



Annual Report 2009

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INTRODUCTION

The Annual Report of the European Psychiatric Association (EPA) is meant to report on the most significant progress made in 2009 towards the accomplishment of its mission:

To improve psychiatry and mental health care in Europe.

In 2013, EPA will celebrate its 30th anniversary. Three years from there, we can already be proud of the integration within our association of 18 National Psychiatric Associations in Europe as Corporate Members. We now look forward to building on the newly formed **European Council of the National Psychiatric Associations**, a committee created in order to facilitate new joint activities. Particular attention will be given to the fields of psychiatric training, research and practice both at national and European levels.

Collaborative activities with other European scientific societies have been one of our biggest priorities in 2009. A very important position statement on the prevention of Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes in people with severe mental illness was developed and published in collaboration with the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD).

We also held a joint symposium, a workshop and a seminar in collaboration with ECNP and we cooperated very closely with the European Brain Council (EBC), as a full member of its Board.

The actual practice of Psychiatry and the quality of patient care are closely dependent on the skills of physicians, nurses and other care givers. This is the reason why consolidating the EPA educational activities remains an important aspect of our projects.

EPA provided Continuing Medical Education (CME) Courses during the last European Congress of Psychiatry in Lisbon in 2009, as well as in collaboration with national societies organising their annual congresses throughout the year. A selection of the most vivid sessions has been webcasted in order to be accessible on EPA website to everyone concerned.

Improve psychiatry and mental health care in Europe

This annual report will provide an overview of all the activities undertaken under the impulse of the Executive Committee to serve the strategy defined by the Board of Directors. They have been handled in close cooperation with the official committees of the association, and under the daily coordination of our Head Office in Strasbourg.

Special highlight will also be given to the **new initiatives launched in 2009** such as the renewal of EPA visual identity, the organisation of special events for the EPA members and the Young Psychiatrists, the improvement of EPA website, which now permits an online registration to apply as an EPA member or the efforts deployed to recruit more members.

Our association was marked by the passing of Professor Léonard Singer, founding President of EPA and former Department Head of Psychiatry of the University Hospitals of Strasbourg. He will be deeply missed by many friends and colleagues. EPA is grateful to him for having set up the basis of our association and stay committed to concretise his vision on European Psychiatry, which we share fully. We trust that his dream will stay alive, and we will illustrate the dynamism of our association through this report.



EUROPEAN COOPERATION

EPA reinforces its links with the National Psychiatric Associations (NPAs) in Europe

The third EPA European Platform of Psychiatrists, inviting the Presidents of the National Psychiatric Associations in Europe, took place on 23 January 2009 in Lisbon, Portugal. After discussing topics of common interest between EPA and the National Psychiatric Associations (Platform I, Brussels 2007), which led to the set up of projects for joint implementation (Platform II, Nice 2008), it seemed appropriate to propose a reflection on the *raison d'être* of this grouping, its sustainability and development potential.

Under the motto "Sustainability of the Platform: why and how?" the Platform III in Lisbon aimed to further define the key topics, which need to be addressed in the future at the European level. The Platform participants discussed what should be the best framework to consolidate their partnership and to pave the way to a common voice for National Psychiatric Associations in Europe.

As a result, an EPA Task Force on closer collaboration with the NPAs was formed in 2009 and contributed to instilling the idea that a formal committee composed of the Presidents of the NPAs within our association should be constituted. The Extraordinary General Assembly of EPA decided on 26 January 2009, through a change of its Statutes, to offer the possibility to National Psychiatric Associations to become EPA Corporate Members.

EPA collaborates with European key players in Psychiatry and Mental Health such as EBC and UEMS

As a European Association, EPA has the duty and the will to be connected with partners sharing its values and hopes concerning mental health care, psychiatric treatment and research.

Being aware of the lack of harmonisation of the profession throughout European countries (access to education, access to research funding, mental health awareness, regulatory aspects and design concept in clinical trials, patient access to medical technologies and cares, etc.), EPA has chosen to join the network of the European Brain Council

18 National Psychiatric Associations decided to become Corporate Members of EPA:

- Austrian Association for Psychiatry and Psychotherapy
- College of Psychiatry of Ireland
- Czech Psychiatric Association
- Finnish Psychiatric Association
- Flemish Psychiatric Association
- French Congress of Psychiatry
- German Association for Psychiatry and Psychotherapy
- Hellenic Psychiatric Association
- Italian Psychiatric Association
- Israel Psychiatric Association
- Lithuanian Psychiatric Association
- Portuguese Society of Psychiatry and Mental Health
- Psychiatric Association of Slovenia
- Royal College of Psychiatrists
- Russian Society of Psychiatrists
- Serbian Psychiatric Association
- Spanish Society of Psychiatry
- Swiss Society of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy

The Executive Committee decided in November 2009 to found the European Council of the National Psychiatric Associations, and to endow this body with an official advisory role.

The Inaugurating meeting of the Council is planned in Munich during the 18th European Congress of Psychiatry.

(EBC), with the purpose of being informed, and gradually more active in the sphere of lobbying within the political structures of the European Union. Practically, EPA is for the third year, part of the EBC Board and represented by its President and Past-President, Hans-Jürgen Möller and Cyril Höschl.

EPA is also represented by its Secretary for Education, Henning Sass, in the Board of the Psychiatry Section of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS). In 2009, EPA and UEMS decided to increase their partnership by enhancing reciprocity. It is planned to reinforce the mutual representativeness between EPA and UEMS by inviting the Vice President of the Board of the Psychiatry Section of UEMS at the next EPA Board Meeting in Munich, in 2010.

EPA invited to represent European Psychiatry at the 1st Forum of European Medical Academic Societies

The 1st Forum of European Medical Academic Societies was held on 1 December 2009 in collaboration with the European Commission in Stockholm, Sweden, with a view to strengthen the funding for medical research, but also to set up a basis for discussion on other issues, such as reviewing research objectives and communication of research results to the public. EPA was represented at this forum by its President.

The Council of Europe, a long term partnership

The Council of Europe regularly invites the EPA Head Office Staff in Strasbourg to attend its bi-annual Meeting of the Committees on Social Cohesion and Education, Science and Culture. EPA plans to activate a deeper collaboration in 2010.

The European Task Force UEMS/EPA/WHO/WPA remained dormant

The European Task Force UEMS/EPA/WHO/WPA Meeting was hosted by EPA during the 17th European Congress of Psychiatry in Lisbon, Portugal. Concerns were raised about the Task Force raison d'être as well as the purpose of the leaders' meeting as organised by the Task Force. It was agreed that the Task Force, initially set up to coordinate the European CME accreditation, had achieved its objective and that its function was now carried out by the CME Evaluation Committee in UEMS. The Task Force will remain dormant until cooperation on specific topics is required.

EDUCATION

Educational activities contribute to creating bridges between EPA and its partners at the national and European levels

If EPA visibility was enhanced throughout the year 2009 by the active participation of its elected or active members in national congresses of psychiatry through the organisation of scientific lectures, joint symposia, administrative meetings and social events, the provision of CME courses played also an important role in our capacity to be in direct contact with young professionals and experts all over Europe.

Since the Stockholm Congress in 2002, EPA actively participates in training European psychiatrists by offering a comprehensive programme of CME courses both during the annual European Congress of Psychiatry and throughout the year, in collaboration with NPAs. In 2009 13 Academia CME courses were organised during the European Congress of Psychiatry and 5 Academia CME courses in collaboration with the NPAs. This represents 311 psychiatrists trained by EPA in 2009.

EPA applies for a European operating grant to sustain its educational programme

Education serves the mission of EPA, and by the creation of the EPA Academia for Excellence in European Psychiatry in 2009, a substantial development of EPA educational activities is expected in future. The EPA Academia has the mission to promote access of the professionals in the field of psychiatry and mental health care to excellence in education, research and training.

With a view to further develop its educational activities across Europe in 2010, EPA sought to obtain financial support from the European Union Lifelong Learning Programme. EPA prepared and submitted an application for the EU call for proposals published in the framework of the Jean Monnet Programme «Structural support for European Associations active at European level in the field of Education and Training» 2010. The total amount of grant requested is 100 000 Euros.



THE 17TH EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF PSYCHIATRY EPA 2009 LISBON

“New Diagnostic Approaches in Psychiatry: Relevance for Research and Practice in Europe”

The core activity of EPA consists in organising the European Congress of Psychiatry which rotates in Europe on a yearly basis.

In 2009, the 17th European Congress of Psychiatry took place in Lisbon, Portugal from 24 to 28 January 2009 and was attended by 2 372 delegates from 74 countries.

The annual congress of EPA is the opportunity to reinforce our links with a large panel of associations. Among others, EPA organised the following Joint Symposia and Presidential Forum:

- ECNP/EPA Joint Symposium: Use and misuse of second generation antipsychotics in anxiety and bipolar disorders, chaired by Cyril Höschl, Czech Republic, and Joseph Zohar, Israel.
- Pan European Studies Joint Symposia, chaired by Julio Bobes, Spain.

In future, this type of joint-ventures will more likely expand and take the form of a European Forum composed of four National Psychiatric Associations and EPA, and of special symposia organised by the NPAs who joined EPA as Corporate Members.

Webcasting

During the 17th European Congresses of Psychiatry, EPA webcasted scientific sessions with a view to publish them online. A selection of the most vivid sessions is now available on EPA website at

www.europsy.net.

In future, EPA plans to record the scientific sessions on Audio-CDs and have them available for the delegates who could not attend sessions scheduled in parallel.

Launching of the call for proposals to international PCOs for the editions 2013 and 2014 of our annual congress

After several years of fruitful collaboration with Kenes Group, EPA decided to open the competition to select its core Professional Congress Organiser, and launched in December 2009 a bidding process for the editions 2013 and 2014 of the European Congress of Psychiatry. The deadline for collecting the proposals is July 2010. Services offers will be collected and analysed for a Board decision before 2010 year's end.

PRIZES and AWARDS

EPA Scholarship Programme offers an opportunity to 5 Young Psychiatrists and Trainees to join the EPA Scholarship Programme and be invited at the European Congress of Psychiatry. This grant includes significant benefits such as: registration fee exemption to the European Congress of Psychiatry, travel to and from the congress venue, up to 4 hotel nights, free access to one Academia CME course, invitation to attend the Congress Opening Ceremony, the EPA Alumni-Mentors' Luncheon and membership fee waived for one year.

The winners in 2009 were:

- * **Olivier Andlauer, France**
- * **Liliana Correia de Castro, Portugal**
- * **Silvia Ferrari, Italy**
- * **Lucie Nawkova, Czech Republic**
- * **Christian Wolf, Germany**



EPA Research Prizes, established in 2004, aim to award Young Psychiatrists, working in Europe, who have published the best scientific papers in the past year. In 2009 Research Prizes of 2 500€ were awarded to the winning authors:

- * **Paolo Fusar Poli, United Kingdom** for his paper **"Distinct effects of D9-Tetrahydrocannabinol and Cannabidiol on neural activation during emotional processing"**, published in *Archives of General Psychiatry* (2008)

* **Fabrice Jollant, France**, for his paper **"Orbitofrontal cortex response to angry faces in men with histories of suicide attempts"**, published in the *American Journal of Psychiatry* (2008)

* **Fiammetta Cosci, Italy**, for her paper **"Nicotine dependence, psychological distress and personality traits as possible predictors of smoking cessation. Result of a double-blind study with nicotine patch"**, published in *Addictive Behaviours* (2008)

* **Katherine Johnson, Ireland**, for her paper **"Absence of the 7-repeat variant of DRD4 VNTR is associated with drifting sustained attention in children"**, published in the *American Journal of Medical Genetics* (2008)

The European BMS Prevention Award in Psychiatry has been established to recognise distinguished researchers in the field of prevention in psychiatric disorders, including psychosis, depression, anxiety and dementia. This award of 20 000€, corresponding to the Prize endowment for scientific purposes is traditionally granted during the European Congress of Psychiatry. In 2009 this award was presented to:

* **Philip McGuire from the Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London, UK**, for his work **"Factors that predict the onset of psychosis in people with prodromal symptoms"**. It is to be noted that Philip McGuire is also the chairman of the EPA Section on Neuroimaging.



ACTIVITIES OF THE EPA SECTIONS

During the 17th European Congress of Psychiatry, EPA Sections organised 30 section symposia and 6 workshops. The annual Sections Coordination Meeting was also held in the Congress time frame.

EPA Section on Child and Adolescent Psychiatry held a meeting on 27 January in Lisbon together with the EPA President and the representatives of the International Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (IACAPAP) to discuss about further collaboration for the 2016 conference in Calgary, Alberta. Collaboration has been established for network development related to the scientific programme and conference marketing.

EPA Section on Geriatric Psychiatry contributed to the WPA Regional Congress in April 2009 in Florence, Italy, by two symposia with WPA Old Age Psychiatry Section: "Towards a Consensus in Ethics" and "Capacity in Old Age Psychiatry".

EPA section on Neuroimaging held its the 5th Annual meeting "Genes, Brain, Behaviour" on 9-10 April 2009 in Edinburgh, UK.

EPA Section on Psychopathology organised the symposium "Nature and narratives of reality" on 11-12 December 2009 in Paris, France.

EPA section on Prevention of Mental Disorders worked on the preparation of a Position Paper on "Prevention of Mental Disorders in Europe".

EPA section on Psychotherapy worked on the preparation of a full training curriculum on psychotherapy consisting of different modules to be available at the European Congress of Psychiatry and participated to update the training curriculum of psychiatry and psychotherapy with the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS).

EPA section on Schizophrenia organised a symposium entitled "Is neurocognitive dysfunction a core feature of schizophrenia?" during the 2nd European Conference on Schizophrenia Research, held on 21-23 September 2009 in Berlin, Germany.

NEW INITIATIVES

Official Launching of the joined position statement on the prevention of "Cardiovascular disease and diabetes in people with severe mental illness" supported by the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) and the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) at the 17th European Congress of Psychiatry

EPA, in collaboration with the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) and the European Society of Cardiology (ESC), has developed a practical guidance on the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) and Diabetes in People with Severe Mental Illness (SMI), coordinated by Marc De Hert. The aim of this position statement is to demonstrate the optimal way to apply prevention directives on CVD and diabetes to patients with SMI, as well as to advocate the necessity to integrate cardiovascular risk assessment in daily psychiatric clinical practice. Additionally, it aspires to initiate the cooperation between health professionals of different specialities. Free access to the article is available at:

www.europsy.net/newsroom/position-statements/

EPA cares for the young professionals and establishes the Alumni-Mentors' Luncheon

In 2009 the Young Psychiatrists Committee (YPC) introduced a mentoring programme called "The Alumni-Mentors' Luncheon" to ensure the continuity of professional support of highly promising trainees and to start building networks of which the scholars can take advantages in a life-long way. This Luncheon gave the opportunity to scholars of the Young Psychiatrists Scholarship programme to meet leaders in European Psychiatry in a friendly atmosphere and further forge a mentoring relationship. The Luncheon 2009 was highly appreciated by the participants and will be renewed for 2010.



EPA forms the European Guidance Steering Group, aimed at developing guidance papers, in continuity with the successful experience of the "CVD Position Statement" of EPA, ESC and EASD

In 2009, the EPA European Guidance Steering Group, chaired by Wolfgang Gaebel, continued its work on creating guidance papers and position statements for European psychiatrists. A meeting of the Steering Group members in Lisbon and a teleconference were organised in 2009. As a result, the following topics are under development:

- Clinical guidance for the risk assessment, care and treatment of suicidal patients (Danuta Wasserman)
- Guidance paper on mental health promotion (towards public including general clinicians, policemen, press...) (George Christodoulou and Manuel Gomez-Beneyto)
- Clinical guidance on the prevention of mental illness (Dinesh Bhugra)
- Guidance paper on the different national rules that govern psychiatric care in Europe (Mariano Bassi and Paul Cosyns)
- Position statement on the place of anti-depressants in a complex clinical treatment programme on depression (Hans-Jürgen Möller)

- Position statement of experts on the quality of service structures (Wolfgang Gaebel)

EPA Board decides to create the Board Committee on Ethical Issues

On 28 May 2009 during their meeting in Munich, Germany, the Board members decided to create a sub group called "Board Committee on Ethical Issues" with a view to evaluate whether European Psychiatrists comply with ethical standards, not only in term of psychiatric care (Declaration of Helsinki, Declaration of Madrid, Good Clinical Practice etc.), but also in terms of behaviors (corruption, breach of the Hippocratic Oath, etc.). This Committee is composed of Marianne Kastrup, as chairperson, Silvana Galderisi, Henning Sass and Danuta Wasserman.



EPA Young Psychiatrists Committee launches a set of new projects

The Young Psychiatrists Committee worked on the preparation of a "Practical Guide for Young Psychiatrists and Trainees", in which European Young Psychiatrists will write together with eminent experts chapters about topics of interest for Young Psychiatrists (research, publication, professional responsibility, etc.)

In 2009, the Young Psychiatrists Committee developed a questionnaire in order to collect information regarding training and education standards in home country from Young Psychiatrists and Trainees. The analysis and results of this survey will be published in the European Psychiatry Journal.

These questionnaires can be completed online at www.europsy.net/what-we-do/young-psychiatrists/.

A "refreshed look" in 2009: EPA reinforces its visual identity and modernises its website

In continuity with the efforts developed in 2007 and 2008 for the promotion of EPA (calendars, greeting cards, note pads, USB keys and bags etc.), the graphic charter of EPA was renewed in 2009. The Newsletter, "EPA Minds", sent on an annual or biannual basis to the EPA members and to our European partners was totally revisited. In addition, special flyers to promote the Young Psychiatrists Programme, the Prizes & Awards and the Membership in EPA were designed and distributed in all the congresses visited by EPA.

EPA new website enables psychiatrists to register online and to chat

A new communication tool, developed in 2009, was recently launched: the new interactive website www.europsy.net allowing online exchanges, special "members only" login, online directory, online payment etc. In 2009, about 160 members registered on the website for the "members only" area.

EPA «free communication pages» offered to EPA members the possibility to publish promotional articles

EPA has enabled its members to publish free communication pages in the European Psychiatry Journal in order to promote their projects and activities developed in relation with our association. This tool has been highly appreciated in 2009, especially by the Young Psychiatrists. Here is the list of the free articles published in the various editions of our Journal in 2009:

No. 2

- 1st International Congress on Neurobiology and Clinical Psychopharmacology & European Psychiatric Association on Treatment Guidance, K. Fountoulakis

- Address from the President of the European Psychiatric Association, HJ. Möller

No. 3

- Nobel conference 2009: The Role of Genetics in Promoting Suicide Prevention and the Mental Health of the Population, D. Wasserman and M. Sokolowski
- The Scholarship Programme of the European Psychiatric Association: an innovative tool to identify and support high potentials, S. Gerber & I. Calliess

No. 4

- EPA Prizes Announcements 2009, EPA Head Office
- Paper from the Research Prize 2009 winner, K. Johnson
- Paper from the Research Prize 2009 winner, F. Cosci
- Paper from the Research Prize 2009 winner, F. Jollant

No. 5

- News from the European Psychiatric Association, EPA Head Office
- Congress announcement, EPA Head Office
- EPA Prizes Announcements 2010, EPA Head Office

No. 6

- News from the European Psychiatric Association, EPA Head Office

No. 7

- Congress announcement
EPA Head Office

No. 8

- Congress announcement
EPA Head Office
- News from the European Psychiatric Association, EPA Head Office

Web link exchange

A multinational network of the national and international partners allows EPA to disseminate information throughout Europe thanks to their local communication channels.

Numerous communicational actions related to the Corporate Members of EPA were undertaken:

- The NPAs have been listed on the EPA website with a link to their website and the corresponding country flag. This page can be consulted at www.europsy.net/collaborative-activities/with-corporate-members/
- A mailing has been sent to these associations and more largely to the contacts that EPA has listed for the European Platform of Psychiatry on 8 October 2009 asking them to support the promotion of the European Congress of Psychiatry. For this, an official press release was sent.
- EPA is continuously working on establishing a mutual link exchange with its Corporate Members but also with its existing contacts. EPA realised numerous mutual mail shots to promote the congresses of our partners, when approved by the Executive Committee.

For instance, this process was executed with DGPPN in order to promote their annual congress: DGPPN was present with a booth at no cost at the 17th European Congress of Psychiatry, in exchange, EPA was offered to promote the 18th European Congress of Psychiatry at a booth during the DGPPN Congress in Berlin on 25-28 November 2009.

MEMBERSHIP

Key figures of EPA individual membership for the year 2009

By end 2009, EPA gathered 1677 members in its database. Among all its members, EPA counts 5% of Young Psychiatrists, 8% of Fellows and 2% of Honorary and Emeritus members.

EPA, a European Association with an international flavour



The international influence of EPA is increasing thanks to its cosmopolitan members. By the end of 2009, the International Members represented 8% of the total members and 71 different countries were represented within the association.

2009, a promising year concerning the recruitment of new members, and especially of Young Psychiatrists

118 new members were recruited in 2009. Among them, 55% are Young Psychiatrists, 80% are Ordinary Members and 20% are International Members. We noted an increase of 19% of new members compared to last year (99 new members in 2008) thanks to the EPA website that seems to be a valuable recruitment tool. 51 applications were completed online, i.e. over 43% of the total applications, although the online application system was installed only in May 2009.

A new membership fee system for a higher membership quality

Statistics show a decrease of 22% of the number of paying members in comparison with 2008. This can be explained by the change of fee system voted in 2008 by the General Assembly: it was decided at that time to cancel the system of groups division and to apply 100€ annual fees to all EPA members.

In terms of contribution, the membership income 2009 appears however to be highly promising. Despite the decrease of paying members in 2009, the total collected contributions amounted 50 400€, which is only 5.8% less than in 2008. In other words, the average contribution per regular member amounts 94€, compared with 78€ in 2008. This means that EPA was able to invest 94€ per regular member for membership benefits (journal, discount on congress, invitation to the general assemblies, membership events, etc.) but also to partially cover the administrative costs of the Membership Secretariat in Strasbourg.

Servier is the unique pharmaceutical industry that supports EPA on a Benefactor Membership basis with the payment of a 2 000€ fee in 2009. Servier will renew its support for 2010.

A networking opportunity for EPA members: organisation of the 1st Membership Round Table in 2009

Following the General Assemblies taking place during the 17th European Congress of Psychiatry in January 2009 in Lisbon, a Membership Round Table was organised for the first time by the association. All EPA members were invited to have dinner and meet EPA colleagues and leaders of the association in a friendly atmosphere and discuss in group the EPA activities. This first edition of the Membership Round Table attracted 75 EPA members and was highly appreciated. This event will be repeated in 2010.

Reactivation of the Fellowship system

To reward its members who have made outstanding contribution in the field of psychiatry or EPA activities, the Board of the association has decided in 2009 to work on further developing and reactivating its Fellowship system.



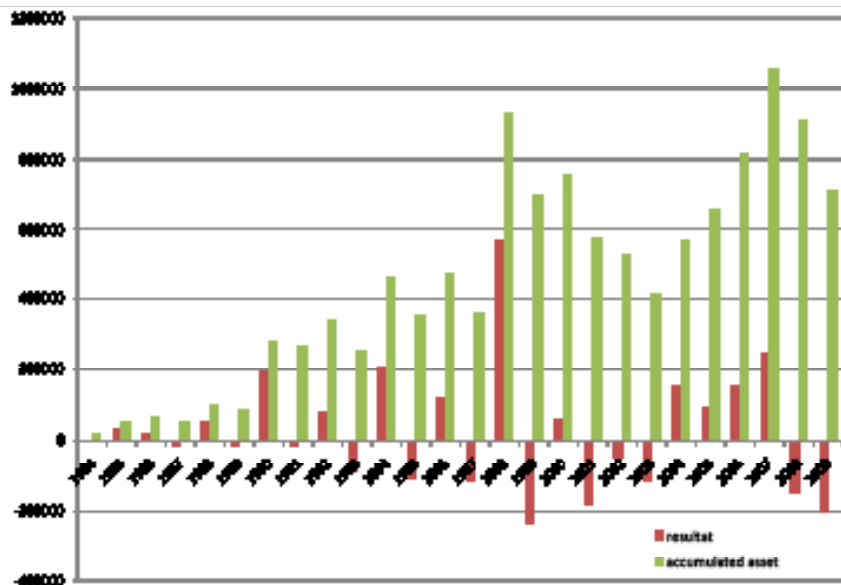
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FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING

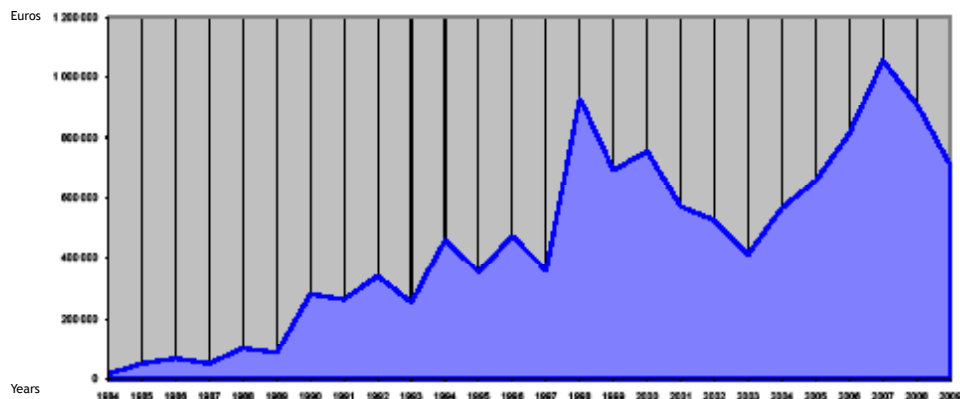
These graphics show the evolution of EPA asset base from 1983 to 2009: EPA evolved thanks to its congresses and the precious engagement and active participation of its members.

Distinguished support during 2009 was offered by:

- an unlimited educational grant from Schering Plough International,
- a special award from Bristol Myers Squibb,
- a membership contribution from Servier.



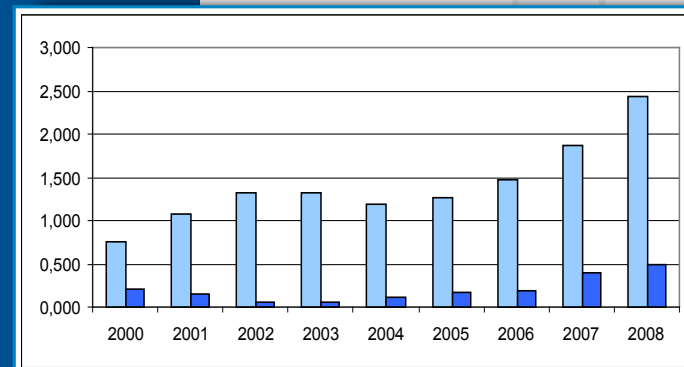
EPA EVOLUTION OF ASSET BASE FROM 1984 to 2009



EUROPEAN PSYCHIATRY JOURNAL

The table on the right indicates the recent rise of our impact factor (left bars) and immediacy index (i.e. citations in the same year as publication, right).

- 95 articles were published in 2009 in the 8 available issues.
- The number of submitted papers has increased in 2009 to 354 (327 in 2008).
- 92 articles have been accepted in 2009. All articles accepted and proofread by the end of 2009 will be published by June 2010.
- Authorship comes from a broad range of 50 countries. There is a very positive increase of submissions by Eastern European countries.
- We are grateful for the support of many reviewers, a majority of whom provide their reviews within 3 weeks.
- The average time from submission to the first decision is 4.4 weeks which compares favourably to other journals.
- Authors' satisfaction ratings indicate that European Psychiatry performs better than average with regards to refereeing speed, editing board performance, production speed, and application services.



On the special occasion of the 25th anniversary, EPA Editors-in-Chief would like to express their gratitude to all who made these successes possible: the founding Editors Patrice Boyer, Jean Daniel Guelfi, and Yves Lecrubier, the Elsevier team: Annette Dore and Bradley Stucky, the many excellent reviewers and most importantly the many brilliant authors who generously submitted their work to European Psychiatry.

2007 2008

CALENDAR OF EPA ACTIVITIES

January 14-28, Lisbon - Portugal

17th European Congress of Psychiatry organised by EPA

March 2, London - United Kingdom

Partnership meeting with the Royal College of Psychiatrists, in presence of EPA President, Hans-Jürgen Möller and Secretary for Education, Henning Sass

March 21, Nyborg - Denmark

CME Course on "New directions in the emergency treatment of psychiatric disorders", by Christian Damsa in collaboration with the Danish Psychiatric Association

April 1-4, Florence - Italy

Booth at the WPA International Congress «Treatments in Psychiatry: A New Update»

April 23-25, Budapest - Hungary

Representation of EPA at the UEMS Section and Board of Psychiatry meeting UEMS

April 27, Brussels - Belgium

Representation of EPA at the EBC Board meeting, as Board member

May 7-10, Tel Aviv - Israel

CME Course on «Forensic Psychiatry: Striving for Excellence and the Struggle with Stigma», by Julio Arboleda-Flórez at the 13th Triennial Conference of the Israel Psychiatric Association
Official visit of the EPA Administrator to the Israel Psychiatric Association and the Kenes Group Head Office

May 16-21, San Francisco - USA

Representation of EPA at the 162nd Annual Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association

May 20, Milan - Italy

Representation of EPA at the International Clinical Trials' Day meeting of the European Clinical Research Infrastructures Network (ECRIN)

June 4-5, Liverpool - United Kingdom

Representation of EPA at the Annual General Meeting of the Royal College of Psychiatrists

June 5, Strasbourg - France

Organisation of the 10th National Meeting of Avenir Psy, by Cécile Hanon, member of the EPA Young Psychiatrists Committee

June 17-20, Pula - Croatia

Support for the 49th International Neuro-Psychiatric Congress (INPC)

June 22-24, Strasbourg - France

Representation of EPA at the Council of Europe/ INGO Conference: Meeting of the Committees on Social Cohesion and Education, Science and Culture

June 25, Noordwijkerhout
The Netherlands

CME Course on "Prevention of suicide", by Marco Sarchiapone and Vladimir Carli, at the 12th Annual Meeting of the European Association of Consultation Liaison Psychiatry and Psychosomatics (EACLPP)

June 25-27, Kosice - Slovakia

Tutorship on «Progress in psychopharmacology of anxiety disorders in light of ongoing classification systems», by Cyril Höschl, Joseph Zohar and Pierre Baumann at the ECNP Regional Workshop hosted by the Slovak section of psychopharmacology of the Slovak Psychiatric Association

June 28-July 2, Paris - France

Promotion of the 18th European Congress of Psychiatry, scientific lectures by EPA Board members at the 9th World Congress of Biological Psychiatry organized by the World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry (WFSBP)

July 15, London - United Kingdom

Invitation of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry EPA Section to attend the Celebration Reception of the International Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (IACAPAP) in view of EPA participation in the 22nd World Congress of IACAPAP in Calgary, Canada, in 2016

September 11-12, Istanbul - Turkey

Symposia, participation to the ECNP Targeted Expert Meetings and EPA Booth for the promotion of the 18th European Congress of Psychiatry at the 22nd Congress of the European College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ECNP)

September 23-25, Düsseldorf
Germany

EPA as co-organiser of the 2nd European Conference on Schizophrenia Research of the German Research Network on Schizophrenia (ECSR)

September 22-25, Stockholm Sweden

CME Courses on "Internet-based treatment in psychiatry", by Nils Lindefors and on "Cognitive behaviour therapy in anxiety disorders", by Lars Göran Öst at the 29th Nordic Congress of Psychiatry

September 28-30, Strasbourg - France

Representation of EPA at the Council of Europe/ INGO Conference: Meeting of the Committees on Social Cohesion and Education, Science and Culture

October 1-2, Strasbourg - France

Lecture by Cyril Höschl at the 6th national congress of French interns organized by the Association of French interns

October 13, Rome - Italy

Presidential speech at the Forum on physical health of people with severe mental disorders at the National Congress of the Italian Psychiatric Association

October 15-17, Ljubljana - Slovenia

Representation of EPA at the UEMS Section and Board of Psychiatry meeting

October 25-26, Brussels - Belgium

Representation of EPA at the EBC Board meeting

November 19-22, Thessaloniki - Greece

Symposium on treatment guidance at the 1st International Congress on Neurobiology and Clinical Psychopharmacology

November 25-28, Berlin - Germany

Representation of EPA and Booth at the annual congress of the German Association for Psychiatry and Psychotherapy (DGPPN)

December 1, Stockholm - Sweden

Participation of EPA in the 1st Forum of European Medical Academic Societies in collaboration with the European Commission

December 4, Nice - France

Launching of the Partnership between EPA and the French Congress of Psychiatry

December 10, Strasbourg - France

Submission of the EPA application grant to the EU



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In order to perform the activities of EPA, reinforce the coordination of the numerous Committees forming EPA Structure, and facilitate the communication both at the internal level, and with our partners, a dedicated team of 3 permanent employees ensures the day to day management of the association under the supervision of the Administrator. In 2009, EPA staff members participated in computer training, language lessons and skills assessment.

EPA Head Office is proud of having organised, facilitated and reported on each and every official EPA meeting held in 2009 as follows:

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- Committee on Education Meeting
Lisbon - Portugal 25 January
- Educational Activities Meeting
London - UK 1 March
- Educational Activities Conference call
17 April
- Meeting with Secretary for Education
Strasbourg - France 7 September

SECTIONS

- Sections Coordination Meeting
Lisbon - Portugal 25 January

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

- EPA 2009 SPC Meeting
Lisbon - Portugal 27 January
- EPA 2010 SPC Meeting
Munich - Germany 27 May
- EPA 2011 SPC Close Meeting
Vienna - Austria 7 December

YOUNG PSYCHIATRISTS COMMITTEE

- YP Committee
Lisbon - Portugal 26 January
- YP Committee Conference call
5 March
- YP Committee Conference call
31 July
- YP Committee, Munich - Germany
31 October-1 November

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Executive Committee Meeting
Lisbon - Portugal 28 January
- Executive Committee Conference call
9 March
- Executive Committee Meeting
Munich - Germany 28 May
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Munich - Germany 1 November
- Executive Committee Conference call
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ADMINISTRATION

- Presidential Meeting
Strasbourg - France 22 June
- Meeting with Secretary General
Strasbourg - France 4-5 September
- Presidential Meeting
Istanbul - Turkey 15 September

BOARD

- Board Meeting
Lisbon - Portugal 24 January
- Board Meeting
Munich - Germany 28 May

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

- Ordinary General Assembly
Lisbon - Portugal 26 January
- Extraordinary General Assembly
Lisbon - Portugal 26 January

TASK FORCES

- Task force EPA-NPAs Conference call
17 September
- European Guidance Steering Group
Conference call 30 September
- Task force EPA-NPAs Conference call
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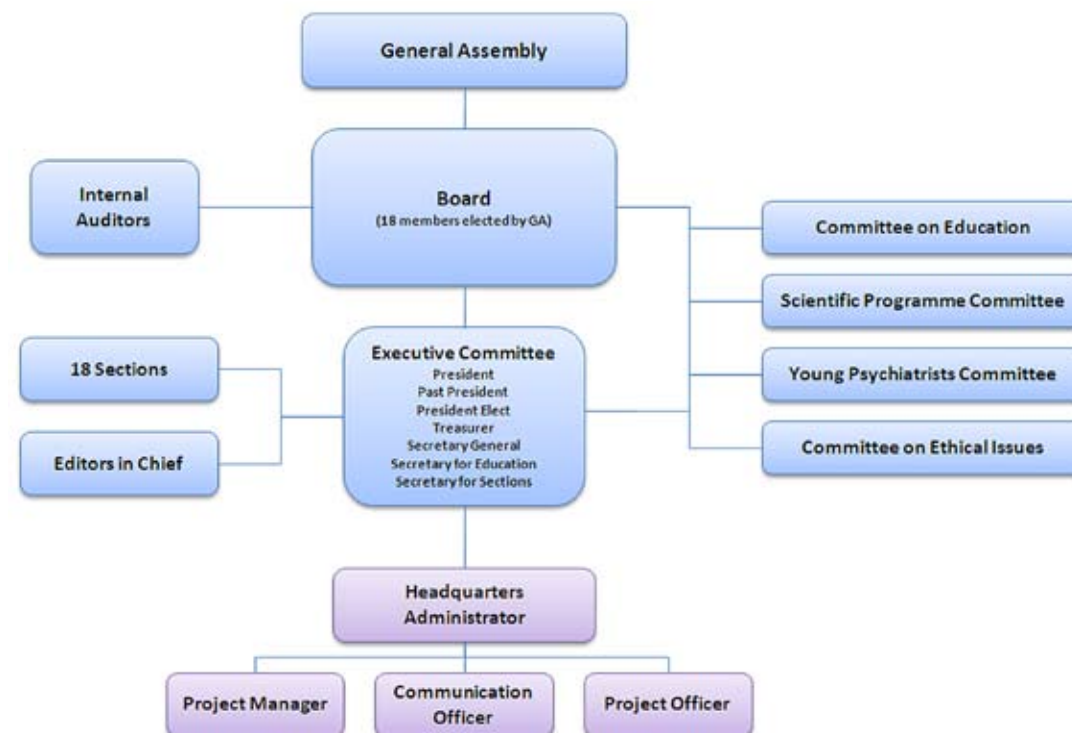
PLATFORM

- 3rd platform of European Psychiatrists
Lisbon - Portugal 23 January



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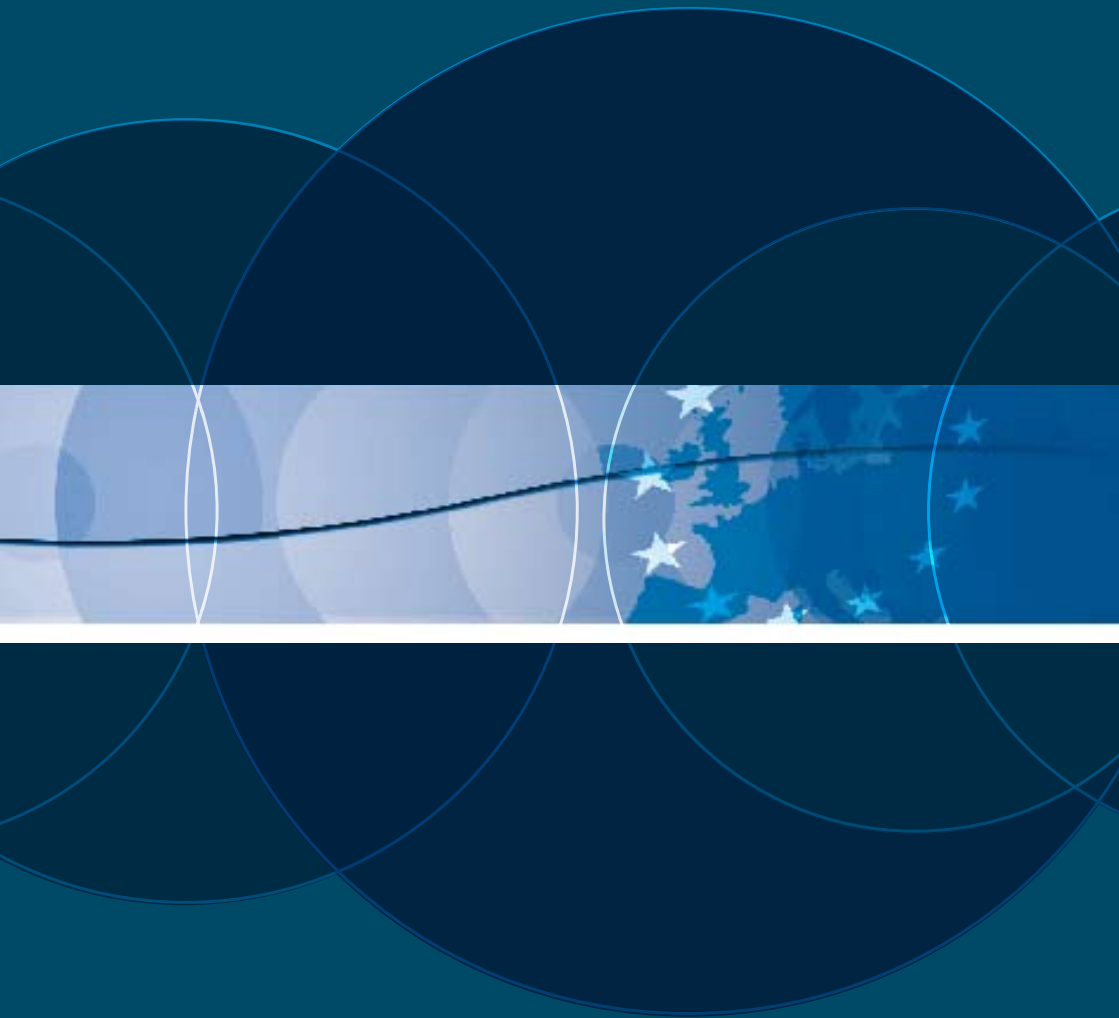
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