



Are people with mental illness truly citizens of Europe?

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About the Symposium

Founded in 1983 with a global mission "To improve psychiatry and mental health care in Europe," the EPA has always given particular attention to the protection of the human and civil rights of people with mental disorders. As such, and as part of its 30th Anniversary celebrations in 2013, the EPA decided to organise this special **30th Anniversary Symposium** on the topic *Are People with Mental Illness Truly Citizens of Europe?*

The Symposium aims to improve awareness of the importance of ensuring that the legislation in European countries contains appropriate provisions concerning the protection of people with mental illness, because this would help them to be truly recognized as European citizens.

Through the formal presentations on ethical, political and cultural aspects of the problem, as well as the round table involving representatives of the most important organisations working in the field, EPA will work to produce recommendations on the topic to ensure that people with mental illness are truly treated as citizens of Europe.

The Symposium is held under the auspices of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mr Thorbjørn Jagland and in the framework of the European Year of Citizens.

Round Table

The afternoon session will consist of a Round Table discussion led by Dr. Marianne Kastrup, Chair of the EPA Committee on Ethical Issues. The Round table will focus on:

1. Demographic changes

We are currently experiencing major demographic changes in Europe with a large migratory population originating from the South and East, an increasing number of elderly and an increasing number of persons with disabilities living longer.

2. Services

In Europe, we are experiencing economic crisis and recession in a number of countries and we see a treatment gap in all parts of Europe with respect to mental disorders. There is a reduced capacity of the community to look after the disabled (disenchanted youth, smaller families, high proportion of people living alone, great differences between the ever richer and the ever poorer).

3. The role of the WHO and EU

The role of the WHO and European Union for developing a framework for ethical actions concerning all the points mentioned above.

4. The role of EPA

EPA is presently a major player in the European Mental Health arena. EPA has an ethical obligation to compile and effectively disseminate evidence-based actions to prevent mental disorders, promote mental health and support people with mental disorders amongst disadvantaged areas, migrants, unemployed persons, the poor, etc.

Programme

10:00	Welcome Danuta Wasserman, <i>EPA President</i>
10:10	Presentations Chair: Danuta Wasserman, <i>EPA President</i> Human Rights in Relation to Vulnerable Groups such as Mentally Ill Thorsten Afflerbach, <i>Head of Social Cohesion and Integration Division, Council of Europe</i>
10:50	Coffee break
11:00	Community Psychiatry and Treatment of Mental Illness in the Community Merete Nordentoft, <i>Denmark</i>
11:40	How to Facilitate and Support Self-Determination of Patients in Psychiatric Practice Andreas Heinz, <i>Germany</i>
12:20	Interaction Between Culture, Mental Illness and Human Rights Norman Sartorius, <i>Switzerland</i>
13:00	Lunch break*
14:00	Round table Moderator: Marianne Kastrup, <i>Chair of the EPA Committee on Ethical Issues</i> Danuta Wasserman, <i>President, European Psychiatric Association</i> Michael Hübel, <i>Head of Unit - Programme Management and Diseases, DG SANCO, European Commission</i> Matt Muijen, <i>Programme Manager, Noncommunicable diseases and health promotion, World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Europe</i> Mary Baker, <i>President, European Brain Council (EBC)</i> Bert Johnson, <i>President, European Federation of Associations of Families of People with Mental Illness (EUFAMI)</i> Pedro Montellano, <i>President, Global Alliance of Mental Illness Advocacy Networks-Europe (GAMIAN-Europe)</i>
15:45	Concluding Remarks Danuta Wasserman, <i>EPA President</i>
16:00	Closing
16:45 18:00	Welcome Reception at the City Hall (Place Broglie - 67000 Strasbourg) You are cordially invited to join us for a free Welcome Reception at the Strasbourg City Hall. Bus transfers will be available starting at 16:20.

* You are able to purchase your lunch in one of the cafeterias located on the ground level.

About the European Psychiatric Association

With active individual members in as many as 81 countries and 33 National Psychiatric Associations who joined as members in 2012, the European Psychiatric Association (EPA) is the main association representing psychiatry in Europe. Its members include leading experts in numerous fields, covered by 19 scientific Sections.

EPA's activities address the interests of psychiatrists in academia, research and practice throughout all stages of career development. Together, EPA members contribute to the life of the association and to the development of Psychiatry in Europe. Each member has the possibility to actively contribute to ongoing projects and play a key role in shaping the future of the Association and its policy.

One of the important tasks for a European association is to maintain strong links and fruitful collaborations with other European and international institutions and associations such as:

- the Council of Europe
- the World Health Organization (WHO)
- the European Union (EU)
- the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS)
- the European College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ECNP)
- the World Psychiatric Association (WPA)
- the European Brain Council (EBC)
- the European Federation of Psychiatric Trainees (EFPT)
- the European Conference on Schizophrenia Research (ECSR)
- the European Federation of Associations of Families of People with Mental Illness (EUFAMI)
- the Global Alliance of Mental Illness Advocacy Networks-Europe (GAMIAN-Europe)

The EPA is also open to new collaboration with other mental health professionals-patients-and relatives organisations.

Learn more about EPA at www.europsy.net.

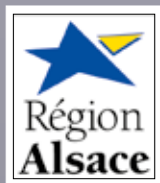
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