

ECNP School of Old Age Neuropsychopharmacology
28 April - 03 May 2013, Venice, Italy

As part of the Romanian team who joined the first ECNP School of Old Age Neuropsychopharmacology, held in Venice, Italy on 28 April - 03 May 2013, we would like to share to our colleagues the wonderful experience we had during this School.

First of all, we want to thank the organizers of this event, who carefully ensured a warm, friendly and professional environment, and enabled us to meet personalities from psychiatry and related fields.

During this school, international experts offered us an intensive week of interactive training, addressing various aspects of psychiatry of the elderly: from the general cognitive examination and various degrees and types of cognitive deterioration, to neuro-imaging aspects in old age psychiatry, psychopharmacology and pharmacogenetics, or biology of dementias and relevance of genetics to development of new treatments, to name just some of the lectures held on this occasion.

All the sessions proved to be extremely interesting and educational, providing new and up to date information about neurodegenerative pathology in the elderly patients and about other psychiatric domains, such as bipolar disorder, depressive illness, anxiety and phobias, suicide in old age or late onset of psychotic disorders, as well as psychiatric comorbidities or electroconvulsive therapy.

Each lecture was followed by interactive workshops which were also extremely useful and where we had the opportunity to actively participate and share different experiences from our medical practice, but also to receive useful advice and strong opinions from experts.

This school provided us an excellent opportunity to meet and share reviews and expertise with other psychiatry colleagues from across Europe, on both theoretical and practical activity in psychiatric care.

We want to express our gratitude and our thanks to the organizers, to our teachers and mentors, who gave us the opportunity to participate to this ECNP School.

Best wishes and good luck in the future,

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