



*European Psychiatric Association EPA Itinerant Course
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„Supporting Family Members of People with Severe Mental Illnesses “

Course Director: Professor Umberto Volpe (Italy)

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*Banja Luka/Bosnia and Herzegovina
(Hotel „Bosna“)*

23rd September 2018

(09.00 – 12.00 CET)



As a part of active cooperation between the Psychiatric Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina (PABH) and the European Psychiatric Association (EPA), established in 2010, we have opportunity to provide for our members as well as other psychiatrists in our country maintain of the EPA Itinerant courses, led by prominent professors and researchers from Europe, continuously since 2012. This year we will host course entitled **“Supporting Family Members of People with Severe Mental Illnesses”**, led by Course Director **Professor Umberto Volpe** (School of Medicine, Universita Politecnica della Marche, Ancona, Italy) and Course Co-Director **Dr. Mario Luciano** (School of Medicine, University of Campania “Luigi Vanvitelli”, Naples, Italy).

This EPA Course will be held as a parallel track in Scientific Programme of the International Symposium 16th Psychiatric Days of the Bosnia and Herzegovina **in Banja Luka, on September 23rd, 2018 (Sunday, 09.00-12.00 CET)**. The EPA Course is designed for **all Symposium participants, particularly early careers and trainees/residents in Psychiatry**.

Estimated number of participants at the course is **12 (no more than 15)**, and the course will be held **on English (no translation is provided)**, lasting 180 minutes.

For more information about the **course** including course description please visit www.europsy.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Fiorillo-How-to-support-families-of-patients-with-severe-mental-disorders.pdf

The attendance at the course **is free of charge for all selected participants who made on line registration and have paid the Registration Fee for the 16th Psychiatric Days of Bosnia and Herzegovina** and each course participant will receive appropriate materials relating to course.

After the completing of the course every participant is **required to fulfill and give it to local organizer, standardized EPA Itinerant Course Evaluation form** (local language or English), as a condition for all participants to receive an **EPA Itinerant Course Certificate of Attendance** (in English). This Certificate is separate from the Certificate of Attendance at the 16th Psychiatric Days of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Organizers will apply for Course **accreditation** to the Council for Health in Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of Republic of Srpska.

For applications and more information about EPA Course please contact Dr. Goran Racetovic, Secretary General of the PABH and Secretary of the Organizing Committee (gracetovic@yahoo.com). Registration, Fees and other information related for the 16th Psychiatric Days of Bosnia and Herzegovina are available on www.upbih16dani.com



Course Director
Professor UMBERTO VOLPE, MD, PhD
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He obtained his Medical Degree and his Specialization in Psychiatry at the University of Naples SUN, Italy. He attended his PhD course in “Behavioral Sciences” at the University of Naples SUN, at the Neurotec Department of the Karolinska Institute of Stockholm (Sweden) and at the Department of Psychiatric Neurophysiology of the University of Bern (Switzerland). In 2010, he has been invited as guest researcher at the University of California Los Angeles (USA) to work in the field of Neurofeedback. In 2012, he has been invited as research fellow at the Neurobiology of Psychoses Unit of the Institute of Psychiatry at the King’s College of London (UK) to investigate on fMRI neuroimaging of reward processing in schizophrenia and of body image disturbances in eating disorders.

In 2009, he has been appointed as Co-Chair of the “Early Career Psychiatrists Committee” and he serves as Secretary of the “Schizophrenia” and of the “Telemental Health” Sections of the European Association of Psychiatry (EPA). In 2015, he has been elected Co-Chair and, in 2018, he has been elected Chair of the EPA Section on Telemental Health.

From 2008 to 2017, he has served as staff researcher at the Department of Psychiatry of the University of Naples SUN (Italy) and coordinated the Degree for Technicians in Psychiatric Rehabilitation. He authored more than 57 scientific peer-reviewed papers as well as several books and books chapters. He served as referee for more than 50 psychiatric and neuroscience journals. He is member of the Editorial Board of several journals in the field of psychiatry.

In 2017, he has been appointed as Professor of Psychiatry, Director of the School of Specialization in Psychiatry, and Head of the Psychiatric Department at the Università Politecnica delle Marche (Ancona, Italy).

His current research interests include clinical psychiatry, translational psychopharmacology, and family psychoeducation for severe mental illnesses, pathways to psychiatric care, wellbeing among mental health professionals, psychiatric rehabilitation techniques, and implementation of CBT mindfulness techniques within psychiatric settings.



Course Co-Director
Dr. MARIO LUCIANO, MD, PhD
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He is a researcher at the University of Campania “Luigi Vanvitelli”. He obtained both his Medical Degree and his specialization in Psychiatry at the University of Campania “L. Vanvitelli”, Italy. He is a licensed cognitive psychotherapist, having attended the 4-year course of specialization at the Association of Cognitive Psychology of Rome. He obtained a PhD in Behavioral Sciences in 2013 and a PhD in Medical, Clinical and Experimental Sciences in 2016 at the University of Campania “Luigi Vanvitelli”, Italy. He has been Area coordinator of the Italian Association of Young Psychiatrists, and he is currently member of the Task Force on Publication of the Early Career Psychiatrists Committee of EPA, Treasurer of the Italian Society of Social Psychiatry and Member of the Board of the Italian Society of Psychiatry – Section Campania. He has authored more than 50 scientific papers on scientific journals and chapters in scientific books and has been editor of 2 psychiatric books. His main research interests include: 1) the development and the assessment of efficacy of psychosocial interventions for the treatment of severe mental disorders; 2) the development of assessment instruments of social functioning, family burden, coping strategies and stigma perceived by patients with severe mental disorders and their relatives; 3) the impact of urbanization and the socio-economic conditions on mental disorders; 4) the use of coercive measures in psychiatry; 5) the clinical decision making process in psychiatry; 6) the development of psychosocial interventions for the promotion of physical health of people with mental disorders; 7) the identification of research priorities for mental health.