

Pre conference organised by the EUPHA Section on Public Mental Health

Violence and Psychopathology among persons aged 60 years and above in the European Union

OBJECTIVE: To determine and compare the prevalence and risk factors of elder abuse and neglect in elderly population in six European countries in Europe (Germany, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Sweden). **METHODS:** This cross-sectional study involved N=4467 subjects selected by random sampling or by random route sampling (Greece). **RESULTS:** The prevalence of any violence in the last year was 22.6% (n=3458). Low socioeconomic status was associated with prevalence rates of violence. Prevalence rates of neglect were associated with infrequent contact with relatives, little or no income, and fewer years of education. Place of violence were mostly the interviewees home. Prevalence rates of violence and neglect varied by country. **OUTLOOK:** Violence and abuse of the elderly is an increasing Public Health Problem as the European societies are ageing. Further research into the differences between and within countries are needed to better understand mechanisms associated with violence and abuse of the elderly in Europe. The consequences of the ABUEI study for the Public Mental health Section as regards research and practice will be discussed. Further projects on Public Mental Health of the ageing population will be presented and discussed.

Chairpersons: Prof. Jutta Lindert, PhD, Department of Public Health and Public Mental Health, Protestant University of Applied Sciences Ludwigsburg, Ludwigsburg, Germany, President of the Section on Public Mental Health, Lena Andersson, PhD; Ellenor Mittendorfer-Ruiz, PhD; Prof. Joaquim Soares, PhD, Guy D'Argent DG-SANCO (request)

Scientific Committee: The ABUEI research group

Time	Topic	Speaker
2.00–2:15 pm	Welcome and introduction to the workshop`	Jutta Lindert, Guy D` Argent (to be confirmed)
2:15–2:45 pm	The European study of "Abuse of the elderly in the European region", aims and methods	Joaquim Soares
2:45–3:15 pm	Violence and quality of life	Elli Ioannidi
3:15–3:45 pm	Violence and social support	Giovanni Lamura
3:45–4:15 pm	Break	-
4:15–4:45 pm	Violence and physical health	Henrique Barros
4:45–5:15 pm	Violence and mental health	Jutta Lindert
5:15–5:45 pm	Factors associated with violence against the elderly	Francisco Torres Gonzalez, Juan Luna
5:45–6:00 pm	Break	-
6:00–6:30 pm	Violence and health care use	Mindaugas Stankunas
6:30–7:00 pm	Discussion & outlook for the Public Mental Health Section	Jutta Lindert, Lena Andersson, Ellenor Mittendorfer-Ruiz
7:30	Dinner	Place will be announced