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Place

Auditoire Aloïse Corbaz
Psychiatric Hospital
Route de Cery 60
1008 Prilly / VD (nearby Lausanne)
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A Webex link will be provided by
e-mail to registered participants at
distance

Conditions

Price: CHF 50.00
Free for members of DP-CHUV
Registration by
November 5th 2025 at latest



Credits

This Symposium will provide
4 credits by SSPP

The Symposium is endorsed
by the Section of Evolutionary
Psychiatry of the World Psychiatric
Association

Service of Old-Age Psychiatry (SUPAA)
DP-CHUV

Symposium on Evolutionary Psychiatry

Friday, November 7th, 2025
from 13:30 to 17:45



Madam, Sir, Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to our Symposium on Evolutionary Psychiatry taking place on Friday, November 7th, 2025.

Evolutionary psychiatry is inspired by insights and concepts from evolutionary theory and ethology to address enduring questions such as why rather than how psychiatric disorders come along or why severe and harmful psychiatric diseases remain so common in our societies.

The aim of the Symposium is to present evolutionary insights by renowned speakers and to exchange with them on how the human mind has been forged over evolutionary times and evoke links with current psychopathology. We wish to raise awareness among interested attendees about the evolutionary perspective on psychopathology.

The programme will gather prominent European representatives in the fields of evolutionary psychiatry and palaeontology.

We are very excited to welcome you to this afternoon!

Pr Armin von Gunten
Pr Pierre Vandel

Programme

- 13:30** **Introduction**
Pr Armin von Gunten
- 13:45** **The Evobiopsychosocial Model**
Dr Riadh Abed
- 14:30** **Evolution of the social brain**
Pr Martin Brüne

15:15 Break

- 15:45** **Evolutionary psychotraumatology**
Pr Alfonso Troisi
- 16:30** **Evolution of aging and neurodegeneration**
Pr Emiliano Bruner
- 17:15** **Round table discussion**
- 18:00** **The round table will be followed by a cocktail to continue the discussion with the experts and the participants present on the spot.**