

Pre-Conference Workshop

**“Psychopharmacology for Addiction Psychiatry:
Recommendations, clinical guidelines and case scenarios”**

Prague, Czech Republic, 4th October 2025, organized by Addiction Psychiatry Section of WPA

Abstract: This is a course designed for psychiatrists and other prescribers in mental health to optimize their medication prescriptions in the context of substance/behavioral use disorders and their comorbidities based on the latest guidelines and recommendations. We will discuss both new medications/protocols and traditional algorithms and how to optimize them in the field of psychiatry.

Course Co-Chairs: Alexander Baldacchino, WPA APS Chair and Hamed Ekhtiari, WPA APS Co-chair.

Course Agenda:

Panel One:

(8:30-8:45) Welcome Notes and Workshop Overview

Hamed Ekhtiari WPA APS Co-chair

(8:45-9:30) What Neuroscience Can Teach Us in Prescribing Medications for Addiction Treatment

Hamed Ekhtiari, University of Minnesota, USA

(9:30-10:15) Medications for Alcohol Use Disorder

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(10:15-10:30) Break



Panel Two:

(10:30-11:15) Medications for Stimulants (Meth and Cocaine) Use Disorder and Its Comorbidities

Jonna Levola, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland and Charlotte Migchels, European Union Drug Agency (EUDA)

(11:15-12:00) Medications for Opioid Use Disorder

Suzanna Galea Singer, St Andrews University, Scotland, UK and Thomas Clausen, University of Oslo, Norway

(12:00-13:00) Break

Panel Three:

(13:00-13:30) Medications for Psychotic Comorbidities with Substance Use Disorders

Narayanan Subramanian, National Clinical Lead in Dual Diagnosis, Dublin, Ireland and Christian Schutz, University of British Columbia, Canada.

(13:30-14:00) Medications for Mood and Anxiety and Cognitive Comorbidities with Substance Use

Francina Fonseca, Pompeu Fabra University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain and Marta Torrens, Mar Medical Research Institute, Barcelona, Spain.

(14:00-14:30) Medications for Behavioral Addiction

Sophia Achab, University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland and Laura Orsolini, Università Politecnica delle Marche, Marche, Italy.

(14:30-15:00) Medications for Neurodevelopment Comorbidities

To be confirmed

(15:00-15:30) Conclusions and Discussions

Alexander Baldacchino, WPA APS Chair and Hamed Ekhtiari, WPA APS Co-chair

