



IASSIDD Newsletter

Challenging Behaviour & Mental Health SIRG

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Greenspan, Stephen; Woods, George. (March 2014)

SIRG Announcements and News

We have updated our bylaws. Please consult <https://iassid.org/sirgs/challenging-behavior-a-mental-health> for changes.

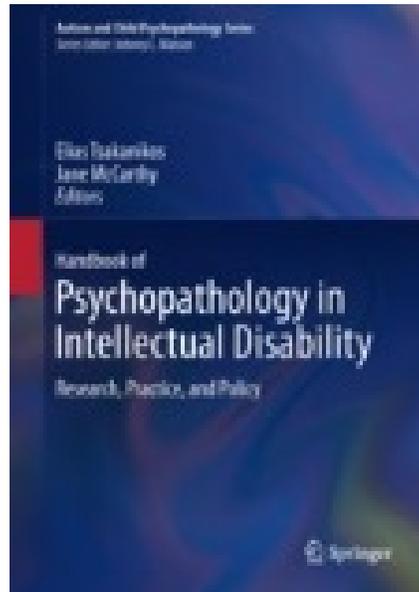
Please send any submissions, feedback or comments to George Woods, our newsletter editor, at gwoods@georgewoodsmd.com

Vienna 2015 Recap

Thank you to everyone who attended this summer's conference in Vienna. It was great to see everyone. We've included a copy of the minutes for your review. Please review them for opportunities to get more involved with our community.

New Release!

Handbook of Psychopathology in Intellectual Disability; Research, Practice & Policy, Elias Tsakanikos (Ed.), Jane McCarthy (Ed.)



The complex intersecting of genetic, biological, and environmental factors can make intellectual impairments difficult for clinicians to assess and treat. When such comorbid conditions as substance abuse or bipolar disorder are part of the equation, so are increased risks for clinical uncertainties and therapeutic dead-ends.

The Handbook of Psychopathology in Intellectual Disability reflects the diversity of its subject in prevalence and presentation, testing methods and treatment options. Besides focusing on specific pathologies as they affect the course of intellectual disability (ID), its coverage spans the field from in-depth analyses of psychosocial aspects of ID to promising new findings in genetics and the ongoing challenge of providing personalized care tailored to individual client needs. Expert contributors bridge gaps between

the evidence base and best practices and improved policy for maximum utility. In addition, chapters are written to benefit the widest variety of professionals treating clients with ID across disciplines.

Key areas featured in the Handbook include:

- General issues and assessment methods.
- Core etiological approaches, including neuroimaging.
- Comorbid psychopathology, including mood, anxiety, and personality disorders.
- Common clinical conditions, such as ADHD, autism, and behavior problems.
- Medical and psychological interventions as well as community and inpatient services.
- Future directions in research and evidence-based practices.

The Handbook of Psychopathology in Intellectual Disability is an essential reference for researchers, professors, and graduate students as well as clinicians and other scientist-practitioners in clinical psychology, psychiatry, social work, rehabilitation medicine, public health, and neuropsychology.

EPA Psychiatry Congress – Vienna, March 2015 **Abstract Submission Deadline October 15, 2014**

The European Psychiatric Association (EPA) will hold its annual Congress in Vienna from **28 - 31 March 2015**. Its objective is to raise the profile of mental health care in people with ID and people with ASD. The Section MHID encourages abstract submissions to the Scientific Programme by the closing date of **15 October 2014**. With interest, it is likely we could be themed sessions similar to a symposium. <http://www.epa-congress.org/>

2015 IASSIDD Americas Regional Congress – Honolulu, HI Call for Abstract Submissions: October 13, 2014 – January 15, 2015

Are you ready? We invite YOU to participate in one of the more extraordinary events taking place in 2015. IASSIDD and PACRIM 2015 are creating an action filled week of opportunities to share and disseminate information and knowledge, network with folks from around the globe, & attend workshops and institutes.

EPA Section MHID Educational Conference Berlin, October 30-31, 2014

The aims of the Section include raising awareness among psychiatrists in Europe on the mental health needs of people with ID and how to assess and manage them. We intend to achieve this through symposia and educational sessions at the annual EPA Congress. In addition, the Section members will write EPA Guidelines on mental health in ID as a resource for psychiatrists throughout Europe. The Educational Conference is open to anyone working with or interested in working with people with ID and Autism. The programme and registration form are attached to this newsletter.

Publications

Greenspan, S. & Woods, G. "Intellectual disability as a disorder of reasoning and judgment: the gradual move away from intelligence quotient-ceilings." *Current Opinion in Psychiatry*. 27(2):110-116, March 2014

Purpose of review: Adoption of the term intellectual disability (intellectual developmental disorder, IDD) in DSM-5 represents a shift from a disability (test score) emphasis to a disorder (medical/neurobiological) emphasis. Several implications of this shift for definition and diagnosis of intellectual disability (ID) are discussed.

Recent findings: The intellectual disability (IDD) section of DSM-5 reflects a growing concern about excessive and inappropriate reliance on intelligence quotient (IQ) cut-offs. Clinicians are now encouraged to take into account various sources of test error; rely more on neuropsychological profiles of cognitive impairments; and approach the adaptive functioning of patients with a greater emphasis on cognitive aspects, such as risk-unawareness.

Summary: A psychometric approach to intellectual disability/IDD, defining it solely in terms of test scores, is inappropriate for psychiatric and medical disorders, which use a disorder rather than a disability model. The intellectual disability/IDD section in DSM-5 is the first prototypical attempt to broaden the category, and approach it in more clinical terms, while still maintaining the meaning of the condition.

Minutes of Business Meeting of IASSIDD Challenging Behaviour and Mental Health SIRG

Date: Wednesday 16th July 2014
Time: 13.30 to 15.00 hours
Venue: FCR, University of Vienna

Attendance:

Jane McCarthy (Chair), Samuel Elstner, Henry Kwok, Angela Hassiotis, Ian Hall, Luigi Croce, John Rose, Susan Hayes, George Woods, Franzeska Grese, Marco Bertelli, Michael, Siedel, K. Markus, Jennifer Clegg, Philip Dodd (Minutes).

1) Apologies:

- Stephen Greenspan and Jennifer Clegg (for part of meeting).
- The meeting acknowledged the recent death of Professor Greg O'Brien.

2) Minutes & actions of previous SIRG meeting in August 2013:

- Minutes were accepted as an accurate record with all actions followed up.

3) IASSIDD World Congress, Melbourne 2016:

- a) Stream leaders: Stephen Greenspan & George Woods offered to take on this task.
- b) Symposium themes & Keynote speakers: Suggestions included Ageing among Offenders, Interventions, Victims of Crime, Human Rights, Alternatives to inpatient care, Classification systems.

- c) Joint SIRG Events: Jennifer Clegg to discuss with Ethics SIRG on theme of 'Conflicts of Rights' & Jane McCarthy to discuss a joint symposium with Profound Intellectual & Multiple Disabilities SIRG.
- d) Pre Congress workshops: JMcC to circulate details to members on requirements for workshops.
- e) Other items: None discussed.

4) Regional Congress in Hawaii in May 2015:

- To circulate details to SIRG Members from the IASSIDD Administration.

5) SIRG Workshops and Academy Events:

Proposal for Special Educational Event in Nigeria in November 2014.

- This event is being supported by the Academy and Dr. Colleen Adnams, member of council will be in attendance. The speaker from this SIRG to be invited. Dr. Jane McCarthy agreed to follow up

6) SIRG Publications:

- a) A general discussion took place on the importance of publications in raising the profile of the SIRG. Already a Special Edition has been proposed, led by Dr. Jennifer Clegg and Dr. Jane McCarthy. Dr. Hassiotis suggested developing a paper in the context of a 'state of science'. She suggested that this could be submitted to JPPID.
- b) Dr. Bertelli suggested developing a joint paper with the World Psychiatric Association and the Royal College of Psychiatrists, looking at the problems of classification of problem behaviours. Dr. Bertelli offered to initiate this position paper.

Actions: Professor Angela Hassiotis and Dr Jennifer Clegg to advance special editions.

Dr. Bertelli offered to initiate the position paper on classification of behavioural problems

7) SIRG Newsletter:

- Dr. Woods invited submissions from members of the SIRG reflecting any learning at the European Congress in Vienna of 2014. There was also a discussion regarding the broadening of the role of the newsletter by publishing discussion papers. One suggested discussion topic was broadening the understanding of challenging behaviour. Dr. Woods agreed to circulate a paper that he had recently published in current opinion in psychiatry covering this area.

Action: Dr. Woods to action above.

8) Budget Up-date:

- Overall the budget is in a positive position. Guidance is being sought from IASSIDD Council on how surplus monies are spent.

9) Any other business:

- Proposal for Field Studies of ICD-11 for DID in Sri Lanka. The Central Council of IASSIDD is required to endorse this.
- European Psychiatric Association now has a new Mental Health of Intellectual Disability Facility and an Educational event in Berlin is being organised for October 2014.
- Co-ordination of research events with other international groups. The need to co-ordinate the activities of the European Association of Mental Health & Intellectual Disability(EAMHID) and IASSIDD Challenging

Behaviour & Mental Health SIRG was raised, so that any potential clashing of events is to be avoided. The importance of co-ordinating activities to maximise the penetrance of the content of these research groups to clinicians and other professionals, such as Law professionals was raised.

- Dr. Hassiotis discussed clinical trials and the need to develop co-ordinated applications under Horizon 2020 research funding. All at the meeting were supportive of a joint application under this funding stream.
- Dr. Clegg entered the meeting at this point. She is the representative of this SIRG on the Planning Meeting for Melbourne 2016. She gave feedback on the planning of this conference, including the development of brief 3-minute research presentations, the developments of round tables and also the development of streams of research presentations, which have the primary aim of encouraging SIRGs to integrate their research presentations. There was a suggestion of a joint stream with the Ethics SIRG, looking at rights and conflicts of rights of both parents, staff and service users.

Actions:

Executive Committee of Challenging Behaviour & Mental Health SIRG to work proactively with EAMHID.

Professor Hassiotis to circulate further information on Horizon 2020 to SIRG members.

Dr Jennifer Clegg to take a forward joint events with Ethics SIRG.

Next SIRG Meeting:

The next SIRG Meeting will be in September 2015 in Florence, as part of the 10th European Congress in Mental Health & Intellectual Disability (9th – 11th September 2015).

Programme

Thursday 30 October

13:30 - 14:00	Registration and Refreshments
14:00 - 14:15	Welcome and Introductory Comments Dr J. McCarthy, (UK) Chair, EPA Section MHID Prof. A. Diefenbacher, KEH-Berlin (Germany)
14:15 - 17:30	Afternoon Session Chair: Dr. K. Courtenay (UK)
14:15 - 14:45	Mental Disorders in People with ID – Presentation Dr. J. McCarthy (UK)
14:45 - 15:15	Diagnostic Instruments in Intellectual Disabilities Dr. S. Elstner (GER)
15:15 - 15:45	Mental Disorders in People with ID – Management Dr. M. Vogel (GER)
15:45 - 16:15	Tea Break
16:15 - 17:00	Group Work Case Studies
17:00 - 17:30	Feedback from Groups
17:30	Close Day 1 Dr. S. Elstner, Vice Chair, Section MHID

Friday 31 October

08:30-09:00	Registration and Refreshments
09:00 – 12:00	Morning Session Chair: Dr. S. Elstner (GER)
09:00-09:30	Autism Spectrum Disorders in people with IDD Dr. T. Sappok (GER)
09:30 – 10:00	Pharmacological interventions in Autistic Spectrum Disorders Dr. M. Bertelli (IT)
10:00 – 10:30	Developments in Genetics in Intellectual Developmental Disorders Prof. M. Seidel (GER)
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:00	Scheduled Tour: Psychiatric Treatment Centre for People with IDD, Konigin Elisabeth Herzeberge, Berlin
12:00 – 12:30	EPA Section MHID - Business Meeting Chair: Dr. J. McCarthy (UK)
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Intellectual Developmental Disorders in Europe - Country Profiles Dr. K. Courtenay (UK); Dr. K. Bobinska (PL); Dr. M. Van Den Berg (NL); Dr. S. Elstner (GER)
14:30 – 15:30	Group Work Mental Healthcare in IDD in Europe: creating an ideal care model for people with IDD and psychiatric disorders
15:30 – 16:00	Tea Break
16:00 – 16:35	Reflections on the Educational Course: Feedback and Next Steps Mental Healthcare in IDD in Europe
16:35 – 16:45	Close of EPA Section MHID Educational Course Dr. J. McCarthy, Chair, EPA Section MHID

At the time of printing all information is accurate.



EUROPEAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

**SECTION MENTAL HEALTH IN
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES**

EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

'MENTAL HEALTH IN PEOPLE WITH ID IN EUROPE'

30 – 31 October 2014

Konigin Elisabeth Herzeberge

Berlin Germany



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the Scientific Study of Intellectual
and Developmental Disabilities



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The activities are endless. The question is this: Will you be there?

For more information visit
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QUICK Q&A

Q: Do I have to attend both conferences?

A: No, separate fees for each conference. But if you attend both, we have a significant discount for you.

Q: Who is doing what, when?

A: Pacrim 2015

May 18-19, 2015

MidWeek Institutes

IASSIDD Academy

Sessions

May 20, 2015

IASSIDD Americas

Regional Congress

May 21-22, 2015



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XXXIVth International Congress of Law and Mental Health

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The International Academy of Law and Mental Health (IALMH) is founded on the belief that issues arising from the interaction of law and mental health can be best addressed through multidisciplinary and cross-national approaches, drawing on law, the health professions, the social sciences, and the humanities. Every two years, the IALMH holds an International Congress on Law and Mental Health, bringing together the international community of researchers, academics, practitioners and professionals in the field, whose wide-ranging perspectives provide for a comprehensive look at important law and mental health issues.

The official publication of the IALMH, the International Journal of Law and Psychiatry (IJLP), published by Elsevier Science, is now in its 38th year of production. It is the most highly respected publication of its kind in the field, and has an extensive distribution worldwide.

<http://www.ialmh.org>