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ICC International Convention Center Ghent - Belgium

8th EUROPEAN CONGRESS ON VIOLENCE IN CLINICAL PSYCHIATRY

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the scientific committee we would like to invite psychiatric clinicians, psychiatrists, practitioners, psychiatric mental health nurses, psychologists, health scientists, educators, trainers, researchers, managers, and policymakers engaged in the management, study or treatment of aggressive behaviour of psychiatric patients and persons with intellectual disabilities and serious behavioural problems to register and attend the 8th European Congress on Violence in Clinical Psychiatry.

This time the congress will be held in Ghent – Belgium from the 23rd till the 26th of October 2013. Since the first European Congress on Violence in Clinical Psychiatry – which was held in Stockholm in 1992 - the congress has expanded rapidly with regard to the number of scientific contributions and participants. Next to all kind of relevant keynotes, symposia, (pre-congress) workshops, paper and poster presentations, there will be also a special debate on the latest UN report on abuses in health-care settings. Get access to an updated scientific program with about 250 presentations and an opportunity to expand your network with colleagues and important leaders from around the world.

Ghent is a historic city with a large cultural line-up, a lively harbour and business life, and an internationally renowned university, UGent. Ghent is stimulating and idiosyncratic, but

above all authentic. Nowhere else you will find so much culture per square meter, in a completely car-free historic inner city. Ghent also has an international reputation in congress tourism. After all, with its professionally equipped Auditorium and the associated three-seat concept, the ICC Ghent has one of the three professional purpose-built congress facilities in Belgium. For every seat in the Auditorium there is a seat in one of the breakout rooms and in the Banqueting Hall – all on one single floor.



The 8th European Congress on Violence in Clinical Psychiatry is co-organized by the European Violence in Psychiatry Research Group (EViPRG), and is a World Psychiatric Association (WPA) co-sponsored meeting. The 8th European Congress on Violence will focus strongly on new clinically relevant and practically useful interdisciplinary

interventions aiming at treating and reducing violent behaviour of psychiatric patients, forensic patients and severe problem behaviour in persons with intellectually disability. Hence the overall congress theme “new horizons in interdisciplinary approaches”.



Approval of accreditation will be requested again from the World Psychiatric Association (WPA) for the award Continuing Medical Education (CME) Credits, and from the International Council of Nurses (ICN) for the award of International Continuing Nursing Education Credits (ICNECs).

The broad multi- and interdisciplinary scope of the European Congress on Violence in Clinical Psychiatry is expressed in the various subthemes that will be addressed in Ghent in 2013:

- Advances in epidemiology, nature and cross-cultural aspects
- Innovative strategies for reducing coercive measures
- Advances in neurobiological approaches
- Service users and family perspectives
- New directions in the assessment of risk, prevention & protective factors
- Sexual offending & aggression
- Interdisciplinary approaches to stalking & domestic violence
- Race, gender & ethnicity perspectives
- Ethical and legal perspectives
- Advances in pharmacological therapies

- Advances in psychological therapies
- Application of new technology (media – social networks – information technology – e-learning – virtual environment)
- Training and education of interdisciplinary staff
- Specific populations: forensic
- Specific populations: intellectually disabled
- Specific populations: child & adolescent
- Specific populations: elderly

As was the case for the previous congresses held in Vienna (2005), Amsterdam (2007), Stockholm (2009) & Prague (2011) all contributions to the 8th European Congress on Violence in Clinical Psychiatry will be collected in a publication “book of proceedings” reflecting the current state of knowledge about, and research on, the prevention and treatment of aggressive behaviour of psychiatric patients & persons with intellectual disability.

The congress is an unique opportunity to learn and to share innovative and best practice, ideas and experiences with colleagues from all over the world. Wherever you work, take this opportunity to break away from your daily routine, in order to discover new approaches and to get acquainted with the lessons learned. But most of all to network and to return home with new knowledge, insight, ideas and newly motivated to your work and colleagues.

We thus cordially welcome you in Ghent - Belgium in October, 2013



Prof. Henk Nijman, Prof. Tom Palmstierna, Dr. Roger Almvik & Mr. Bart Thomas. Chairs of the Scientific Committee of the 8th European Congress on Violence in Clinical Psychiatry
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