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Preliminary Programme
Thursday 7th May 2015
08:30-09:00 am. Registration
09:00-09:30 am. Welcome
Judith Usall: Coordinator of Grup de Treball i Recerca i Dona i Salut Mental.
09:30-11:30 am. Symposium: "The impact of gender in the prediction and outcome of psychosis".
Chair: Ana Barajas
Anja Vaskinn: Gender differences in neuropsychological performance in psychosis
Susana Ochoa: "Gender differences in metacognition and social functioning in psychosis"
Erlich Studerus: "Gender differences in the prediction of psychosis"
Jesus Cobo: "Insight and psychosis: the role of gender"
11:30-12:00 pm. Coffee break.
12:00-01:00 pm. Plenary lecture
Chair: Reser Circi
Sara Evans-Lacko: "Stigma and Psychosis"
01:00-02:30 pm. Lunch and Poster session
02:30-04:00 pm. Oral communications. Session 1
Chair: Laia Miquel
1. Women’s experiences of first episode psychosis. From individual narratives to gender-appropriate services; Anna Lavis
2. Birth weight and obstetric complications determine age at onset in first episode of psychosis. Elena Rubio
3. Identifying potential blood gene expression markers for psychosis; Montserrat Fusté
4. 759C/T but not -697G/C polymorphism of the HTR2C gene is associated with second generation antipsychotic-induced weight in female patients with schizophrenia; Demián Emanuel Rodante
5. Differential diagnosis in the postpartum psychosis: A postpartum anti-N-methyl-D-aspartate receptor encephalitis case presenting with psychiatric symptoms; Goksen Yuksel
6. Prolactin and cortisol levels and clinical symptoms in young people at clinical high risk of psychosis; are there sex differences?; Irene Moreno
7. The Effects of long-term treatment with antipsychotics in a woman’s sample with schizophrenia: Gynecologic diseases, fertility and pregnancy; Maria Luisa Zamarro
04:00-06:00 pm. Symposium: "Stress hormones in psychosis: Are there sex-differences?"
Chair: Ana García Parés
Inez Myin-Germeys: "Sex differences in emotional reactivity to daily life stress in psychosis"
Sarah Ittig: "The role of prolactin in emergent psychosis"
Javier Labad: "Sex differences in the relationship between hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis measures and cognitive functioning in subjects with early psychosis"
06:00-08:00 pm. Symposium: "Sex differences in the relationship between hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis measures and cognitive functioning in subjects with early psychosis"
Chair: Javier Labad
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Inez Myin-Germeys: "Sex differences in emotional reactivity to daily life stress in psychosis"
Javier Labad: "Sex differences in the relationship between hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis measures and cognitive functioning in subjects with early psychosis"
08:00-10:00 pm. Symposium: "Gender differences in adolescents and young adults at risk of psychosis"
Chair: Borja Farré-Sender
Antonio Preti: "Gender differences in adolescents and young adults at risk of psychosis"
Maria Luisa Zamarro: "Transitions of young people at high risk for psychosis through pregnancy and the postpartum period"
Judith Usall: "Menopause and Psychosis"
10:30-11:00 am. Coffee break and Poster session
11:00-01:00 pm. Plenary lecture
Chair: Ana Barajas
Sara Siddi: "Gender differences and stressful life events in people with first episode-psychosis"
Maria Luisa Zamarro: "Gender differences in adolescents and young adults at risk of psychosis"
Antonio Preti: "Gender differences and stressful life events in people with first episode-psychosis"
01:00 – 02:00 pm. Plenary lecture
Chair: Javier Labad
Anita Riecher-Rössler: "Endocrinological aspects of gender differences in schizophrenic psychosis"
02:00-02:10 pm. Close remarks and farewell.
Friday 8th May 2015
09:30-10:30 am. Oral communications. Session 2
Chair: Elena Rubio
1. Psychotic experiences symptoms in a non-clinical sample of cannabis users: Differences according gender; Maria Luisa Imaz
2. Gender differences and stressful life events in people with first episode-psychosis; Anna Butjosa
3. Sex differences in the associations between neuropsychological performance and auditory-verbal hallucinations in patients with psychosis disorders; Sara Siddi
4. Delusional disorder over the reproductive life span. The potential influence of menopause on the clinical course; Alexandre González-Rodriguez
5. Sex differences in Clinical Personality Features in First Episode of Psychosis; Julia Sevilla Llewellyn-Jones
10:30-11:00 am. Coffee break and Poster session
11:30-01:00 pm. Symposium: "Psychosis over the reproductive life span"
Chair: Borja Farré-Sender
Antonio Preti: "Gender differences in adolescents and young adults at risk of psychosis"
Maria Luisa Zamarro: "Transitions of young people at high risk for psychosis through pregnancy and the postpartum period"
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Chair: Javier Labad
Anita Riecher-Rössler: "Endocrinological aspects of gender differences in schizophrenic psychosis"
02:00-02:10 pm. Close remarks and farewell.
Anita Riecher-Rössler: Professor of Psychiatry and Head of the Center for Gender Research and Early Detection at the Psychiatric University Clinics in Basel, Switzerland.
Jordi Blanch Andreu, Chairman of the Societat Catalana Psiquiatria i Salut Mental.
In recent decades, the issue of “gender differences in psychosis” has generated great interest in the scientific community. Differences have been found in the clinical expression and the outcome of psychosis. The ways in which psychosis is expressed in men and women are probably modulated through a variety of factors related to the interaction of genes, hormones and the environment. The fact that these differences exist, has implications in epidemiology as well as in the preventive and therapeutic strategies of psychosis. As such, if men and women experience the same disease differently, it would be appropriate to take gender into ensure provision of effective care.

The Catalan Research Workgroup on Women’s Mental Health has organized a European meeting to be held in Barcelona next spring (May the 7th and 8th, 2015). The main goal is to exchange knowledge and ideas on several issues related to women, gender and psychosis. The speakers participating in the Congress are well known European experts, from disciplines including psychiatry, psychology and endocrinology.

The meeting will be composed by two plenary lectures concerning gender differences in the following issues: stigma and endocrinological aspects in schizophrenia. There will be three symposia that will focus in:

a) The impact of gender on the prediction and outcome (clinical and cognitive aspects) of psychosis.
b) The influence of sex in hormonal aspects of psychosis.
c) Psychosis over the reproductive life span.

The scientific committee of the Catalan Research Workgroup on Women’s Mental Health is convinced that this meeting will be of great interest and encourages you to participate. Oral and poster communications can be presented to share knowledge on research carried out by the various teams currently working on the subject of psychosis and gender.

And to help you to decide, Barcelona is a beautiful city that specially shines in spring!