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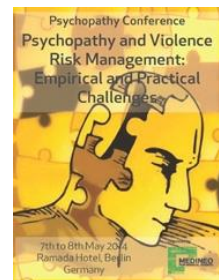
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### May 7-8, 2014

#### **Psychopathy and Violence Risk Management: Empirical and Practical Challenges Berlin, Germany**

This conference provides a state-of-the art science review of current knowledge on different aspects of psychopathy: causation and manifestations, latest developments in our understanding of the genesis to cross-cultural influences, concept and classification, aetiology, epidemiology, and emerging trend in treatment approaches. This meeting will also explore variants of psychopathy and their implications for risk assessment.

For mental health professionals violence risk assessment and management is essential in their clinical practice and needs to be addressed with a clear structured evidences-based approach.  
<http://www.medicineo.org/products/41-psychopathy-and-violence-risk-management-empirical-and-practical-challenges.aspx>



### May 7-9, 2014

#### **BPS Annual Conference Birmingham, UK**

The themes for 2014 are:

Psychology and war - The psychology of family, parenting and caring - The psychologist as expert - New directions in human neuroscience

The programme timetable will include our high profile keynote speakers, hot topic sessions, a mix of symposia, oral presentations, workshops and poster presentations across all three days.

<http://www.bps.org.uk/events/conferences/annual-conference-2014>

### May 8-9, 2014

#### **Fit-to-drive : 8th International Traffic Expert Congress Warsaw, Poland**

Behaviour, emotions, cognition, habits and the performances of the drivers are the key aspects of the Fit to Drive program and will be assessed once again at the 8th congress to be held in Warsaw, Poland, from 08 to 09 May, 2014. But this time the individual parameters will be discussed in the context of \*) social structures,\*) interpersonal communication, \*) infrastructure and \*) vehicle or transport mode features. Within these topic groups, international experts will

present current state-of-the-art of science and technology and will share their specific experiences from their day to day working routine.

<http://www.vdtuev.de/fit-to-drive>

**May 13-14, 2014**

**5th TRIPLE i conference: intuition, imagination and innovation in suicidology**

**Piran, Slovenia**

TRIPLE i is an international annual conference organised by the Slovene Center for Suicide Research (Andrej Marušič Institute, University of Primorska, Slovenia) in memory of the late Prof. Andrej Marušič (around the time of his birthday) with the aim of promoting intuition, imagination and innovation in research and prevention of suicide and suicidal behaviour.

The programme includes topics of suicide research and clinical work with suicidal patients and thus we will address theory, research, prevention and interventions in suicidology. Eight speakers will have more time than in usual conferences to present their experiences and participants will be invited to share their views. Existing difficulties in both research and clinical work will be specifically addressed.

<http://zivziv.si/triple-i/>

**June 4, 2014**

**Strategies for Better Lectures - a workshop for European Academic Practitioners**

**Brussels, Belgium**

A didactic fifty minute lecture that seeks only to transmit information to a generally passive audience is rarely the most effective way to facilitate learning. Contact time with students is an increasingly precious resource and there are now many examples of the more effective use of this time within Higher Education (HE). This workshop from the Higher Education Academy will highlight strategies to give better lectures, offer examples of best practice, and provide a forum in which university teachers who are considering more innovative approaches can explore their ideas.

[http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/events/detail/2014/04\\_June\\_Strat\\_for\\_better\\_lecture](http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/events/detail/2014/04_June_Strat_for_better_lecture)

**June 5-6, 2014**

**Fourth European Conference on Human Centered Design for Intelligent Transport Systems**

**Vienna, Austria**

The present conference is organised in the frame of the DECOMOBIL European project funded by EC DG CNEC



Due to the non-existence of a specific conference focused on safety and usability of vehicle information and communication technologies, the HUMANIST NoE decided in 2008 to set up a European conference on Human Centred Design for Intelligent Transport Systems.

The aim is to gather the community of Human Factors researchers, to offer an overview of the current developments and trends and to create an area for discussions and debates on these topics.

The registration and programme is now available at: <http://conference2014.humanist-vce.eu/>



**June 26-29, 2014**  
**15th EMDR Europe Conference**  
**Edinburg, UK**

The conference will be composed of many workshops and presentations focusing on "the state of the art of EMDR" in both the research and practice arenas. In addition, the different key notes will provide us with the larger perspective of both EMDR and the world around it. One very special guest and key note speaker at this conference will be Dr. Francine Shapiro. Dr. Shapiro is both EMDR's originator and the one pushing it forward to new horizons. Listening to her is always an inspiring experience to her audience.

<http://emdr2014.com/conference/index.html>

**June 30 – July 1, 2014**  
**4th Gender Summit – EU**  
**Brussels, Belgium**

This year's summit will focus on Horizon 2020 and on the strategic and crosscutting roles assigned to gender in H2020 work programme, where it is included in over 100 calls from health to environment, to transport, water, energy and food security.

The Summit programme will include presentations and discussions ranging from biological to social and environmental factors that influence and impact quality and efficacy of research and innovation for women and men, and females and males.  
[www.gender-summit.com](http://www.gender-summit.com)

**July 3-5, 2014**  
**14. Internationale Migrationskonferenz**  
**Köln, Germany**

<http://www.migrationskonferenz.ch/>

**July 08-13, 2014**  
**28th ICAP International Congress of Applied Psychology (IAAP) 2014**  
**Paris, France**

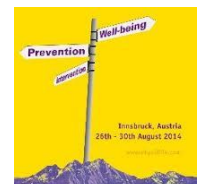


The 28th ICAP, to be held in Paris in 2014, will be a privileged forum to share new scientific developments and to analyse the challenges and effective contributions that our science and profession offers to our societies.

I am sure that Paris will be an excellent platform and a great encounter place where psychologists from all over the world will find excellent opportunities to meet each other, make valuable progress in science and humanity, and also promote the visibility and strength of our discipline. All these are important reasons to participate in the Congress.

<http://www.icap2014.com/>

**August 26-30, 2014**  
**28th Conference of the European Health Psychology Society (EHPS)**  
**„Beyond prevention and intervention: increasing well-being“**  
**Innsbruck, Austria**



<http://www.ehps2014.com/>

**July 15-18, 2014**

**36th ISPA Conference: Children's Rights and Needs: Challenges to School, Family, and Society.  
Kaunas, Lithuania**

We have brought together a rich diversity of inspiring speakers from around the world to share their knowledge, experience and expertise on school psychology internationally. We expect renowned keynote speakers, an attractive scientific programme, and social events that include many highlights! Subtopics of the Conference will be Diversity and Inclusion, Counselling and Testing, Instruction Design and Delivery, Mental Health and Well-Being, School Psychology Perspectives, and Professional and Ethical Issues.

<http://ispakaunas2014.vdu.lt/index.php/ispa2014/ispa2014>

**November 5-7, 2014**

**International Forum on Mood and Anxiety Disorder, IFMAD 2014,  
Vienna, Austria**

This year discussions will be dedicated to the following important topics in the area of psychiatry: treatment resistant anxiety disorders, dumbing down DSM-5, treatment resistant depression, cognitive symptoms in depression, negative symptoms in schizophrenia, bipolar spectrum and pharmacotherapy.

Based on your positive feedback from the last year, we will also include two Meet The Expert Sessions (one on bipolar disorders and second one on unipolar disorders), and a debate on anxiety disorders in DSM-5.

[http://www.ifmad.org/2014/?page\\_id=125](http://www.ifmad.org/2014/?page_id=125)

**November 11-14, 2014**

**CRCP2014 Invites submissions to the second Caribbean Regional Conference of Psychology  
Paramaribo, Suriname**



The conference theme, "Caribbean Psychology: Unmasking the Past and Claiming Our Future," reflects an acknowledgement of psychology as a product of time and place. The Caribbean is a region where collective and individual psychological functioning reflects our social cultural origins, history, geography, climate and natural resources, and given our particular socio-political circumstances on the global sphere.

Early Bird - Register by July 15, 2014, 12 midnight EST

Regular - Register July 16 - October 15, 2014, 12 midnight EST,

Late - Register after October 15, 2014 (including onsite Registration)

<http://canpanet.org/index.php/crcp2014>

**July 7-10, 2015**

**14th European Congress of Psychology:  
Linking Technology and Psychology feeding the mind, energie for life  
Milan, Italy**



<http://www.ecp2015.it/>

## **Publications :**

### **Preventing injuries and violence: a guide for ministries of health**

With the public health approach to violence and injury prevention becoming more accepted around the world, those in the field are seeking guidance for their work. A wide array of

governmental and nongovernmental organizations is involved in violence and injury prevention. This document, though, will focus on the main governmental body responsible for carrying forward the public health response: the ministry of health.

The document was developed to help ministries of health understand their precise role in violence and injury prevention at the national and local levels, and set up durable and effective programmes.

Download the document here:

[http://www.who.int/violence\\_injury\\_prevention/publications/injury\\_policy\\_planning/prevention\\_moh/en/](http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/publications/injury_policy_planning/prevention_moh/en/)

## Search for Partners:

### European Project Proposal: “Sociotype” and Psychological Frailty

We are a Spanish research group (Bioinformation Group—Aragon Health Sciences Institute) integrated in Bio-Med Aragón which is participating in the EIP-AHA Action Groups A1, A3 and B3. Our research group is working in the structure and dynamics of social relationships, in its correlation with mental health. Based on the conceptual chain genotype-phenotype-sociotype, and aligned with the “Social Brain Hypothesis”, we are working on a new construct called sociotype, which advocates the existence of an evolutionary preference in the human species for some determined averages of social interaction, basically around face-to-face conversation.

From the biomedical perspective, framing this sociotype hypothesis and putting it into empirical test could be a timely enterprise: perceived isolation and loneliness feelings have become a global risk factor for mental health. Given the absence of efficient psychosocial indicators, the sociotype construct might provide useful orientations for mental health and quality of life policies addressed to the elderly. This core pattern or sociotype has already been explored in a preliminary study about young people relationships, and interesting results have been obtained on gender conversation time, mental health, sociability level, and satisfaction with personal relationships.

We are now in the process of framing a specific sociotype questionnaire addressed to the elderly, and are searching for partners in order to establish a European Research Project focusing on this matter and related issues.

**Concretely, we are looking for organizing a consortium to participate in the Health Work Programme 2014-2015, Topic: Promoting mental wellbeing in the ageing population (PHC-22-2015).**

The deadlines are: stage 1, October 14th, 2014; stage 2, February 24th, 2015.

Please, consider this message as an open invitation to cooperate in a common venture around the above topic.

If you are interested feel free to contact us at:

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Pedro Marijuán (group leader): [pcmarijuan.iacs@aragon.es](mailto:pcmarijuan.iacs@aragon.es)

## CALL

### 13th IATSO Conference (International Association for the Treatment of Sexual Offenders ) Porto 2014 - Call for Papers and Poster Award

Abstract Submission Deadline: May 31, 2014

Notification of Abstract Acceptance: June 15, 2014

The official language of the conference is English. Abstracts for free communications have to be submitted in English

Students (including graduate or Ph.D. students) presenting outstanding posters could be awarded the IATSO Poster Award. All first-author students presenting a poster at the 13th IATSO conference in Porto, Portugal (September 3-6, 2014 at the University of Porto) are eligible to compete for this award. Successful students will be awarded financial support (1st place: 500 € and 2nd place: 250 €).

[http://www.iatso.org/index.php?option=com\\_ckforms&view=ckforms&id=1&Itemid=62](http://www.iatso.org/index.php?option=com_ckforms&view=ckforms&id=1&Itemid=62)

## MISCELLANEOUS



### **The first Dutch EuroPsy certificate was awarded to Robert Roe, EFPA president.**

On Friday March 7, Prof. Dr. Jules Pieters, President of the Dutch NAC, handed over the first Dutch EuroPsy certificate, to the EFPA President Prof. Dr. Robert Roe.



### **World Health Day, April 7, 2014 : Take control of your health!**

On the occasion of **World Health Day on April 7**, the European Federation of Psychologists' Associations EFPA highlights the role of behaviour for health.

"In times when the finances of our health systems are under pressure due to unnecessary use of medical interventions, it is important to look into more cost – effective measures to improve health, such as our own behaviour!" says Koen Lowet, Belgian member of the EFPA Standing Committee Psychology and Health.

On April 7, the World Health Organisation celebrates World Health Day, directing global attention to the broader domains of health. EFPA, the European Federation of Psychologists' Associations, takes the opportunity to urge governments and policy makers to consider more use of psychological knowledge in the health domain. 'Europe faces enormous challenges for its health care systems,' explains Koen Lowet of the Belgian Federation of Psychologists, 'due to the fact that we are living longer and, therefore, are more likely to develop age-related conditions. Unfortunately, we tend to give more attention to costly treatment procedures instead of looking into more cost –effective prevention measures such as promoting our own health-enhancing behaviours.'

Indeed, research during the past two decades has clearly shown that physical and mental health is greatly influenced by behaviour, for example smoking, drinking alcohol, physical activity, eating, having sufficient sleep, rest and relaxation, making use of health care provisions or practising hygiene and self – care.

'These are all specific health-related behaviours and behaviour is the domain for which psychologists are the experts.' states Lowet. 'We can make a real difference in helping people change behaviours and attitudes that compromise health and replace them with health – enhancing behaviours. Unfortunately, we notice that today, despite the massive challenges we face here in Europe, we still do not invest enough resources to make people aware that they themselves can play a decisive role in taking control of their own health and of others! We could achieve this by translating empirical evidence that comes out of psychological research into health care practice and giving health psychologists a superior role in our health care systems.'

The EFPA Board of Prevention and Intervention also warmly welcomes World Health Day and fully endorses its aims. 'Over the coming months we will be working alongside others to show how we can use the tools of implementation science to translate research findings in psychology on effective interventions into ways to improve the wellbeing of our populations' states Tony Wainwright from the EFPA Board Prevention and Intervention.

For more information about this press release, please contact Pauline Adair – chair of the EFPA Standing committee Psychology and Health at pauline.adair(at)strath.ac.uk or Tony Wainwright – from the EFPA Board of Prevention and Intervention by mail: t.w.wainwright(at)exeter.ac.uk

#### **EFPA on Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/europeanpsychology>



#### **Europlat Newsletter:**

If you would like a latest copy of the Europlat newsletter, please get in touch: [a.lewandowska@aston.ac.uk](mailto:a.lewandowska@aston.ac.uk)

#### **Qualitative Research International Summer School**

Lead tutors: Virginia Braun (University of Auckland, Aotearoa/New Zealand) & Victoria Clarke (UWE), authors of *Successful Qualitative Research* and *Using Thematic Analysis in Psychology*, and Nikki Hayfield (UWE).

Opening and closing keynotes by Prof. Brendan Gough and Prof. Lucy Yardley. Expert tutors from UWE and other UK universities. Workshops on qualitative research 'from start to finish' – theoretical foundations, design, methods of data collection and analysis (interviews, focus groups, TA, IPA, DA, CA, GT, CAQDAS, action and narrative research), quality, communicating findings. Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. <http://go.uwe.ac.uk/QualitativeSummerSchool>

#### **The 2014 European elections**

The **European elections of 22-25 May 2014** give voters the chance to influence the future political course of the European Union when they elect the 751 Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) to represent their interests for the next five years.

There have been 766 Members of the European Parliament since Croatia joined the EU in July 2013 but this number is being scaled down at the 2014 elections to 751 and will stay at that level in future. These MEPs will represent over 500 million citizens in 28 member states. The seats are allocated among the various states, by the EU treaties, on the basis of 'degressive proportionality', meaning countries with larger populations have more seats than smaller ones but the latter have more seats than strict proportionality would imply.



#### **Why are these elections different?**

As the European Union seeks to pull through the economic crisis and EU leaders reflect on what direction to take in future, these are the most important European elections to date. They not only allow voters to pass judgment on EU leaders' efforts to tackle the eurozone crisis and to express their views on plans for closer economic and political integration; they are also the first elections since the Lisbon Treaty of 2009 gave the European Parliament a number of important new powers.

One major new development introduced by the Treaty is that, when the EU member states nominate the next president of the European Commission to succeed José Manuel Barroso in autumn 2014, they will - for the first time - have to take account of the European election

results. The new Parliament must endorse this candidate: it 'elects' the Commission president, in the words of the Treaty. This means voters now have a clear say in who takes over at the helm of EU government.

Of the 13 European political parties, five have nominated a candidate to succeed the current Commission President. The EPP has nominated Jean-Claude Juncker, former Luxembourg prime minister and former Eurogroup president, the PES candidate is Martin Schulz, current president of the European Parliament, the Liberals and Democrats have opted for Guy Verhofstadt, former Belgian prime minister and current Liberal group leader in the EP, the Greens have nominated a duo of current MEPs, French José Bové and German Ska Keller, while the European Left have put forward Alexis Tsipras, leader of the Greek SYRIZA party.

The new political majority that emerges from the elections will also shape European legislation over the next five years in areas from the single market to civil liberties. The Parliament - the only directly elected EU institution - is now a linchpin of the European decision-making system and has an equal say with national governments on nearly all EU laws.

More information here : <http://www.elections2014.eu/en>

**ECHI - list of indicators** [http://ec.europa.eu/health/indicators/echi/list/index\\_en.htm#id1](http://ec.europa.eu/health/indicators/echi/list/index_en.htm#id1)

The **European Community Health Indicators (ECHI)** are the result of 14 years of cooperation between the EU Member States and the European Commission, financed by the EU Health Programmes. Three ECHI projects (1998-2001, 2001-2004, 2005-2008) established the first lists of ECHI indicators, aiming to create a comparable health information and knowledge system to monitor health at EU level.

Under the Second Programme of Community Action in the Field of Health 2008-2013, the EU funded the Joint Action (JA) on European Community Health Indicators Monitoring (ECHIM). The ECHIM JA built on previous achievements and developed more precise definitions of the indicators and continued the implementation of the indicators in the Member States. One of the aims of the ECHIM was to consolidate and expand the ECHI indicator system towards a sustainable health monitoring system in Europe supporting the EU Health Strategypdf. The work was carried out in close collaboration with Member States, the European Commission, Eurostat, WHO, OECD and other international organisations. The JA came to an end in June 2012 were the main result was a shortlist of 88 health indicators well documentedpdf and classified by policy areas.

In May 2013, the Experts Group on Health Information agreed to name the EU system of health indicators as the European Core Health Indicators (ECHI).

Within the list of 88 indicators, there are over 50 already implemented (I) European Core Health Indicators. They are grouped below under five main chapters. To access data and metadata, click on the indicator to go to the Heidi data tool. This tool allows presenting the selected indicator in different layouts: line chart, bar chart, map or table. Indicators under development (D) still need further refinement before being accessible in the Heidi data tool.

Indicators are at the crossroads of policy questions and data sets. They reflect a policy interest as well as a selected set of possibilities in terms of what can be calculated. For these reasons, DG SANCO also provides other European health indicators that are not part of the ECHI system but are still useful to health stakeholders. These indicators are identified with DG Health and Consumers logo and are also directly accessible through the Heidi data tool.

**Here** is the full list of indicators, including both ECHI and European health indicators. This data is readily available and is reasonably comparable (mostly based on assessment by Eurostat). For all indicators where this is considered useful or appropriate, stratification by gender and age is applied. When available, breakdowns by socio-economic or regional level are provided.