



Evolutionary Psychiatry Special Interest Group

Annual Report to Council 2018

Activities

During 2018 the Evolutionary Psychiatry SIG has held the following meetings/events:

Date	Venue/Location	Subject/purpose of meeting/nos of attendees
12.1.2018	RCPsych	2 nd Evolutionary Psychiatry Symposium/103 attendees
18.5.2018	RCPsych	Half day Scientific Meeting/41 attendees

Background

We currently have 1008 members and have been running for 3 years. The Evolutionary Psychiatry SIG was set up to:

1. Raise awareness of the value of understanding the contribution of evolutionary biology to psychiatry.
2. Encourage research into the evolutionary psychiatry.
3. Provide a forum for psychiatrists and others to discuss evolutionary models, research ideas and data with fellow evolutionists.
4. Facilitate networking with academic institutions and evolutionary scientists, biologists, psychotherapists, psychologists and other disciplines such as philosophy.
5. Keep members and supporters of the SIG informed via our webpages and newsletter.
6. Organise workshops, symposia and conferences on Evolutionary Psychiatry and related subjects.
7. Organise sessions at the WPA and the RCPsych's International Congress as well as with other college Faculties and Divisions.

Executive Committee

The Evolutionary Psychiatry SIG Executive Committee comprises:

Name	Role
Riadh Abed	Chair
Agnes Ayton	Financial Officer
Paul St John-Smith Annie Swanepoel	Newsletter Editor Deputy Newsletter Editor

Commentary

Please briefly outline:

EPSIG objectives for the past year (2018)

1. To have a successful 2nd Evolutionary Symposium on 12 January where we have 4 confirmed keynote speakers (2 from the UK and 2 International speakers).
2. To issue a minimum of 2 Newsletters during the coming year.
3. To continue with our efforts to include evolutionary science both with the MRCPsych and also with undergraduate medical syllabus.
4. To hold a scientific meeting and AGM in May 2018 and plan for our 3rd Evolutionary Psychiatry Symposium for some time in 2019.
5. To continue our efforts to forge links with academic and learned establishments interested in evolutionary science and psychiatry/psychology both in the UK and internationally.

How EPSIG achieved its objectives and with what outcome:

1. We had a very successful 2nd Evolutionary Psychiatry Symposium on 12 January 2018 with over 100 registrations and 4 keynote speakers. All lectures were professionally videoed and posted on the EPSIG YouTube channel and these have been viewed many thousands of times.
2. We issued 4 newsletters during 2018.
3. We held a well-attended half day scientific meeting and AGM on 18 May. The PowerPoint slides from that meeting and the minutes from the AGM have been posted on the EPSIG web pages.
4. Registration is now open for our 3rd symposium due on 22 March as well as our half day workshop on Evolutionary Perspectives on Suicide planned for 31 May.

5. We continue to work at establishing links with evolutionists of various disciplines in the UK and internationally.

EPSIG objectives for 2019:

1. To have a successful 3rd symposium and half day workshop and to post the videos and slides from our events on our web pages to serve as an educational resource for professionals and academics interested in evolutionary psychiatry/psychology anywhere in the world.
2. To continue to advocate for the inclusion of evolutionary biology within the MRCPsych curriculum.
3. To plan for future events in 2020.
4. To maintain EPSIG on a sound financial footing.

Riadh Abed, EPSIG Chair

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