

EPA FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY SECTION REPORT 2022

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LAST SECTION COMMITTEE ELECTIONS HELD:

Date: September 2020
Venue: Online

ACTIVITIES OF THE SECTION IN 2022:

Meetings/events

EPA conference June 2022

Description:

EPA course 06: Risk assessment and risk management of violent patients in general psychiatry Director: K. Goethals (Belgium) and Co-director: K. Schiltz (Germany)

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: Budapest

Start date: 04/06/2022

End date: 04/06/2022

Attendance: 25

Symposium 31: forensic aspects in old age psychiatry

Description:

Organised by the EPA Sections of Forensic Psychiatry and Old Age Psychiatry. Old age forensic psychiatry encompasses a broad variety of issues. Psychiatrists may be asked to assess elderly individuals' competency or capacity for decision making or activities that may pose a risk to themselves or others, such as living independently. Aging persons can also become involved in the criminal justice systems, more commonly as victims but also as offenders. In this symposium, two papers will be presented from the victim's perspective (sexual abuse and violence, and homicide-suicide). Next, two papers will be presented from the offender's perspective (problematic behaviours, such as disinhibition, agitation and aggression, and criminal behaviour, and prison psychiatry for aged offenders).

Location: Budapest

Start date: 04/06/2022

End date: 04/06/2022

Attendance: 30

Adult patients with ADHD at the interface of general and forensic psychiatry

Description:

Organised by the EPA Sections on Forensic Psychiatry and Neurodevelopmental Disorders Across the Lifespan (NDAL). Hyperactivity and impulsivity are among the most important personality or individual difference factors that predict later offending. Hyperactivity tends to persist into adolescence, but may continue into adult life. It is associated with restlessness, impulsivity and a short attention span. Individuals with ADHD may also have poor ability to defer gratification and a short future time perspective. In this symposium, knowledge and experience from different European countries will be presented from a variety of perspectives, such as ADHD and intimate partner violence, and ADHD and treatment implementation in prisoners and other forensic psychiatric settings.

Location: Budapest

Start date: 04/06/2022

End date: 04/06/2022

Forensic psychiatry section meeting

Description:

Annual meeting of paid members of the section. Agenda to be announced.

Location: Budapest

Start date: 07/06/2022

End date: 07/06/2022

Attendance: 20

Controversial issues, potential risks and solutions in telepsychiatry

Description:

Organised by the EPA Section on TeleMental Health. Telepsychiatry, an aspect of digital psychiatry, is rapidly being adopted throughout the world as a solution for disparities in access to mental health care. Its spread has been significantly accelerated a consequence of measures taken to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Whilst the evidence supports the use of telepsychiatry in clinical practice, clinicians have often started from a base with little or no specific training. The skills required for effective telepsychiatric care are distinct from our practices in the traditional clinic, face-to-face; adaptation of our usual practices are required to achieve optimal outcomes. The current situation may pose new risks, and there are controversies. The workshop aims to provide the audience with up-to-date techniques and information on the more important issues in telepsychiatric care, delivered by European experts in managing psychosis, suicide risk, substance misuse, transition psychiatry, care of the elderly, and forensic issues.

Location: Budapest

Start date: 07/06/2022

End date: 07/06/2022

Attendance: 50

Summer seminar on forensic psychiatry and psychology in Europe

Description:

Annual summer seminar, theme this year: Death in forensic psychiatry

Location: Irsee, Germany

Start date: 01/08/2022

End date: 05/08/2022

Attendance: 25

Ghent group meeting

Description:

See website: www.ghentgroup.eu

Location: Irsee, Germany

Start date: 22/09/2022

End date: 24/09/2022

Attendance: 30

FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

Meetings/events

Summer seminar on forensic psychiatry and psychology in Europe - Annual summer seminar, theme this year: Neurodiversity in forensic psychiatry

Description:

The seminar should be a module which adds on existing training programmes in forensic psychiatry in different European countries and is hoped to be an incentive to countries where specialized training is not yet established. It is not a training programme to form "European Forensic Psychiatrists", but it should provide knowledge and skills for advanced trainees and gives them the chance to discuss their problems with renowned European specialists.

The purpose of the seminar is to make young European forensic psychiatrists aware of common aspects and differences in forensic psychiatry in the various countries and to learn from each other and from renowned trainers how to improve own skills and at the same time advance the services of forensic psychiatry in their own environment.

Participants are following the pathway of offenders through the system of different European countries and thus learn about the principles that govern the methods and the practice of their work and especially the treatment of mentally ill offenders at the interface of law and psychiatry in different parts of Europe.

Location: Seon Monastery, Bavaria, Germany

Start date: 31/07/2023

End date: 04/08/2023

Ghent group meeting 2023

Description:

www.ghentgroup.eu

Location: Zagreb, Croatia

Start date: 14/09/2023

End date: 16/09/2023

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