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LAST SECTION COMMITTEE ELECTIONS HELD:

Date: 6 April 2025
Venue: EPA Congress, Madrid, Spain

ACTIVITIES OF THE SECTION IN 2025:

Meetings/events

Ghent Group Annual Meeting

Description:

12h00-12h45 Lunch
12h40 -14h00 Welcome, Sabine Roza, Louise Smalenburg
& Plenary Session 1
14h00-17h30 Visit International Criminal Court and the
International Tribunals
18h00- 19h00 Plenary Session 2/Breakout Session 1 19h30
Diner in hotel Carlton Beach

9h00 Walk to the prison of Scheveningen
(Pompstationsweg 32, 2597 JW The Hague)
9h30-10h00 Check in & coffee
10h00-11h00 Plenary Session 3: (Psychiatric) care in ICC detention
units, Joop Oosterlaken,
(Liaison Officer International Tribunals)
11h00-11h30 Coffee & towards guided tour
11h30-12h30 Guided tour PPC & JCvSZ
12h30-13h15 Lunch in the prison of Scheveningen
13h15-14h00 Plenary Session 4: The aging prison population:
facilities and psychiatric needs for the elderly,
Luc Janssens (chief medical officer Judicial
Center for Somatic Care)
14h00-16h00 Surprise activity
16h30-18h00 Breakout Session II
19h00 Dinner, Scheveningen

9h00-10h30 Reports of the group work



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10h30-10h45 Coffee break 10h45-
12h00 Discussion

Location: The Hague, Netherlands
Start date: 18/09/2025
End date: 20/09/2025
Attendance: About 30

EPA Forensic Psychiatry Section Meeting

Description:

Forensic psychiatry section meeting

Location: Madrid, Spain
Start date: 08/04/2025
End date: 08/04/2025

Ghent Group Summer seminar on forensic psychiatry and psychology in Europe - Annual summer seminar

Description:

(Seminar on Forensic Psychiatry in Europe for consultants and experienced trainees)

The Ghent Group Summer Seminar has been founded in 2010. Its aim is to improve internationally coordinated training of experienced trainees and consultants in forensic psychiatry in Europe. A main focus of it was ab initio to bring together colleagues from forensic psychiatry from across Europe to work together on a specific topic for one week in a nice and beneficial environment. It is intended that thereby interpersonal bonds are created while immersing in a specific topic and understanding the differences between the national forensic psychiatric as well as the judicial systems with regard to the specific topic of the seminar. It is intended to not only theoretically think about treatment related and political issues regarding the respective topic but to get in-depth scientific input through talks by experts, apply previous and freshly acquired knowledge in small workgroups as well as role-play, and discuss nationally specific as well as international implications with experienced colleagues.

Location: Seeon Monastery, Bavaria, Germany
Start date: 04/08/2025
End date: 08/08/2025



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EPA course: Risk assessment and risk management of violent patients in general psychiatry

Description:

Organised by the EPA Section on Forensic Psychiatry. The course will provide the knowledge and research results about the risk of psychiatric patients of becoming violent and of becoming offenders with violent crimes. It will focus on the indicators of risk for violence and delinquency but also on the indicators of immediate threat and imminent aggression on wards and in outpatient settings. It will teach on how to develop a structure in the assessment and to come to a professional judgment on the severity and on the imminence of risk. It will also teach on risk formulation and risk communication among staff and outside of the clinicians' surroundings (relatives, police, courts, caretakers). It will address risk management, when to intervene and how, the methods of prevention and the long term guidance of risky patients.

Location: Madrid, Spain

Start date: 05/04/2025

End date: 05/04/2025

Understanding the Impact of Adversity: Resilience and Wellbeing in Various Populations Description:

08:00 - 08:10

Open-label study: Exploring Culturally Adapted Psychosocial Programs for Haredi (Jewish Ultra-Orthodox) Parents of Children Exhibiting ADHD Symptoms ([View Abstract](#))

Speaker: Yuval Bloch (Israel)

08:10 - 08:20

PUBLIC ATTITUDES TOWARDS MENTAL HEALTH STIGMA IN MOLDOVA: A COMPARATIVE STUDY ([View Abstract](#))

Speaker: Jana Chihai (Moldova, Republic of)

08:20 - 08:30

Suicide-related features in migrant people with a recent suicide attempt: Results from the SURVIVE Study ([View Abstract](#))

Speaker: Alejandro De La Torre-Luque (Spain)

08:30 - 08:40

The Role of Resilience on Correctional Worker Wellbeing: A Systematic Review ([View Abstract](#))

Speaker: Sarah Lalji-Mawji (Canada)



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08:40 - 08:50

The European Violence in Psychiatry Research Group (EViPRG): what does it offer for a European psychiatrist? (View Abstract)

Speaker: Tella Lantta (Finland)

08:50 - 09:00

From pre-existing vulnerabilities to daily stressors, what is the impact of climate change on mental health and gender inequity in Asia region? (View Abstract)

Speaker: Elisabetta Dozio (France)

09:00 - 09:10

Mental Health, Loneliness and Urbanicity – A Cross-Sectional Network Analysis in a Nationally Representative Sample (View Abstract)

Speaker: Dominika Ochnik (Poland)

09:10 - 09:20

Moderating effects of the effectiveness of psychological interventions for suicide behavior and non-suicidal self-harm prevention in prison settings: a systematic review and meta-analysis. (View Abstract)

Speaker: Anna Pedrola-Pons (Spain)

Location: Madrid, Spain

Start date: 06/04/2025

End date: 06/04/2025

Between ethnopsychiatry, criminology and narrative medicine: a complex clinical case

Description:

A complex clinical case will be presented: an adult psychiatric patient who has been a minor unaccompanied foreigner, who has a complex and difficult traumatic history. Enrolled as a "child soldier" (6-12 years), after being kidnapped from his village during the civil war, the use of weapons and drugs began. Not being accepted in his village anymore, because being accused of cruelty, a migratory path begins. He comes to Italy in 2006. The patient has an initial diagnosis of PTSD, subsequently revised and reformulated as NAS Psychosis and Mental Disorder related to the use of cannabinoids. In 2008 he arrives in Milan and lives on the street followed by a voluntary association, after a hospitalization in february 2009 - for recurrent nightmares and flashbacks of the violence inflicted and suffered during the civil war in Sierra Leone, as well as for abuse of substances taken for self-medication. Then he is in charge by the Service of Ethnopsychiatry (CPS) since 4/3/2009. Since then he has undertaken a slow and constant path of treatment and social integration, which will develop gradually and positively. In June 2018 the patient is received in a psychiatric rehabilitation facility. The case will describe Mosè Barrabba's care and judicial path. The method of description of the case will be narrative and will



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enhance the patient's experiences and stories. It will be highlighted how cultural and ethnic aspects influence and shape the self-description of his symptoms and the crimes committed.

Partners:

This session is jointly organised by the Sections on Forensic Psychiatry & Cultural Psychiatry.

Location: Madrid, Spain

Start date: 07/04/2025

End date: 07/04/2025

Domestic violence committed by a patient with psychotic vulnerability: Diagnostic and ethical dilemmas

Description:

In this case-based workshop we will present a case of severe domestic violence committed by a patient with a vulnerability for psychosis.

Diagnostic pitfalls and arguments for inaccountability will be considered. Discrepancies between the structured risk assessment and the clinical risk assessment will be highlighted. Finally the optimal forensic psychiatric service will be discussed with attention for legal and ethical issues.

Four presenters from four different European countries will comment on this case, more specifically Portugal, Belgium, Serbia and Ireland.

This workshop is a collaboration between the EPA sections of psychopathology and forensic psychiatry. The perspectives of the four papers will be diagnostics, risk assessment and risk management and medicolegal issues.

Partners:

This session is jointly organised by the Sections on Forensic Psychiatry & Psychopathology

Location: Madrid, Spain

Start date: 07/04/2025

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FUTURE ACTIVITIES:



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