



The Association for Child and Adolescent
Psychiatry and Allied Professions of Serbia

7th DEAPS Congress

With International Participation

Mental Health of Children and
Adolescents
- Trauma Within and Around Us -

May 29 - June 1, 2025
Hotel Sloboda, Šabac



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Second Announcement

Dear colleagues, collaborators, and friends of DEAPS,

We recently faced an enormous challenge—an unprecedented trauma in our community. Within two days, a school massacre in central Belgrade and a mass killing in villages near Belgrade claimed the lives of 18 children and adolescents, as well as one adult. Nineteen people were killed, dozens injured, and many more traumatized in various ways. The perpetrators of these two heinous acts were a 13-year-old boy and a 20-year-old young man. Our professional calling immediately led us to those who needed and will continue to need our help and support for a long time. In those moments and in the times ahead, we understand that how children and adolescents cope with trauma — emotionally, cognitively, and physically — greatly depends on the people around them. Above all, it depends on the adults they trust and rely on, who must be there to offer understanding, encouragement, support, and ultimately, love. In caring for children, young people, and their parents, we may have unfairly overlooked professionals — doctors, police officers, teachers, psychologists, decision-makers, and citizens. Everyone experienced and will continue to deal with the trauma in their own way. We heal and help; we do not seek blame — that is for others to handle.

For this reason, the theme of trauma naturally emerged as the focus for our 7th Congress. We have endeavored to learn anew, offer the best of what we already know, turn to our collaborators, and strengthen intersectoral cooperation. The key words are the well-being and welfare of children, adolescents, and their most cherished adults. At the Congress, we aim to gain even deeper insights, contributing to a better understanding that may lead to more effective prevention. The Congress will be a place to explore possible reasons, understand the "how," examine our own responsibilities and intentions, and ultimately help ourselves and others.

Regular updates will be shared via the DEAPS mailing list and on our website: <http://www.deaps.org>. Save the dates — May 29 to June 1, 2025 — and join us as we reflect on trauma within and around us.

President of the 7th Congress
Milica Pejovic Milovancevic

President of the Scientific Committee
Miodrag Stankovic

President of the Organizing Committee
Ana Kesic



Previous DEAPS Congresses

- I Mental Health of Children and Youth: Challenges and Perspectives (2007)
- III Mental Health of Children and Youth – New Understandings, New Opportunities (2010)
- III Mental Health of Children and Youth – The Meeting of Theory and Practice (2013)
- IV Mental Health of Children and Youth – A Look into the Future (2016)
- V Mental Health of Children and Youth – Current Challenges, Possible Solutions (2019)
- VI Mental Health of Children and Youth – New Realities, Experiences, and Knowledge (2022)

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Plenary Speakers

Andrea Danese, United Kingdom
Department of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry and the Social, Genetic, and Developmental Psychiatry (SGDP) Centre at the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience; King's College London, UK.

Lise Eilin Stene, Norway
The Norwegian Centre for Violence and Traumatic Stress Studies (NKVTS)

Berit Kieselbach, Switzerland
Technical Officer, Prevention of Violence, Department of Social Determinants of Health (SDH), World Health Organization

Dennis Ougrin, United Kingdom
Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Global Mental Health at Queen Mary University of London; King's College London, UK.



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

May 29, 2025

09:00-14:00

Precongress Workshop: Recognizing and Responding to Violence Against Children: Evidence-Based Strategies for Health Professionals

Berit Kieselbach

Symposium: Children and Youth as Perpetrators and Victims of Criminal Offenses

Moderators: *Natasa Ljubomirovic, Ivana Milosavljevic Djukic*

17:00-18:45

Behavioral Disorders, Where Do They Lead? – *Natasa Ljubomirovic*

Response of the Social Protection System to Behavioral Disorders – *Vesna Trbovic*

Evidence-Based Programs – *Marija Maljkovic*

Shelter for the Urgent Protection of Abused Children – *Ivana Milosavljevic Djukic*

Discussion

Opening ceremony

18:45-20:00

Prevalence of Mental Disorders in Children and Youth in Serbia

Milica Pejovic Milovancevic

20:00-21:00

DEAPS Early Career Corner: Meet the Expert

Dennis Ougrin

Moderator: *Marija Mitkovic Voncina*

May 30, 2025

09:00-10:30

Symposium: UNICEF - Minimum Service Package for Youth (MPUM)

Moderators: *Milica Pejovic Milovancevic, Stanislava Vuckovic*

Minimum Service Package of Psychosocial Support for Youth – *Marija Mitkovic Voncina*

Telemedicine – *Anja Munjiza Jovanovic*

MPUM from the Role of Trainer - *Ljubisa Jovanovic*

MPUM from the Role of Mentor – *Maja Todorovic*

Expert Experiences Providing MPUM Services – Video

Discussion



Symposium: System Response to the May Tragedies

Moderators: *Milica Pejovic Milovancevic, Jelena Radosavljev Kircanski*

10:30-12:00

Trauma of Children and Youth – *Tijana Mirovic*
Our Response to the May Events – *Jelena Radosavljev Kircanski*
Response of the Ministry of Education to the May Events – *Snezana Vukovic*
Helpers – Organization of Work, Challenges, and Support – *Aleksandra Parojcic*
Role of the Media – *Snezana Mrvic*
Discussion

12:00-12:15

Coffee Break

12:15-13:00

Providing psychosocial care to youth after mass trauma

Lise Eilin Stene
Moderator: Sanja Zivotic

13:00-13:30

The health sector response to violence against children

Berit Kieselbach
Moderator: Milica Pejovic Milovancevic

13:30-14:00

Symposium

14:00-14:45

Lunch

14:45-15:45

Symposium: Selected Topics in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Moderators: *Svetlana Ivanovic Kovacevic, Jelena Kostic*

Challenges and Dilemmas in Forensic Child Psychiatry – *Svetlana Ivanovic Kovacevic*
School Shooters: How to Recognize and Prevent? – *Miodrag Stankovic*
Negative Childhood Experiences and Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorders – *Jelena Kostic*
Discussion

15:45-17:30

Symposium: Trauma and Psychotherapy

Moderators: *Vojislav Curcic, Sanja Zivotic*

Complex PTSD – *Tijana Mirovic*
Group Therapy and Trauma – *Danilo Pesic*
Psychological Support for Highly Traumatized Refugees – *Bojana Trivuncic*
Working with Parents of Traumatized Children – *Sanja Zivotic, Snezana Kecojevic*
Loss of a Parent in Childhood – *Olga Borovnica*
Evidence-Based Approaches to Trauma – *Vladimir Borovnica*
Discussion

17:30 -17:45

Coffee Break

17:45-18:45

Symposium: Early Childhood Trauma / The Role of Parents in Preventing Toxic Stress

Moderators: *Aleksandra Stojadinovic, Miodrag Stankovic, Jelena Zajeganovic*

Neurobiological Effects of Early Childhood Trauma – *Aleksandra Stojadinovic*
Corporal Punishment as a Factor in Child Traumatization – *Roberto Grujicic*
Parental Responsiveness and Emotional Security of Children – *Ivana Mihic*
Discussion

DEAPS Early Career Corner: Meet the Expert

Andrea Danese
Moderator: Marija Mitkovic Voncina



May 31, 2025

09:00-09:45

Childhood adversity and psychopathology - Bridging from population science to clinical practice

Andrea Danese

Moderator: Marija Mitkovic Voncina

09:45-10:30

Therapeutic Assessment for young people with self-harm

Dennis Ougrin

Moderator: Miodrag Stankovic

10:30-11:45

Symposium: The Faces and Hidden Side of Trauma

Moderators: *Jasminka Markovic, Ana Kesic*

All Faces of Trauma – *Dusko Stupar*

Trauma from Another Perspective – *Ana Kesic*

How to Help a Traumatized Helper? – *Jasminka Markovic*

Model of Mental Health Support for Children and Youth in the Community – *Jasmina*

Bogdanovic

Discussion

11:45-12:00

Coffee Break

12:00-12:40

Inovation in Learning: The Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health (ACAMH): Sharing Best Evidence and Improving Practice

Gordana Milavic

Moderator: Ana Kesic

12:40-13:00

News in the Region: Strategic Approach to Improving Child and Adolescent Mental Health in North Macedonia – National Strategy and Action Plan

Stojan Bajraktarov

Moderator: Miodrag Stankovic

13:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00-16:00

**Roundtable: The Boundaries of Criminal Responsibility
Institutionalization of Forensic Child Psychiatry and Staff Education**

Moderators: *Aneta Lakic, Svetlana Ivanovic Kovacevic*

Participants: *Aneta Lakic, Svetlana Ivanovic Kovacevic, Ana Kesic, Natasa Ljubomirovic, Zeljka Kosutic, Bojana Dunjic Kostic, Ines Cerovic, Gorjana Mircic Calukovic*

16:00-16:15

Coffee Break

16:15-17:45

Case Presentations

Moderators: *Vladimir Borovnica, Dusko Stupar*

17:45-19:00

Poster Session

20:00

Gala Dinner



June 1, 2025

09:00-10:00

Local PORI Teams

Moderators: *Mirjana Djordjevic, Spela Golubovic, Jelena Petkovic, Dunja Civric*

Participants: *Mirjana Djordjevic, Jelena Petkovic, Spela Golubovic, Dunja Civric, Jovana Jovanovic*

10:00-11:00

DEAPS Assembly

11:00-11:30

Congress Closing





Participation fees:

- For congress participants: 130 EUR
- For more than 10 participants, a special discount can be obtained by sending an inquiry to: deaps@miross.rs

Registration details will be available on the DEAPS website.

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