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LAST SECTION COMMITTEE ELECTIONS HELD:

Date: July 2025
Venue: Virtual

ACTIVITIES OF THE SECTION IN 2025:

Meetings/events

Section of Old Age Psychiatry - Business Meeting

Description:

During the SOAP Business Meeting, the following Agenda was adopted:

1. Attendance and apologies
2. Discussion of 2024/2025 activities



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3. Proposals for activities in 2025/2026
4. Board elections 2025 (virtual), candidates
5. Update on the European Board Exam
6. Task forces
7. Cooperation with European Association of Geriatric Psychiatry.
8. Any other business

A key focus in 2025 was the consolidation and restructuring of internal Section activities. SOAP held almost 8 regular monthly video conferences, either via Zoom or Teams, ensuring continuity of exchange and active participation throughout the year.

A new meeting structure was established, consisting of: Monthly video meetings of the SOAP Board, which were directly followed by Regular assembly meetings open to all SOAP members, aimed at improving transparency, participation, and strategic alignment within the Section.

Partners:

SOAP continued discussions with external partner organisations, with a particular focus on exploratory collaboration talks with the European Association of Geriatric Psychiatry (EAGP). These discussions aimed at identifying opportunities for closer scientific cooperation, joint educational initiatives, and coordinated activities in the field of old age psychiatry.

Location: Madrid, Palacio Municipal de Congresos, 2025 EPA Congress

Start date: 06/04/2025

End date: 06/04/2025

Attendance: section members

Other Section activities

Description:

In 2025, the Section of Old Age Psychiatry (SOAP) of the European Psychiatric Association remained actively engaged in scientific, organisational, and strategic activities, contributing to EPA's mission to promote high-quality psychiatric care, education, and collaboration across Europe, with our specific focus on mental health in later life.

In 2025, the Section warmly acknowledged a significant distinction awarded to one of its Board members: Cecile Hanon was knighted to the French Légion d'Honneur in recognition of her outstanding professional and scientific contributions. The Section congratulates her on this prestigious honour.

Event Start date: 01/01/2025



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Event End date: 31/12/2025

Description:

Future activities

SOAP will have a Business Meeting during the EPA Congress in Prague, and will go on with monthly online meetings as described above.

Looking ahead, SOAP is planning a conference in Munich in autumn 2026, with a thematic focus on dementia, particularly on training in dementia diagnosis and treatment. This initiative aims to strengthen education, clinical competence, and interdisciplinary exchange in old age psychiatry and to further enhance the visibility of the Section within the EPA framework.

Event Start date: 01/09/2025

Event End date: 31/12/2026

FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

FUNDING IN 2025

Income: None

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None

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