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*'When East meets West - Families at the Heart of EUROPE'*



**EUFAMI's 6th Major European Congress will take place on September 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> in Sofia, Bulgaria.**

*The provisional programme is now available. Early bird registration is now open. Log onto [www.eufami.org](http://www.eufami.org)*

### ENCONTRAR+SE receives Award

One of EUFAMI's Portuguese members, ENCONTRAR+SE, has been selected by World Federation for Mental Health to receive the 2014 Richard C. Hunter Mem Award of Excellence in recognition of its outstanding World Mental Health I activities in Portugal. Congratulations both on receiving this award and for the exemplary education and promotion efforts reflected in their WMH DAY event and activities.



### Bulgaria launches Health Partnership

The Bulgarian initiative called "Health Partnership" was officially launched on 26<sup>th</sup> March at the Council of Ministers in Sofia. The initiative falls within the "Objectives for Health 2020" paper of the Bulgarian Health Ministry and follows the model of the European Patient Access Partnership platform, launched in January 2015. The Bulgarian Prime Minister Mr. Boyko Borisov, who opened the meeting, welcomed this initiative to find a consensus on health related matters and declared the Government's full support. Key government representatives of health institutions, representatives of professional unions of medical practitioners and care givers, patient organisations, industry, academia and health experts attended this launch meeting.



### Statement on Recent Germanwings Crash

The German Association for Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics (DGPPN), Professional Association of German Specialists for Neurology and Psychiatry (BVDN) and Professional Association of German Specialists in Psychiatry and Psychotherapy (BVDP) are deeply shocked by the tragedy of the crash of Germanwings flight 4U9525. Their statement can be read at <http://tinyurl.com/oryr43o>

### InformCare, the EU Information Hub on Informal Care

This initiative will be launched in Brussels on the 6<sup>th</sup> May. The web platform, available in 27 EU member states and addressed to informal carers, employers and care professional, will provide those three target groups with useful information, both common and national specific ones. It has been developed by Eurocarers and the National Italian Institution of Health and Science on Aging (INRCA), in the framework of the FP7 European project "INNOVAGE – Social innovations promoting active and healthy ageing".



### The Fog of Paranoia: A Sister's Journey through Her Brother's Schizophrenia

When a loved one develops a mental illness, we sift through the sands of memory looking for clues. Running our hand through the fine grains, we examine past events, vague memories, comments made in passing. As we home in on a recollection, we ask ourselves: Was this the moment we knew something was wrong? Or this one? Or this? We look for the before and the after. Because in the after, so much has changed and will never go back. In this book Sarah Rae shares with us not only the sifting through the memories of growing up with her brother and the slow uncovering of his schizophrenia, but also the transition to the after - of living with a sort of survivor's guilt and moving on with her life while still supporting her sibling. More details at <http://tinyurl.com/l3sjnzu>



**Members' Information** - Date for your diaries - the EUFAMI 2015 General Meeting will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> September (morning).

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