

WPA SECTION ON IMMUNOLOGY AND PSYCHIATRY

SECTION NEWS AND ACTIVITIES DURING THE TRIENNIUM 2020-2023

- **WPA Section`s Status and Actual Developments in Psychiatric Immunology/Immunopsychiatry**

Special Issue published in the Journal of Affective Disorders Reports reflecting the research of members of the Section on Immunology and Psychiatry

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-World Congress of Psychiatry 2023, Vienna, Austria, September 2023

Presentations by Section members:

S. Moerkl. Ergebnisse internationaler feasibility studies zur Anwendung des Nutrimental-screeners.

X. Gonda. Symposium "Death is a supple suitor": The overlooked impact of suicidality in women.

B. Sperner-Unterweger. Welche Faktoren bestimmen die mentale und koerperliche Gesundheit nach COVID-19?

A. Halaris. Systemic immune-inflammation index predicts treatment responsiveness in patients with treatment resistant bipolar depression.

- **Scandinavian College of Neuropsychopharmacology, Stockholm, Sweden, June 2023:**

Educational Workshop presentation by Dr. Angelos Halaris on "Treatment Resistant Depression"

- **16th Psychoimmunology Experts Meeting with co-sponsorship by the WPA Section on Immunology and Psychiatry and the German Society of Biological Psychiatry, Sections: Immunology, CSF March 2023:**

WPA section workshop: "Cytokines and beyond: exploring new frontiers"

Chair: A. Halaris

Speakers:

Inflammation hypothesis of depression by IL-17

K. Bliźniewska-Kowalska, Lodz, Poland

The cholinergic anti-inflammatory pathway

C. Schiweck, Frankfurt, Germany

Innate and adaptive immune components in psychosis

L. Tian, Tartu, Estonia

Single nucleotide polymorphisms contribute to treatment resistant depression:
effect of anti-inflammatory treatment

A. Halaris, Maywood, USA

- **7th Congress on Neurobiology and Psychopharmacology with the joint sponsorship of WPA, Greece 2023**
Presentation by Dr. A. Halaris representing the Section on Immunology and Psychiatry:
“Precision medicine in psychiatric practice improves treatment outcomes”
- **WPA Thematic Conference, Malta 2022**
Intersectional Symposium representing the Section on Immunology and Psychiatry and the section on Genetics:
“Immunology and Genomics Contribute to Precision Medicine in Psychiatric and Neuropsychiatric Practice”
Chair: A. Halaris
Presenters included: M. Skokou, X. Gonda, A. Halaris and K. Rothenberg
- **WPA Bangkok 2020**
WPA Section symposium on “Psychoneuroimmunology: promises, barriers and opportunities”
- **WPA Thematic Conference, Athens, December 2020**
Section Symposium on:
“Adverse early life experiences predispose to physical and mental health disturbances-a psychoneuroimmunological perspective”