CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

23rd European Congress of Psychiatry
March 28-31, 2015 - Vienna, Austria

The 23rd European Congress of Psychiatry (EPA 2015) will facilitate learning, discussion, and exchange among psychiatrists in Europe and around the globe. Guided by the motto “Excellence in Psychiatry across Europe: Practice, Education, Research,” EPA 2015 aims to showcase the top research and developments in European psychiatry, while providing many opportunities for networking. Join us in Vienna on 28-31 March 2015.
http://www.epa-congress.org/

10-13 June, 2015 - Vilnius, Lithuania
European Society’s for Traumatic Stress Studies (ESTSS)
“Trauma in Changing Societies: Social Contexts and Clinical Practice”

ESTSS conference organizers invite participants of the Conference to discuss the social context of trauma, including acknowledgement of trauma, social support, and linking traumatic stress field among different professionals and educating society about trauma and recovery. The Conference will also focus on clinical practice. Although we know about remarkable resilience of majority of survivors, the burden of PTSD in Europe and around the globe is growing. With natural disasters, military conflicts, interpersonal violence, accidents and other traumatic events happening around the world there is a huge responsibility for professionals to provide the best care for trauma survivors suffering from stress-related disorders. You can find more information about the conference here: http://estss2015.eu/

DBT Clinical Strategies & Pitfalls: 24 & 25 June 2015
DBT Clinical Sessions Analysed: 26 June 2015
Worldwide DBT Workshop - Paris, France

Byron Clinic is pleased to announce that Dr Marsha Linehan will be presenting 2 workshops in Paris, France: DBT Clinical Strategies & Pitfalls on the 24 & 25 June 2015, and DBT Clinical Sessions Analysed on the 26 June 2015. Dr Linehan, the developer of Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), will be presenting separate content at each workshop and they are structured in such a way that both workshops can be combined into a three day package. All workshops will be conducted in English.

These workshops are suitable for mental health professionals, including both new and established DBT practitioners and aim to bring attendees up to date with the very latest techniques, trends and developments.
You can find out more about this event here: http://byronclinic.co.uk/
June 16-20, 2015 - Montreal, Canada
28th World Congress of the International Association for Suicide Prevention

This congress will bring together researchers, practitioners, helpline workers, programme planners, graduate students and persons concerned with suicide bereavement, from a range of disciplines around the world. This is a joint congress with the Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention (CASP) and the Québec Association for Suicide Prevention (AQPS), and is sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO).


July, 22-25, 2015 - Zurich, Switzerland
13th European Conference on Psychological Assessment (EAPA)

Interesting conference that will stimulate exchange and research among members of the EAPA. The following keynote speakers have been confirmed so far:
Dave Bartram, Research Director for SHL Group, UK
Fritz Drasgow, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, USA
Ulrich Ebner-Priemer, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany
Robert Krueger, University of Minnesota, USA
Reinout W. Wiers, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

http://www.ecpa13.com/

September 1-5, 2015 - Limassol, Cyprus
29th Conference of the European Society of Health Psychology (EHPS) Principles of Behaviour Change in Health and Illness

Program is rich and varied with four invited keynote speakers from the United States and the European Union: Prof. Howard S Friedman, Prof. Susan Michie, Prof. Ronan O’Carroll and Prof. JoAnne Dahl. The conference program will be enriched with 10 parallel sessions with over than 300 oral presentations from a wide range within health psychology topics and hundreds of posters divided in three interactive poster sessions.

Conference will bring expertise and innovative research in several fields of health psychology through Symposia, Roundtables, Debates, Participatory Sessions, “Overview talks” and Workshops.

http://www.ehps2015.org

September 08-12, 2015 - Braga, Portugal
The 17th European Conference of Developmental Psychology

Two schools of the University of Minho, the Institute of Education and the School of Psychology, joined aiming at strengthening the interdisciplinary and application domains of Developmental Psychology as well as embracing the cutting-edge topics of Developmental Science today, and creating a stimulating and enjoyable scientific forum for the international community of senior and young researchers in Developmental Psychology and its related disciplines. Displaying the core and the new frontiers of Developmental Psychology, this conference program will feature five integrative thematic blocks:
- Gene-Environment Developmental Models
- Developmental Neurosciences
- Social and Cross Cultural Developmental Psychology
- Applied Developmental Psychology
- Developmetrics

July 10-14, 2016 - Vilnius, Lithuania
24th Biennial Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development

ISSBD 2016 will feature an exciting scientific program, delivered by scholars and students conducting research on human development across the lifespan. In addition to enjoying the superb scientific content, we hope attendees and their families will explore the contemporary, culturally vibrant city of Vilnius as well as the spectacular beauty of Lithuania - Europe’s best-kept secret.

With a growing ISSBD membership representing at least 60 countries around the world, the meeting will stimulate scholarly exchange on a diversity of developmental topics from infancy to late life.


July 7-10, 2015 - Milan, Italy
EFPA CONGRESS!
14th European Congress of Psychology: Linking Technology and Psychology feeding the mind, energie for life

http://www.ecp2015.it/

Publications:

EuroPsy - Standards and Quality in Education for Professional Psychologists
I. Lunt, J. M. Peiró, Y. H. Poortinga, R. Roe
The only comprehensive professional handbook on EuroPsy, the European standard and benchmark for education and training in psychology. This book is mandatory reading for anyone involved with accreditation, education, quality assurance, and assessment of standards in psychology.

EuroPsy has been accepted and adopted as the European standard for education and training in psychology by EFPA. This book, written by its initiator and leading members of the working groups that set EuroPsy up, is the only comprehensive text available about this European benchmark. It first reviews the development of EuroPsy in the historical context of psychology as science and profession and policies for higher education set by international bodies, and in particular the European Union.

This handbook then goes on to address the curricula of university courses and programmes following from the Bologna Agreement, the flexibility allowed to reflect diversity in Europe, licencing and accreditation, and benchmarking, as well as other prerequisites for meeting the EuroPsy standards. These include the use of a competence model to assure professional standards, supervision, continued professional development, supervision, and ethics. Finally, the authors examine the current and future role of EuroPsy in psychology in Europe, including practical examples of how EuroPsy has been applied in practice.

http://www.hogrefe.de/programm/europsy.html?catId=4

European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)

Stress risk factors for employees are not always limited at the workplace but can have an impact on work and business. It is important for employers to understand the root and causes. The EU-OSHA stress e-guide can help:


The Managing stress and psychosocial risks e-guide is available in national versions. It provides information about work-related stress and psychosocial risks to foster awareness, understanding and management of these issues in the workplace.
The e-guide is designed to respond to the needs of employers and people working in small enterprises, who are starting to approach psychosocial risks in the workplace, and who need to get guidance on the first steps, including:

- simple explanations of work-related stress and psychosocial risks
- effects on businesses and workers
- practical examples on how to prevent and deal with psychosocial risks
- references to national legislation
- information on national resources and practical tools


**Investing in Children: the European child and adolescent health strategy 2015–2020**

WHO strategy for child and adolescent health: making children’s lives visible


Current information systems across Europe do not permit users to discern the experience of children from age 5 to adolescence. This blinds policy-makers to the burden of illness in young people and to the dangers and inequities that they face. Many information systems treat young people as add-ons to households, so their health experience before they reach voting age is difficult to discern. Children growing up in institutional care are particularly invisible and vulnerable. Thus, young people often fall through the cracks in policy-making and resource allocation.

http://www.euro.who.int/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/253729/64wd12e_InvestCAHstrategy_140440.pdf?ua=1


In line with Health 2020 and “Investing in children: the European child and adolescent health strategy 2015–2020” (document EUR/RC64/12), this action plan promotes both population-level actions and targeted, selective approaches for high-risk groups, thereby seeking to redress inequality. The actions require a health-in-all approach, in which health systems have a coordinating role requiring strong governance. To maximize the gain from investment, the plan promotes a series of evidence-based programmes, summarized in the European report on preventing child maltreatment. These will be achieved by redirecting existing resources towards more effective activities that provide a return on investment. The prevention of maltreatment and other adversity in childhood will help children and adolescents to realize their full potential for health, development and well-being throughout their life-course.
**Goal:** To reduce the prevalence of child maltreatment by implementing preventive programmes that address risk and protective factors, including social determinants.

**Target:** Reduce the prevalence of child maltreatment and child homicide rates by 20% by 2020

http://www.euro.who.int/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/253728/64wd13e_InvestChildMaltreat_140439.pdf?ua=1

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**Global Status report on Violence prevention 2014**

The Global status report on violence prevention 2014, which reflects data from 133 countries, is the first report of its kind to assess national efforts to address interpersonal violence, namely child maltreatment, youth violence, intimate partner and sexual violence, and elder abuse. Jointly published by WHO, the United Nations Development Programme, and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the report reviews the current status of violence prevention efforts in countries, and calls for a scaling up of violence prevention programmes; stronger legislation and enforcement of laws relevant for violence prevention; and enhanced services for victims of violence.


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**Call for Papers:**

The 28th World Congress of the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) 
Montreal, Canada: June 16 - 20, 2015.

The congress theme, New discoveries and Technologies in Suicide Prevention, highlights the innovative topics, but the congress will also cover a full range of research and interventions in suicide prevention, with multidisciplinary perspectives, from biology and genetics to psychology and anthropology and suicide in the cinema. The 2nd announcement and call for papers, symposia, and workshops are available on the congress website and online registrations are now open at www.iasp2015.com. The deadline for submitting proposals for a Symposium or Workshop is the 24th of October 2014, and for individual oral and poster presentations, the deadline is the 4th of January 2015. Proposals must be submitted online at www.iasp2015.com

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**Call for abstracts:**

The 9th European Congress on Violence in Clinical Psychiatry 
22-24 October 2015 – Copenhagen, Denmark 
Deadline electronic abstracts: 1st of March 2015

The 9th European Congress on Violence will focus strongly on clinically relevant and practically useful interdisciplinary scientific and practical knowledge with regard to interventions aiming at treating and reducing violent behavior of psychiatric patients, forensic patients and severe problem behavior in persons with intellectually disability. Hence the overall congress theme “Advancing knowledge – Transforming Practice”. Further also this time a debate “meeting of minds” regarding user participation. Please submit your abstract electronically by the 1st of March 2015. Poster abstracts can be submitted till the 1st of August 2015. 

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**Miscellaneous:**

**Kids Strengths – Kids in the context of mental disorders**
Skill training to Empower Teachers, Health Professionals and Social Workers

Background and Purpose:
The prevalence of mental illness is constantly increasing, depression will become the
2nd largest cause of the global health burden by 2020 (WHO) with major impacts on children and families (3-11% “forgotten” children). Improving the mental health and well-being of children and young people is one of the 5 priorities set out in the EU Pact for Mental Health at the EU high level in 6/2008.

In almost no EU country “forgotten children” are included in formal training programs of professionals in diverse bio-psycho-social sectors. However a mental vulnerability of a parent always can be seen as a source of chronic distress and increased own vulnerability for young children.

In terms of prevention KIDS`STRENGTHS transfers available EU training knowledge (Lets talk about children, Fostering Resilience) and tools (e.g., online resource pools like www.precious.at) into different bio-psycho-social sectors and countries (AT; DE; ES; FI, HU, PT; SK; TR and EN) and also offers peer-oriented online-skill training and a platform for children themselves to express their worries and find support.

http://www.strong-kids.eu/index.php?menupos=4&submenupos=0&setlang=1

**November 20: International Children’s Rights Day**

EFPA encourages all 36 member associations to speak up and share psychological knowledge to raise awareness on children’s rights and well-being.

One fifth of the European population are children. Today, November 20th, marked as International Children’s Rights day, the European Federation of Psychologists’ Associations (EFPA) encourages its 36 national member associations to speak up and share psychological knowledge to raise awareness on children’s rights and well-being.


**International Day of Tolerance : November 16 – EFPA states great significance of psychology in the promoting of tolerance**

November 16th is stated as the International Day of Tolerance by the United Nations. The European Federation of Psychologists’ Associations (EFPA) supports governments and NGOs in their activities and encourage policy makers to consider more use of psychological knowledge and psychologists’ expertise in promoting tolerance. EFPA states that psychology can deliver a significant contribution to the promoting of tolerance in society and takes the International Day of Tolerance to encourage all member associations to carry out the message in their territory.

Psychologists are able to address the underlying causes of social problems and intolerance in communities. Psychologists can nourish and observe the values and attitudes that stimulate tolerant behavior in society.


**International Human Rights Day, December 10, 2014**

As human rights are of crucial importance to everyone in the world, the expertise of psychology and the experience and practice of psychologists can make a difference to advance the dignity of persons and peoples.

On this occasion the European Federation of Psychologists’ Associations (EFPA) appeals on its 36 national Member Associations to raise public awareness on human rights and to encourage actions against violations of human rights.

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**EU conference Youth Mental Health: From Continuity of Psychopathology to continuity of Care – Dec 16-18, 2014 in Venice (I)**

EFPA will be represented at the EU conference mentioned above. Report will follow in next issue.