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25th European Congress of

## EPA 2017 Florence: Abstracts & Travel Grants

Don't wait for the 6 October submission deadline!



[Submissions of Poster and Oral Communication Abstracts](#) are open for EPA 2017 Florence. View the [list of abstract topics](#) and make your submissions by 6 October 2016.

And don't forget: EPA is handing out Travel Grants to deserving abstract submitters! Check out the [application criteria](#) and submit your Travel Grant application along with your abstract by the deadline.

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## Importance of Gene-Tailored Treatments for Brain Disorders New article available



*Public Health Genomics* has just published an article prepared and co-signed by the [European Brain Council \(EBC\)](#), [European Psychiatric Association](#) and other organisations in the field.

The article, entitled "[Gene-Tailored Treatments for Brain Disorders: Challenges and Opportunities](#)," highlights the challenges facing neuromedicine while at the same time showing the progress made and further difficulties to be overcome.

For psychiatric disorders particularly, advances have been gradual; however work is underway in order to use genetic information to predict treatment response, an important development in the field.

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## XX Itinerant Conference of the Hungarian Psychiatric Association 25-28 May, Budapest



On 25-28 May, the XX Itinerant Conference of the [Hungarian Psychiatric Association](#) took place in Budapest. The international meeting "The Future of Psychiatry - Travelling through Time and Space" was an integral part of this conference, as were the two EPA Symposia. Overall there were **1350** participants from **17** countries.

EPA was widely represented in the Conference through the participation of leaders in Plenary Lectures, Danube Symposia and EPA Symposia. Speakers included Prof. **Wolfgang Gaebel**, Prof. **Silvana Galderisi**, Prof. **Philip Gorwood**, Prof. **Tamás Kurimay**, Prof. **Peter Falkai** and Prof. **Geert Dom**.

An EPA Council of NPAs Thematic Meeting was held at this occasion, hosted by the Hungarian Psychiatric Association. The focus of this meeting was on the implementation of [EPA Guidance Papers](#) throughout Europe.

During the Conference, EPA President Prof. **Wolfgang Gaebel** received **Honorary Membership** of the Hungarian Psychiatric Association. Additionally, he met the Deputy Secretary of State of Health Minister, Dr. Attila Beneda, to discuss EPA's role in the further implementation of the **Joint Action on Mental Health and Well-being**, and to support the Hungarian Government initiative.

Overall the Conference and the EPA Symposia were a great success.



## News from Brussels

### EPA Participation in Migrants and Health Conference in Lisbon, Portugal

On 12-13 May, EPA was invited to participate in the Migrants and Health Conference in Lisbon, Portugal. EPA Scientific Officer Mari Fresu co-moderated the Plenary Session on “Chronic diseases among migrants” together with the European Public Health Association (EUPHA).

The Conference was jointly organised by the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (CHAFEA), Directorate General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE), Directorate General of Health (DGS) from Portugal, International Organisation for Migration (IOM) EQUI- HEALTH project and COST ADAPT network.

Participants had the opportunity to discuss and share good

practices implemented in the framework of the Health Programme actions addressing migrants' health needs.

More information, including speakers' presentations, can be found on the [CHAFEA website](#).

### European Commission Calls for Health Experts by 26 July

The European Commission is seeking experts to join an independent expert panel on effective ways of investing in health. The panel supports the Commission by preparing opinions on new forms of healthcare models and the challenges health systems are confronted with in Europe, with a view to ensure that health systems are effective, accessible and resilient.

Members of the panel will be appointed by the Commission for a period of three years, for up to three consecutive terms. The deadline for application submissions is **12:00 CET on 26 July 2016**.

For more information about the panel and the application procedure, please visit the [European Commission website](#).

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