



Global Minds in Forensic Psychiatry: Advancing Research and Practice

Meeting Schedule

Friday, 24 April 2026 (Day 1)

All times in CET (Central European Time)

09:00 – 09:15 AM

Opening and Welcome

09:15 – 10:00 AM

Keynote Lecture 1

Ethical Pros and Cons of Research on Particularly Vulnerable Patient Populations

PD Dr. Irina Franke (Center for Forensic Psychiatry, Chur, Switzerland)

10:00 – 10:15 AM

Short Break

10:15 – 11:00 AM

Parallel Sessions

Session 1: Novel IT-based Treatment Options in Forensic Psychiatry (session host: Dr. Michael Fritz)

- **Talk 1:** AVATAR therapy for distressing voices: lessons learnt and future directions
Prof. Dr. Mar Rus-Calafell (Ruhr-University Bochum, Bochum, Germany)
- **Talk 2:** tbd
Dr. Anne-Cathrine Vissing-Uhre (Bispebjerg Hospital, Copenhagen, Denmark)

Session 2: Novel Treatment Options for Psychosis and Delusions in Forensic Psychiatry (session host: Prof Dr. Manuela Dudeck)

- **Talk 1:** Advances in Catatonia: From Diagnosis to Evidence-Based Treatment
Prof. Dr. Dusan Hirjak (Central Institute for Mental Health Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany)

- **Talk 2:** Neurostimulation and Cognition in Psychosis: Mechanisms and Clinical Perspectives
Dr Panayiota Michalopoulou (King's College London, London, United Kingdom)

11:00 – 11:15 AM

Short Break

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM

Keynote Lecture 2

Premature mortality among offenders with serious mental illness: lessons from forensic psychiatric patients and high-risk groups

Prof. Dr. Björn Hofvander (Lund University, Lund, Sweden)

12:00 – 1:15 PM

Lunch Break

1:15 – 2:00 PM

Keynote Lecture 3

The AIS and eHARM: a new set to tools for managing violence using big data

Prof. Dr. Gary Chaimowitz (McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada)

2:00 – 2:15 PM

Short Break

2:15 – 3:00 PM

Parallel Sessions

Session 3: The Genetics of Aggression – Current Understanding and Emerging Treatment Implications (session host: Prof. Dr. Manuela Dudeck)

- **Talk 1:** Differentially expressed Gene pathway-analysis implicates the immune system, lipid metabolism, and neuroplasticity markers in aggression and violence
Dr. Michael Fritz (Ulm University, Ulm, Germany)
- **Talk 2:** Genes and environment in shaping human behavior: legal and forensic perspectives
Prof. Dr. Silvia Pellegrini (University of Pisa, Pisa, Italy)

Session 4: Brain anatomical correlates of aggression and anti-social behavior across clinical and population cohorts (session host: Prof. Dr. Unn Hansen Hauvik)

- **Talk 1:** Predictors of Violence in Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorders: A Multimodal Approach
Aline Huynh (Maastricht University, Maastricht, the Netherlands & Oslo University Hospital, Oslo, Norway)

- **Talk 2:** Multimodal Correlates of Aggression and Agitation in Early Psychosis and Depression: Integrating Brain Structure, Polygenic Risk, and Social Adversity
Clara Weyer (Ludwig Maximilian University Munich, Munich, Germany)
- **Talk 3:** Early indicators of conduct disorder in the developing brain: structural insights from ages 9-14 in the ABCD Study
Dr. Jaroslav Rokicki (Oslo University Hospital, Oslo, Norway)

3:00 – 3:15 PM

Short Break

3:15 – 4:00 PM

Parallel Sessions

Session 5: Substance use disorders within forensic psychiatric care: symptoms, subgroups and treatment (session host: Prof. Dr. Malin Hildebrand Karlén)

- **Talk 1:** Community reinforcement approach applied in an FPC in-patient setting
Prof. Dr. Malin Hildebrand Karlén (Gothenburg University, Gothenburg, Sweden)
- **Talk 2:** Co-morbidity subgroups within forensic psychiatric care
Johan Green (Gothenburg University, Gothenburg, Sweden)
- **Talk 3:** Drug induced psychosis – transient and chronic symptoms
Cajsa Jonasson (Gothenburg University, Gothenburg, Sweden)

Session 6: Current research in German Forensic Psychiatry (session host: Prof. Dr. Birgit Völlm)

- **Talk 1:** Involving service users in research in forensic psychiatry
Prof. Dr. Birgit Völlm (Rostock University, Rostock, Germany)
- **Talk 2:** Developing a national database on forensic-psychiatric patients
Dr. Katja Köppen (Rostock University, Rostock, Germany)
- **Talk 3:** Patterns of substance use in a forensic-psychiatric hospital in Germany
Finn Sörensen (Rostock University, Rostock, Germany)

4:00 – 4:15 PM

Concluding Remarks (Day 1)



Saturday, 25 April 2026 (Day 2)

All times in CET (Central European Time)

09:00 – 09:15 AM

Opening Remarks (Day 2)

09:15 – 10:00 AM

Keynote Lecture 4

Long lasting impacts: The role of childhood adversity for treatment completion

Prof. Dr. Hedwig Eisenbarth (University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand)

10:00 – 10:15 AM

Short Break

10:15 – 11:00 AM

Keynote lecture 5

Should Biological Markers Be Included in Forensic Psychiatric Reports?

Prof. Dr. Unn Hansen Haukvik (University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway)

11:00 – 11:15 AM

Short Break

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM

Parallel Sessions

Session 7: Risk of recidivism and development of risk assessment in the Nordics
(session host: Dr. Markku Lähteenvuo)

- **Talk 1:** Finnish forensic psychiatric care and subsequent recidivism
Dr. Markku Lähteenvuo (Niuvanniemi Hospital, Kuopio, Finland)
- **Talk 2:** Swedish forensic psychiatric care and subsequent recidivism in violent crime
DDr. Jonas Forsman (Karolinska Institutet and The Swedish National Board of Forensic Medicine, Stockholm, Sweden)
- **Talk 3:** Beyond Categories: Temporal Validation and Clinical Refinement of Risk Assessment Tools for Modern Forensic Psychiatric Practice"
Lenka Sivak (Karolinska Institutet and The Swedish National Board of Forensic Medicine, Stockholm, Sweden)

Session 8: Investigations into personality traits and attentional processes in offenders (session host: Prof. Dr. Schiltz, LMU Munich, Munich, Germany)

- **Talk 1:** Personality Profiles Across Offender Subgroups
Susanne Schobel, M. Sc. (LMU Munich, Munich, Germany)
- **Talk 2:** Gaze Behaviour towards children in pedophilia and hebephilia
Puyan Heindl, M. Sc. (LMU Munich, Munich, Germany)

12:00 – 12:15 PM

Short Break

12:15 – 1:00 PM

Keynote Lecture 6

The New Science of Risk Assessment: Implications for Forensic Psychiatry & Psychology

Prof. Dr. Seena Fazel (University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom)

1:00 – 1:30 PM

Concluding Remarks (Final Summary)