

Conference Announcement

We are living in intense times! Our (partly international) conference ended in May and we are getting ready for next year's itinerant conference. According to tradition, it will be held at the end of January and its location this year is Siófok.

At the XXI. Itinerant Conference of the Hungarian Psychiatric Association, we would like to provide a venue for the Hungarian – Romanian Section as well. Thus, we cordially invite our Romanian colleagues to attend our joint conference.

A lot of thought went into electing the main topic of the current conference, as we had touched on so many pressing issues of psychiatry during the May conference. Following some speculation, we chose the topic of psychoses.

This emblematic group of mental disorders has always been a point of interest, it bears great public health significance, and represents a subject of intense current research. Furthermore, psychoses and the relation to their treatment has always been an important identity-forming element of psychiatric schools: psychosis interpretations have persistently played a vital role in the self-definition of various psychiatric paradigms.

At present there is a paradigm shift in the approach to psychosis and in psychiatry as well; we had the opportunity to familiarize ourselves with exciting national and international results concerning this during the conference held in Budapest. Correspondingly, at the 2017 conference, we would like to deal with topics such as the neurobiological and genetic background of psychoses and schizophrenia; the relationship between addictions and psychoses (like drug induced psychoses); age-related psychoses (especially among the elderly); psychoses and cultural factors; psychoses in the virtual world and the role of telemedicine in the modern treatment of psychoses; the contemporary treatment of psychotic disorders (for example adherence therapy, remediation training, family therapy, psychoeducation, etc.); personalized medicine and care in communities (especially modern therapeutic models and community psychiatric care).

As in our previous itinerant conferences, we are planning exciting and informative plenary sessions, symposia, work groups, and round table discussions. We hope that our chosen topic and subtopics are intriguing for all, and we look forward to receiving your abstracts concerning your research results, clinical experience, opinions and ideas.

We hope to see you in Siófok and have an opportunity to enrich each other through mutual reflection and dialogue concerning the above topics and related expertise, thereby laying the foundations for future international collaborations among professionals working within psychiatry.

Looking forward to seeing you in January,
In the name of the Organization Committee of the conference:

Dr. György Purebl, president of Hungarian Psychiatric Association
Dr. Péter Osváth, chair of the Scientific Committee