Dear friends and colleagues,

It is our honour to host the 17th meeting of the Section of Epidemiology and Social Psychiatry of the European Psychiatric Association (EPA) in Ulm and Neu-Ulm from May 21-24, 2014. The conference will cover both current research on the disease burden, i.e. on the epidemiology of mental disorders and the repercussions this has on mental health service planning and delivery. Plenary lectures will be combined with both parallel sessions presenting innovative research and pre-conference courses focusing on methodology. Space will be provided to the research areas that are currently relevant in mental health services research and, in collaboration with the Section of Cultural Psychiatry, to topics of cultural and migration psychiatry. Parallel sessions will present current high-quality research findings from the fields of epidemiology and social psychiatry. It is our aim to provide a forum for all current research in the field, and we are confident that the Danube and Ulm (and the Medical Faculty of Ulm University) will provide a background to the conference that reflects tradition, culture, high-quality science and cutting-edge commercial and industrial activity inviting you to explore both the history of an old urban centre and current life on the Danube. We hope you will follow our invitation and look forward to a meeting combining scientific excellence, hospitality and a spirit of international collaboration and exchange.

Thomas Becker         Markus Kösters

Confirmed Speakers

- Carol Brayne  
  University of Cambridge, UK
- Mary Ganguli  
  University of Pittsburgh, USA
- Sir David Goldberg  
  King’s College London, UK
- Josep Maria Haro  
  Sant Boi de Llobregat, Barcelona, Spain
- Louise Howard  
  King’s College London, UK
- Sonia Johnson  
  University College London, UK
- Helen Killaspy  
  University College London, UK
- Stefan Priebe  
  University of London, UK
- Steffi G. Riedel-Heller  
  University of Leipzig, Germany
- Mirella Ruggeri  
  University of Verona, Italy
- Norman Sartorius  
  Association for the Improvement of Mental Health Programmes (AMH), Genf, Switzerland
- Stephen Stansfeld  
  University of London, UK
- Danuta Wasserman  
  EPA President, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden
- Hans-Ulrich Wittchen  
  Technische Universität Dresden, Germany
Preconference workshops

Writing and publishing a clinical scientific paper

Povl Munk-Jørgensen
Aarhus University Hospital, Aalborg, Denmark

Christoph Lauber
Services psychiatriques, Bellelay, Switzerland

Methods of cost-assessment and economic evaluation in mental health care

Reinhold Kilian
Ulm University, Germany

A-La Park
London School of Economics, UK

Hans Joachim Salize
Heidelberg University, Mannheim, Germany

Qualitative methods in mental health service research. An introduction

Silvia Krumm
Ulm University, Germany

Information

Venue
Edwin-Scharff-Haus
Sicherstraße 40
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Germany
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Transportation
The airports of Stuttgart and Memmingen are accessible within one hour. Further possible destinations are Frankfurt (3 hours) and Munich (2 hours).

Social Programme
A sightseeing tour in English and German will be offered on Thursday evening after the Welcome Reception. The Gala Diner will take place in an exclusive location on Friday evening. Details will be announced soon.

Language
The conference language will be English.

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