of submissions and presentations. There were also two successful social



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events, one as a wine-tasting event in the Lavaux area on the shores of Lake Geneva, and a congress dinner organized at the Olympic museum in Lausanne.

**Location:** Lausanne

**Start date:** 11/09/2024

**End date:** 14/09/2024

### **EPA business meeting**

#### **Description:**

Preparations for the next congress in 2026 are ongoing.

**Location:** Webex

**Start date:** 07/11/2024

**End date:** 07/11/2024

### **EPA congress in Budapest**

#### **Description:**

The EPA section held a symposium at the EPA congress in Budapest: "Controversial treatment issues in psychiatric epidemiology". Relying on healthcare use data in 45- to 85-year-old participants with major depressive disorder in the CoLaus/PsyCoLaus study, the presentation of M. Preisig showed important age specific differences according to use of service by psychiatrists or psychologists and use of psychotropic medication. A. Mykletun's presentation focused on causal modelling of effects of ADHD diagnosis and medication on long-term life trajectories in children and adolescents. Alua Yeskendir focused on how well-equipped psychiatrists are to treat and care for refugees and asylum seekers in Europe. Using data of the prospective population-based CoLaus/PsyCoLaus study, M.P. Strippoli presented data on the effects of antidepressants on obesity markers during a 5.5-year follow-up with adjustment for the effect of depressive episodes.

**Location:** Budapest

**Start date:** 06/04/2024

**End date:** 09/04/2024



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### **Elections**

#### **Description:**

A section committee business meeting, with elections, took place in Lausanne on 12th September 2024.

Marie-Pierre Strippoli stepped down as Secretary and we elected a new section Secretary, Caroline Vandeleur, who will be in function until September 2026. Martin Preisig and Arnstein Mykleton will continue their work as Chair and Co-Chair of the section until September 2026. James Kirkbride will continue to serve the section as a Councillor and Emma Soneson stepped down.

Giovanni de Girolamo received the mandate to organise the next congress in 2026 in Brescia (Italy). The section will create specific ECR events for the start of the next congress in 2026.

**Location:** Lausanne

**Start date:** 12/09/2024

**End date:** 12/09/2024

### **FUTURE ACTIVITIES:**

#### **Meetings/events**

##### **EPA Congress in Madrid 2025**

#### **Description:**

The EPA section will take part in the 33rd EPA Congress, Madrid, Spain, April 5-8, 2025.

The section symposium "Access to treatment and psychosocial outcome in young people with mental disorders" has been accepted. Including speakers from 3 countries, this symposium will provide information on cutting-edge epidemiological methods and results of relevant studies in young people. Dr. Robert Stewart will focus on the pertinence of the use of digital health records, which have recently become available. The use of these large data resources provides results similar to those of traditional community studies, thereby offering unprecedented opportunities for understanding course and outcome in mental health. Dr. Jennifer Dykxhoorn will present data from such primary care electronic health records in England, which support the increasing incidence of common mental disorders in young adults with demographic differences for anxiety and depression as well as growing treatment gaps. Relying on data from a nation-wide Norwegian registry, Dr. Arnstein Mikletun will show that children and adolescents referred to mental health services receive very different treatment according to controversies as to the application of diagnostic thresholds of ADHD. This results in large prognostic variance. Dr.



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Martin Preisig will present data from a cohort of offspring of treated parents with bipolar and major depressive disorders in Switzerland. This prospective study revealed that the commonly reported lower psychosocial functioning in these offspring is mainly mediated by the frequent emergence of early mood psychopathology in these offspring.

Furthermore, C. Vandeleur will present an e-poster on data from a high-risk study in Lausanne on the topic of "Childhood psychopathology dimensions as predictors of mood disorders among offspring at high risk of mood and substance use disorders".

M. Preisig, A. Mykleton and C. Vandeleur will attend the EPA section coordination meeting in Madrid.

**Location:** Madrid

**Start date:** 05/04/2025

**End date:** 08/04/2025

### **FUNDING IN 2024**

Income: The section has no income

Source(s) of funding:

The section has no funding or plans for funding

Expenditure: No expenditure

Balance: No balance

EPA Treasurer audit: No

Confirmation that income / expenditure is via EPA: No