

Minutes from the first meeting

Some common themes came up throughout the meeting

A welcoming and need for:

- A European forum to discuss and share current and future research projects and for collaboration
- Discussion of terminology and definitions in use for negative symptoms and sub-symptoms
- Introduction of new assessment instruments that reflects current knowledge - and understanding of these symptoms -> ideally using same instruments across sites (e.g. Brief Negative Symptom Scale, Apathy Evaluation Scale)

Suggestions

- To submit a proposal for a symposium on negative symptoms research in Europe for the 2015 EPA congress (in Vienna from 28th to 31st of March) deadline for symposia submissions May 5.
- To have a meeting in connection with the European Conference on Schizophrenia Research (ECSR) to be held in Berlin from 24-26th of September 2015. Lorenz Doserno took on the responsibility to cooperate with the ECSR for housing of the meeting. Themes suggested for discussion: Definitions in use for negative symptoms and experience with different assessment scales.
- Apply for funding of the meetings through the European Psychiatric Association. Silvana Galderisi took responsibility for this.
- A long time goal of applying for EU funding for a collaborative research project. Andre Aleman will be responsible for initiating.
- Suggestions for no formal leadership for the network, but that Stefan and Ann take responsibility for organizing the network, communication, updating and meeting in Berlin 2015.