

Antipsychotics tend to be effective at doses lower than those in young adults, though the risk of side effects is higher. Psychosocial interventions like cognitive behavior therapy and social skills training are useful. It is important to employ the principles of Positive Psychiatry including promotion of resilience, social connections, optimism, and healthy lifestyle in people with schizophrenia

### **Plenary Session 3: The importance and value of psychosocial care in dementia in historical perspective, with reflection and commentary**

*Rose Marie Dröes*

Overview: Prof. Dröes will discuss the importance and value of psychosocial care and support for people with dementia and their informal carers. She will look back at new insights that have emerged in this field over the past decades through (inter)national research and practice innovation. For example, the importance of sufficient activation in long-term care facilities, insights into the causes of behavioral and mood disruptions in dementia and the influence of interaction with the environment on this, the importance of integrative person-centered care, in line with the needs and what is relevant for the individual person's quality of life, and the importance of good combined support for people with dementia and their careers, as shaped among others by the successful Meeting Centres Support Programme. Also the potential of assistive technology will be addressed. The lecture will conclude with a look at the future, the further development of psychosocial care in dementia through research, but also through education, and connection and exchange with practice, which are prerequisites for the successful implementation of innovations.

### **Plenary Session 4: Disease-Modified Drug**

*Masaru Mimura*

### **Plenary Session 5: The role of social connectedness in the multifactorial demential syndrome. Does social life matter? - IPA/INTERDEM live webinar**

*Sube Banerjee and Marjolein de Vugt*

Overview: Dementia is influenced by multiple factors. It is crucial to learn more about the impact of these factors. Here we focus on the role of social health, that might have different faces around the world. Join us on July 2nd in Lisbon Portugal at our 2023 IPA International Congress for presentations and discussion on this exciting topic. Eminent dementia experts will present data on the role of social health in dementia. In this webinar, participants will gain an understanding of how social life can impact dementia and the perspectives for interventions to prevent and live well with dementia. As with all programs in the IPA Webinar Series, this presentation is intended as an educational event on topics that are timely and relevant to the field of mental health for older adults.

## **Symposia**

### **S1: Social health in the context of dementia**

#### ***Symposium Overview:***

The recognition of dementia as a multifactorial disorder encourages the exploration of potentially modifiable risk factors. Social health might play a role in cognitive decline and dementia. The Social Health And REserve in the Dementia patient journey (SHARED) project aims to unravel the interplay between social health and biological and