

Psychiatry Commission

Annual Report 2023

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HIGHLIGHTS

The three main facets of the Commission members' personal presence in Dublin, Ireland, for the 35th International Epilepsy Congress (IEC 2023) stimulated inspiring synergy:

- The thoughtful substantive and strategic exchange at the Commission and Task Force meetings
- The multifaceted and resonant integration of psychiatric topics at the congress through the committed and active participation of the Commission members in the program
- The friendly, collegial exchange on the many planned and spontaneous occasions in between

ACTIVITIES

Integrated Mental Health Care Pathways Task Force:

- A systematic review of integrated care for mental and behavioral health in epilepsy: Screening of 7,586 titles and abstracts and full-text review of >500 papers by one reviewer were concluded.
- A framework, definition, and minimum standards for integrated mental health care in the management of epilepsy: Proposal reviewed by Executive Council, Publication Council, and Best Practices Council.

Psychoeducation Task Force:

- Systematic reviews of psychosocial and neurocognitive issues of newly diagnosed epilepsy: Literature search and data extraction were completed, and the manuscripts are being drafted.
- Methodological planning of an international survey on psychosocial and neurocognitive issues among adults with newly diagnosed epilepsy and current clinical practice.

Pediatric Psychiatric Conditions Task Force:

- Integrated public and reviewers' comments in "Consensus recommendations for assessment and management of PNES in children."
- Concluded the preparation of the draft clinical practice guideline on anxiety and depression.
- Consensus recommendations for screening and assessment of Autism Spectrum Disorder: Completed screening of full texts; started data extraction/synthesis, preparation for Delphi survey.

Functional/Dissociative Seizure Task Force:

- Concluded the preparation of the draft "New diagnostic label and nosology for 'Psychogenic Nonepileptic Seizures.'"
- Acutely managed functional/dissociative seizures ILAE Consensus based recommendations: Proposal prepared and submitted.

Intellectual Disability Task Force:

- Drafted paper on rescue medications with previous Task Force chair.

- Collected easy to read materials on epilepsy for individuals with intellectual disability from various organizations.
- Started initial steps toward survey of adults with intellectual disability regarding consultations with epilepsy consultants across European countries.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Integrated Mental Health Care Pathways Task Force:

Published paper on “Integrated psychological care services within seizure settings”; presented a well-received and attended session on anxiety in epilepsy at IEC 2023; received enthusiastic feedback from the Executive Committee on consensus paper proposal.

Psychoeducation Task Force:

Poster presentation of the initial findings of the systematic review of psychosocial and neurocognitive issues of newly diagnosed epilepsy at IEC 2023; their session proposal for the 15th European Epilepsy Congress (EEC 2024) in Rome, Italy, was accepted.

Pediatric Psychiatric Conditions Task Force:

Published paper on “assessment and management of PNES in children”; presented a well-received and attended session (and podcast) on neurobehavioral comorbidities at IEC 2023, as well as a webinar and a podcast on autism in children.

Functional/Dissociative Seizure Task Force:

Navigated the challenging controversies of their priority project on “changing terminology of PNES”; their session proposal for EEC 2024 in Rome, Italy, was accepted.

Intellectual Disability Task Force:

Presented a well-received and attended session on case studies in intellectual disability at IEC 2023, as well as a webinar on the diagnosis of intellectual disability and autism; initiated a successful collaboration with the AADMD for joint webinars.

RESEARCH & ARTICLES PUBLISHED

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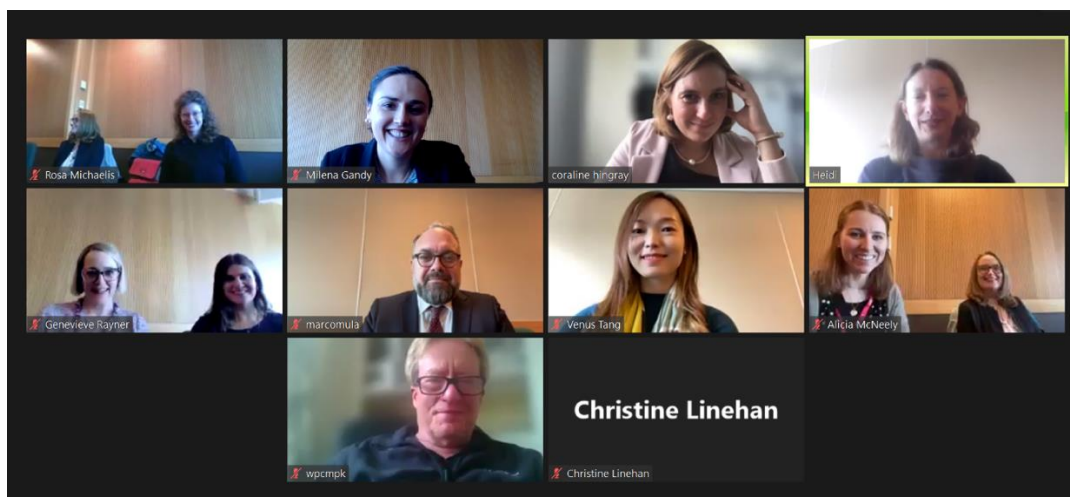
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MEETINGS

In 2023, we met two times online and had one in-person meeting in Dublin, Ireland.



Celebrating a successful session: Psychiatry Commission members at IEC 2023 in Dublin, Ireland
From left: Sophie Bennett, Gaston Baslet, Milena Gandy, Rosa Michaelis, Heidi Munger-Clary



Psychiatry Commission hybrid meeting in Dublin, Ireland, and online, September 2023
From left: Christine Linehan, Rosa Michaelis, Milena Gandy, Coraline Hingray, Heidi Munger-Clary, Genevieve Rayner, Fiore D'Aprano, Marco Mula, Venus Tang, Alicia McNeely, Christine Linehan, Mike Kerr

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