

EUROPEAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

Improving psychiatry and mental health care in Europe



With activities that address the interests of psychiatrists in academia, research and practice throughout all stages of career evolution, the European Psychiatric Association is the main association representing psychiatry in Europe.

Being a part of the EPA means joining a community of practitioners, scientists, and professionals who are committed to the improvement of care for the mentally ill and to the development of professional excellence.

With the help of mental health care partners across all related disciplines, the EPA's leaders and members also strive to enact positive policy change at local, national and international levels.

***Come join us in advancing psychiatry
throughout Europe and beyond.***



Build your network

The EPA has thousands of members from the psychiatric and mental health community in Europe and beyond. EPA Members benefit from unique advantages such as [congress discounts](#), [free access to EPA online courses](#), [free access to the *European Psychiatry* archives](#), the opportunity to [join the EPA's diverse range of Scientific Sections](#), access to the full member directory - making it easy to network, learn and exchange alongside fellow mental health professionals across the globe.

Learn together

Education is one of the fundamental objectives of the EPA, which heavily invests in educational projects such as the new [e-Learning Platform](#) that offers excellent online courses on psychiatry and mental health, an annual [EPA Summer School](#) that boasts an intensive programme led by experts in psychiatry, and a full series of [EPA Courses](#) held at the EPA's annual congress.

Organised since 1986, the annual [European Congress of Psychiatry](#) hosts over 4,000 psychiatrists and mental health professionals for four days of discussions and educational forums on a range of topics in the fields of psychiatry, psychology, social work, and mental health advocacy.



Advance your career

The EPA provides professional support to early career psychiatrists (ECPs) through [networking events](#) and a [scientific programme dedicated to ECPs](#) during the annual congress. The EPA also organises an annual [Gaining Experience Programme](#), which arranges observership placements in various psychiatric institutions across Europe, offering young psychiatrists a unique opportunity to broaden their clinical, research and teaching knowledge, and become familiar with different mental health systems in Europe.

Contribute to psychiatry

Through a partnership with Cambridge University Press, *European Psychiatry*, the official journal of the EPA, is [Open Access](#). EPA Members benefit from a 20% reduction on APC charges on articles accepted for publication in *European Psychiatry*, as well as free access to the journal archives.

Advocate for change

Since the opening of its Brussels office in 2015, the EPA has consolidated its role as a key stakeholder in the EU policy arena thanks to [scientific collaborations](#), advocacy activities through [EU-level events](#), and [EU-funded projects](#). The EPA collaborates with its leaders and partners to raise its voice in support of policy solutions for increasing access to mental health care, improving education for psychiatrists, and contributing to mental health awareness across Europe.

Exchange across borders

With [over 40 National Psychiatric Association members from 40 different countries](#), representing over 80,000 psychiatrists around the world, the [EPA's Council of NPAs](#) brings together representatives of psychiatrists from all over Europe, and works to improve psychiatry and mental health care throughout the continent.

The Council represents an important platform for its members to meet and discuss issues concerning psychiatry at European and national levels.



Celebrate excellence

The EPA is proud to celebrate European psychiatrists who advance the discipline of psychiatry through their dedication to scientific excellence:

Pascal-Boyle Prize

This prestigious prize aims to publicly acknowledge and increase awareness of the [outstanding achievements by women](#) who are working to improve mental health care in Europe.

Research Prizes

The EPA dedicates these prizes to early career psychiatrists who demonstrate an [exceptional quality of research](#) through the publication of high-level scientific papers.

ECP Scholarship Programme

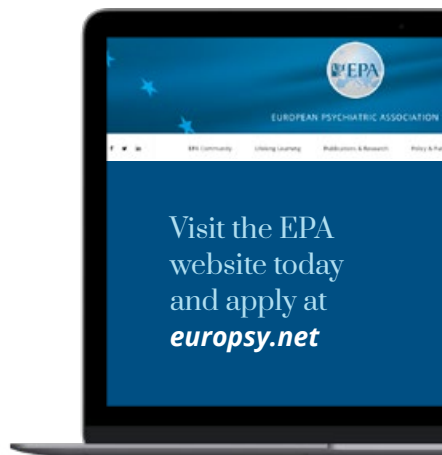
The EPA offers [scholarships for early career psychiatrists](#) to attend the European Congress of Psychiatry, covering registration fees, travel and accommodation, event invitations, and other exclusive advantages.

Why should you join the EPA?

As an EPA member, you will become an integral part of a European and worldwide community, actively contributing to the life of the association and playing a key role in shaping the future of the EPA and of psychiatry in Europe.

EPA Members receive:

- discounts on congress registration
- free access to the full catalogue of EPA online courses
- advantages with the official journal of the EPA, *European Psychiatry*, for access and publishing
- access to the EPA membership database
- opportunity to join EPA Sections, Operational Committees and the EPA General Assembly



The EPA encourages anyone studying or working in the field of mental health to join the EPA community!

Individual Members

Psychiatrists and researchers in psychiatry originating from or working within Europe (WHO European region)

International Individual Members

Psychiatrists and researchers in psychiatry originating from and working outside of Europe (WHO European region)

Associate Members

Professionals who are working in the field of psychiatry/mental health, who are neither psychiatrists nor researchers in psychiatry

Student Members

Full-time university students in fields related to mental health (psychiatry, psychology, neurology, etc.) enrolled in an educational institution



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