

PSYCHIATRY AND PSYCHOTHERAPY: CURRENT METHODS, DIAGNOSIS and TREATMENT STRATEGIES

30 MAY | Marriott **1JUNE** Hotel 2025

Malta

30th May 2025, Friday

13:00-13:30 Opening Speeches Speaker: Driton Besnik

13:30-14:30 Session 1: Forensic Psychiatry and Psychotherapy Applications Moderator: Driton Besnik, Speaker: Novak Jankovic, Sergei Erekle What is forensic psychiatry and its role in clinical practice? The role of psychotherapy in forensic psychiatry Importance of psychiatric reports in legal processes and standards for writing them.

14:30-15:30 Session 2: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) Moderator: Elena Obrenic, Speaker: Veljko Pavlovic Basic principles of CBT and its clinical applications ACT: Therapeutic techniques for acceptance and change Effects of CBT and ACT in depression, anxiety, and trauma

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 Session 3: Psychiatric Medication Use During Pregnancy and Postpartum Period Moderator: Veljko Pavlovic, Speaker: Sergej Nebojsa Safe psychiatric medication use during pregnancy and the postpartum period



31th May 2025, Saturday

09:00-10:00 Session 4: Bipolar Disorder and Schizophrenia: Current Diagnosis and Treatment Methods Moderator: Driton Besnik, Speaker: Ayhan Güler Neurobiological foundations of bipolar disorder and approaches to treatment The role of pharmacotherapy and psychotherapy in schizophrenia treatment Treatment adherence and supporting patients 10:00-11:00 Session 5: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Moderator: Ayhan Güler, Speaker: Milijan Petar Diagnostic criteria, symptoms, and genetic factors of ADHD Treatment methods: Pharmacological and psychotherapeutic approaches Managing ADHD in childhood and adolescence 11:00-11:30 Coffee Break 11:30-12:30 Session 6: Acute and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Moderator: Sergej Nebojsa, Speaker: Veljko Pavlovic Psychological and neurobiological foundations of PTSD Current approaches to treatment and therapeutic strategies EMDR therapy and other effective treatment methods 12:30-13:30 Lunch Break 13:30-14:30 Session 7: Sexual Dysfunction and Sleep Disorders Moderator: Tristian Xavier, Speaker: Elena Obrenic Psychological and physiological origins of sexual dysfunction Diagnosis and treatment of sleep disorders: Relationship with anxiety, depression, and trauma Treatment approaches: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and pharmacotherapy

14:30-15:30 Session 8: Panic Disorder and Anxiety Disorders

Moderator: Elena Obrenic, Speaker: Merih Altıntaş Pathophysiology and treatment approaches to panic disorder Anxiety disorders: DSM-5 criteria and clinical approaches Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and pharmacotherapy methods

15-30-16:30 Session 9: Personality Disorders and Key Points in Psychotropic Drug Use in Clinical Practice Moderator: Rianne Azzopardi, Speaker: Novak Jankovic

Diagnosis and treatment of personality disorders Proper use of psychotropic drugs in clinical practice Practical recommendations through clinical case examples

16:30-17:00 Coffee Break

17:00-18:00 Session 10: Alcohol and Substance Addiction: Diagnosis and Treatment Strategies Moderator: Merih Altıntaş, Speaker: Sergej Nebojsa Neurobiological foundations of alcohol and substance addiction

Treatment methods: Therapeutic interventions and psychotherapy approaches Improving relapse prevention and survival rates

18:00-18:30 Q&A Sessions



SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

1th June 2025, Sunday

09:00-10:00 Session 11: Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD): From Neurobiology to Clinical Practice, Medication to Psychotherapy Moderator: Driton Besnik, Speaker: Denzel Borg Neurobiology of OCD and current treatment approaches The combination of medication and psychotherapy Clinical case examples and treatment strategies

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-11:30 Session 12: Functional Neurological Symptom Disorder and Dementia Management Moderator: Matthias Sacco, Speaker: Mirko Grech Diagnosis and treatment approaches to functional neurological symptom disorder Dementia and neuropsychiatric management: New treatment strategies Psychotherapy approaches for dementia patients

11:30-12:30 Q&A Sessions Speaker: Driton Besnik

12:30-13:00 Closing and Final Evaluation Speaker: Driton Besnik

