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Biosketch Alice Kan (Hong Kong)

Alice is a person in recovery and currently a legal secretary in an international law firm.

Alice was initially a volunteer teacher in a NGO (Baptist Oi Kwan Social Services) and started peer sharing groups in their community centre (2005~2010). She was the Service Advisor of Caritas Hong Kong's two Integrated Community Centers (ICCMWs in Tsuen Wan and Fanling) (another NGO in Hong Kong) (2010~2016).

Alice worked on two main projects on Peer Support Work: (1) Project Advisor / trainer of the Peer Support Work project funded by Community Chest (3/2011~4/2014) and (2) Project Advisor of the Peer Support Work project funded by Mindset (2012~2015) with four NGOs (New Life, MHA, Baptist Oi Kwan and Caritas). Both are pilot projects on peer support work and there are regular paid roles in all NGO's community centre and government hospitals for peer support workers since 2016.

Alice also worked with University of Kansas and University of Hong Kong in the Hong Kong for the implementation of the "Strength Model Case Management" in three NGOs (Baptist Oi Kwan, Caritas and Tung Wah) (2012).

Alice used to work closely with all the NGOs and hospitals which provides mental health services in Hong Kong to share recovery model, she also works with HKU on the research work and had several papers published including her recovery story.

Alice is currently the board member of the Research Ethics Committee of the Hospital Authority (Kowloon Central/East Cluster) since September 2018. Alice also currently sits at a working group of the World Psychiatric Association to promote a greater participation of service users and family carers since 2019.

Biosketch Daniel Abadi

I am Daniel Abadi from Buenos Aires, Argentina

I am a doctor graduated from the University of Buenos Aires in 1988 and specialized in psychiatry.

In addition to my private practice, I am a founding member of Proyecto Suma, a 13-year-old institution located in Buenos Aires.

Proyecto Suma is dedicated to teaching, research, carries out community interventions and also has an important care task with special emphasis on recovery work and social and occupational insertion of people with severe mental illnesses.

Within the institution I worked in healthcare areas and also in an exchange team, training and promotion of peer support work as a healthcare tool for users of our institution and other institutions. I am currently serving as coordinator of an area that promotes actions to combat the stigma that weighs on people with mental illness and as coordinator of the communication tasks of the institution.

Biosketch Michaela Amering

Michaela Amering is Professor of Psychiatry at the Medical University of Vienna, Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Clinical Division of Social Psychiatry, with a focus of interest on psychosis and the development of the families` and the users` movements. She is a board member of the Austrian Association of Social Psychiatry and an Honorary Fellow of the European Society of Social Psychiatry. Her experience includes work in research and community psychiatry in the USA, UK, Germany and Ireland as well as engagement in international organisations such as EPA, WASP, WAPR and WPA, where she is a Fellow and enjoys Honorary Membership.

Biosketch Miia Männikkö

Miia Männikkö has been active in the field of family support for over twenty years. Miia served in different roles in the Finnish family associations, and has been a member of EUFAMI Board of Directors since 2012. Her educational background is social psychology and her research interests and expertise lie in peer training and empowerment programmes in mental health and family support. Miia has experiences from the projects which developed support methods for family members, for example for children of parents with mental ill health and for the whole family – such as peer support groups, educational courses for the whole family, books for children and education for social and health care professionals, enabling them to support the whole family if one of the members is affected by mental ill health.

Biosketch Spyridon Zormpas

Mr. Spyridon Zormpas holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and a Master's in Special Needs from the University of Nottingham.

He has been working for more than 8 years as a founding or active board member in several mental health organizations, focusing on mental health awareness. He is the President of Greek Carers Network EPIONI. Mr Zormpas has been particularly active in International NGOs, as a Board Member of the European Federation of Associations of Families of People with Mental Illness (EUFAMI), and Board Member of the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH).

He has participated in Interest Groups for carers and people with mental health problems in the European Parliament.

Spyros has specific expertise conducting media campaigns and an extensive experience in EU-funded projects.

He is a former caregiver

