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Physical and mental illnesses interact mutually and share common risk factors with not only additive but also synergistic effects. Comorbidity is a complex event for its numerous clinical and socio-environmental implications. Up to 25% of patients with chronic illness also suffer from comorbid mental disorders, even higher rates of comorbidity are seen for specific conditions (e.g. cancer, neurological disorders). Doctors tend to concentrate on symptoms and organs, underestimating the importance of mental health problems, especially when they accompany a serious physical illness. This is largely in the belief that the mental health issues, as simple corollaries of the major disease, are destined to disappear with the improvement of the physical disease.

On the other hand, psychiatrists, physicians for psychosomatic medicine and psychotherapy, and psychologists may be similarly reluctant to deal with medical comorbidities in their patients. Such poor attention paid to the interplay between physical and mental disorders impacts negatively in terms of health and social costs, because of intensive, excessive or inappropriate use of resources as well as indirect costs (decrease in productivity, disability, reduced quality of life). These costs would be avoidable with the implementation of integrate and innovative interventions addressing effectively bio-psycho-social complexity. Such is indeed one of the absolute future priorities in health management worldwide.

TOPICS

Social and economic aspects in psychosomatic medicine and C-L psychiatry
- Cost-effectiveness of mental health treatments in somatic disorders
- Optimization of resources for mental health care in medically ill patients
- Impact of social issues on clinical practice in consultation-liaison psychiatry
- Stigma in physical and mental health
- Towards an operationalized bio-psycho-social approach to care in person-centred medicine
- Prevention of mental disorders in a bio-psycho-social paradigm
- Health management
- Cross-cultural mental and physical care of patients
- Immigration, physical and mental health
- Gender aspects in psychosomatic medicine
- Trauma, violence and health
- Rehabilitation at home and in the workplace

Basic psychosomatic science
- Stress, immune function, and physical disease
- Diagnostics and neuroimaging
- Neurobiology/genetics
- Inflammation as a link between psychiatric and medical disorders
- Illness perceptions and health anxiety
- The role of attachment and emotion regulation in mental diseases

Mental health problems in somatic settings and primary care
- Resilience and coping strategies in somatic disorders
- Bodily distress and somatic symptom disorder
- Anxiety, PTSD and depression in medically ill patients
- Somatoform disorders and medically unexplained symptoms
- Sleep disorders
- Eating disorders, body image disturbances
- Deliberate self-harm/suicide
- Neuropsychiatry
- Addiction disorder in the General Hospital

Psychosomatic aspects and C-L in different clinical fields
- C-L in primary care and the emergency room
- Chronic pain
- Psycho-oncology
- Organ transplantation
- Psychosomatics in cardiology
- Psycho-dermatology
- Brain-gut axis and psychosomatics in gastroenterology
- Psychosomatics in the elderly population
- Psychosocial aspects of palliative care
- Child & adolescent C-L Psychiatry
- Preventive and lifestyle medicine
- Non-invasive and invasive obesity interventions
- Psychosexual Medicine
- HIV/AIDS Psychiatry
- Perinatal Psychiatry/Psychosomatics in obstetrics and gynaecology
- Physical health in severe mental disorders

Interventions in C-L psychiatry and Psychosomatic Medicine
- Models of integrated and collaborative care
- Psychological treatments with the medically ill
- Psychopharmacology in medically ill patients
- Stress management/Mindfulness training
- Trauma focused psychotherapy
- Recovery oriented assessment and intervention

Training in C-L psychiatry and Psychosomatic medicine
- Communication skills-training for healthcare professionals
- Under-and postgraduate training in C-L psychiatry and 2. psychosomatic medicine
- C-L psychiatry and psychosomatic medicine around the world

Special topics in C-L psychiatry and Psychosomatic Medicine
- New technologies and applications
- Legal issues and bioethics
- Case Reports
- Other
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Verona (Italy), 27-30 June 2018

EAPM 2018
### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SCIENTIFIC PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

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| 9:45 - 10:30| **Screening for distress: benefits and challenges**  
Luigi Grassi (Ferrara, Italy)  
**Psychosocial variables and cancer mortality**  
Alan Bates (Vancouver, Canada)  
**Coffee Break**                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 10:30 - 10:50|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 10:50 - 11:35| **Session 2**                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 11:35 - 12:20| **Integrated depression care for cancer patients: a collaborative care model**  
Michael Sharpe, Jane Walker (Oxford, UK)  
**Lunch Break**                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 12:20 - 13:10|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 13:10 - 13:55| **Session 3**                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 13:55 - 14:35| **Communication skills Training in Cancer Care; a Pathway to improve Patient Support**  
Darius Razavi (Bruxelles, Belgium)  
**Psychological Care in Advanced Disease: The Global Revolution**  
Gary Rodin (Toronto, Canada)  
**Discussant: Franziska Geiser (Bonn, Germany)**                                                                                                                                                               |
| 14:35 - 15:00|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 15:00 - 15:15| **Coffee Break**                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 15:15 - 17:30| **CARUS MASTER CLASS:**  
Trauma-informed care interventions  
Catherine Classen (San Francisco, USA)  
**CARUS MASTER CLASS:**  
Group interventions for staff  
Molyn Leszcz (Toronto, Canada)                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 16:00 - 18:30| **EAPM Executive Council Meeting**                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 19:15| **Special Lecture at Santa Marta University Building**  
21st century psychiatry: acknowledging complexity while avoiding defeatism  
Mario Maj (Napoli, Italy)                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 20:00| **Welcome Cocktail at Santa Marta University Building**                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| 8:30 - 10:45  | **CARUS RESEARCH MASTER CLASS:** Research methods and targets of psychosomatic research  
Giovanni Fava (Bologna, Italy) |
| 8:30 - 10:45  | **CARUS MASTER CLASS:** Physical and mental health in Chronic illness  
Graham Thornicroft (London, UK) |
| 8:30 - 10:45  | **ALISON CREED AWARD MASTER CLASS:** Conducting randomized, controlled intervention trials in Psychosomatic Medicine  
Arthur J. Barsky (Boston, USA) |
| 10:45 - 11:00 | Coffee Break                                                         |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | Opening Ceremony                                                     |
| 11:30 - 12:15 | Plenary Lectures - Session 1:  
11:30 - 12:15 **The economic impact of mental health care:**  
David McDaid (London, UK)  
12:15 - 13:00 **The future of the bio-psycho-social model in the age of systems medicine:**  
Peter Henningsen (Munich, Germany) |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch break                                                          |
| 14:00 - 15:30 | Scientific Symposia/Workshops/Oral presentations - Session 1         |
| 15:30 - 15:45 | Coffee break                                                         |
| 15:45 - 16:15 | 1 minute Best Poster Presentation                                    |
| 16:15 - 17:15 | Poster Session 1 at San Francesco Cloister - Polo Zanotto           |
| 17:15 - 18:45 | **EURONET-SOMA PLENARY PANEL DISCUSSION:**  
Developments in diagnosis and understanding of Persistent Somatic Symptoms – DSM-5, ICD-11 and beyond  
Chairs: Bernd Löwe (Hamburg, Germany), Chris Burton (Sheffield, UK)  
The relevance of somatic symptoms for the future diagnosis of SSD, somatoform disorders, BDS, etc.  
Per Fink (Aarhus, Denmark)  
What we can learn for our future understanding from our experience with DSM-5 somatic symptom and related disorders?  
Winfried Rief (Marburg, Germany)  
What's in the "Psycho-bundle"?  
Anne Toussaint (Hamburg, Germany)  
A unifying concept: functional somatic and associated disorders  
Peter Henningsen (Munich, Germany) |
| 18:45 - 19:15 | Special Interest Group - Session 1                                  |
| 18:00 - 20:00 | EAPM General Assembly                                                |
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10:30 - 11:00  Coffee break

PLENARY LECTURES - Session 4:
11:00 - 11:45  Somatization: A Construct in Need of Reexamination
Arthur J. Barsky (Boston, USA) - Alison Creed Award Winner

11:45 - 12:30  Thirty years of CLP in Italy
Marco Rigatelli (Modena, Italy) - Frits Huyse Award Winner

12:30 - 13:00  Yet to be chosen
Young researcher Award Winner

13:00 - 13:30  Closing Ceremony

AWARDS

EAPM Travel Award
The EAPM offers 10 travel awards to younger researchers. An award including the amount of € 300,00, a year of EAPM membership and the registration fee to the conference of that respected year will be presented to younger researchers who submit an abstract to the conference.
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Please also consider that most of the hotels don’t have the real room availability yet online for Summer 2018.  
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