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ITS HISTORY AND ITS AIMS

The International Federation of Psychiatric Epidemiology – IFPE- is an International organization devoted to the promotion of epidemiological and health services research on mental disorders. It is an independent non-profit association relying entirely on annual subscription fees. There are corporate, individual, and associate members.

Founded at an international conference in Brussels in 1985, French-speaking meetings have been held in Lyon (1981) and Geneva (1983). From those beginnings, the Federation has grown into a truly global organization.

Further successful congresses have been held in Madrid (1987), Montreal (1990), Lisbon (1993), Santiago de Compostela (1996), Taipei (1999), an Asia Pacific Regional Conference was held in Shah Alam, Malaysia (2001); Edmonton (2002), Bristol (2004), Goteberg (2007), Vienna (2009) Kaohsiung (2011); Leipzig (2013), Bergen (2015); Melbourne (2017) Sao Paulo (2019) and now in Verona 2021.

The main purposes of the Federation are:

- to promote the acquisition, dissemination and application of epidemiological knowledge in the fields of psychiatry and mental health
- stimulate the development of scientific research methods
- facilitate contacts and exchange of information between researchers of different nationalities and disciplines
- promoting the synthesis of knowledge acquired from epidemiological, clinical, social and biological research
- encourage the preparation and implementation of projects and dissemination and publication of research results
- promote scientific knowledge and skills in junior colleagues interested in the field of psychiatric epidemiology

IFPE attaches great importance to the scientific level of its activities. It places special emphasis on promoting better understanding and fruitful cooperation between epidemiologists, clinicians, behavioral scientists and other health professionals.

At a time when mental health is still one of the most neglected areas of public health, the data provided by Psychiatric Epidemiology are fundamental and substantiate the alarming situation: nearly 1 billion people live with a mental disorder, 3 million people die every year due to harmful alcohol consumption and one person dies every 40 seconds from suicide.

In addition, billions of people around the world have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, which is having an additional impact on people's mental health. The pandemic has increasingly widened the impact of inequalities on a global scale in terms of health protection and quality of life levels. In this complex global framework, a further objective of the IFPE will be to follow the consequences of the pandemic, increase the support and involvement of low-income countries and strengthen the defense of the rights of people with mental disorders.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF IFPE



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If you are willing to become a Member of IFPE, application for membership shall be made to the President of the Federation – Prof. Mirella Ruggeri writing at this email address: mirella.ruggeri@univr.it.

Each application is examined by the Executive, which decides if the conditions required for admission are met. The decisions of the Executive come into effect immediately. They shall be ratified by a majority vote of the General Assembly.

As a full Member of the IFPE, the dues are EUR 100 every three years and for the Members from low-income countries the dues are EUR 40 for three years.

Annual subscription fees are due at the beginning of the calendar year. The fee for individual members is uniform, except that members from low-income countries (UN designation) pay at a uniformly reduced rate, agreed by the General Assembly.



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