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of psychosis and
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ISPS-US HISTORY

ISPS, the International Society for Psychological and Social Approaches to Psychosis, promotes dialogue and multidisciplinary interaction, enriching our knowledge of the psychological and experiential aspects of psychosis. David Feinsilver, M.D. launched the United States chapter of ISPS in 1998, aiming to “join with other professionals and lay people to promote the humane, comprehensive, and in-depth treatment of [psychosis].” ISPS was initiated in 1956 by Drs. Gaetano Benedetti and Christian Müller to go beyond a biological- reductionistic orientation and to gain a psychoanalytic understanding of the complexity of psychosis. We have since broadened our understanding of psychosis.

ISPS-US welcomes all those interested in psychological and social approaches to psychosis: nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, arts therapists, occupational therapists, psychotherapists, academics, students, managers, and individuals with lived experience of psychosis, or unusual/extreme states. We additionally welcome family members, friends, and others who have been affected by such experiences. We believe it will take people with diverse perspectives working together to accomplish our mission, so please consider joining us!

MEMBER BENEFITS

- Subscription to ISPS Journal, *Psychosis: Psychological, Social and Integrative Approaches*
- Lively and educational e-mail discussion groups
- Local branch meetings, where available
- National and international newsletters
- Membership in ISPS International included
- Reduced rates at national and international conferences
- 50% discount on video and audio recordings of past conferences
- 20% discount on all ISPS books published by Routledge
- Two free mentoring sessions for new members
- Free educational webinars
- Institutional members are also featured on our website and get discounts on advertising/exhibiting at meetings

ISPS-US MISSION

- Promote the appropriate use of psychotherapy and psychosocial treatments for those suffering from psychosis.
- Support treatments that include individual, family, group and milieu approaches and treatment methods that are derived from psychoanalysis, cognitive-behavioral, systemic, psycho-educational, peer support and related approaches.
- Advance education, training and knowledge of mental health professionals in the psychological therapies and psychosocial interventions in the treatment and prevention of psychosis for the public benefit regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or socio-economic status.
- Promote personal empowerment as a necessary part of recovery from psychosis.
- Promote research into individual, family, and group psychological therapies, preventive measures and other psychosocial programs for those with psychosis.

ANNUAL MEETING

ISPS-US holds annual meetings on a theme related to psychological and social treatments for psychosis. Members and others are welcome to submit proposals. The location varies from year to year. Continuing Education Hours of Credit are offered, and members can attend at discounted rates. Themes have included:

- *Psychosis in Context: Exploring Intersections in Diverse Identities and Extreme States*
- *From Reductionism to Humanism: Moving Forward from Psychosis and Extreme States*
- *From DNA to Neighborhood: Relationship and Experience in Psychosis – An International Dialogue (International ISPS conference hosted by ISPS-US)*
- *What’s in a Name? Emerging Perspectives on the Intersection of “Schizophrenia” and “Recovery”*
- *Making Contact With the Depths: Psychosis as it is Lived*
- *Beyond Pandora’s Box: Exploring Integrative Approaches to Treating Psychosis*

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Institutional: \$150 (email us a 100-word description and logo)

Lifetime individual membership: \$1,200

All others, including full-time students: \$65

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