

The SIG on  
The Child and Adolescent Working Party  
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# Agenda

*focusing on functional disorders in  
children and adolescents*

- Key issues and ongoing activities
- Key areas of research internationally
- Potentials of collaboration

# Key issues and ongoing activities

- **Organisation of assessment and treatment of functional disorders**
  - examples of ongoing work in UK and Denmark
  - clinical practice guideline for the diagnosis and management of functional seizures (PNES) (ILAE Pediatric Psychiatric Task Force)
  - New paper in the forthcoming 2020 issue of the Zeitschrift für Psychologie: *“Functional Somatic Syndromes (FSS) in Children and Adolescents: Conceptual, Measurement and Treatment Issues”* (Maria Kangas et al)
- **Networks**
  - EURONET-SOMA (<https://www.euronet-soma.eu/>, also organises a summer school)
  - paediatricliaison@yahoogroups.com
- **Sources of educational/information material**
  - e.g. homepage and leaflet on functional seizures, childbook on functional abdominal pain, leaflet on bodily distress syndrome, IACAPAP Monograph 2018: Invited Chapter on Risk and protective factors and course of medically unexplained symptoms in young people, free educational resource: MindEd (<https://www.minded.org.uk/>)

# Key areas of research internationally

- Epidemiological studies on developmental trajectories, course and risk factors (e.g. EPIC, CCC2000 and TRAILS)
- Randomised controlled trials on psychological therapy including internet-interventions
- New assessment tools

# Potentials of collaboration?

- Research project proposals?
- Joint presentations at conferences?
- Exchange of educational material, treatment manuals or the like...?
- Content for the next EAPM SIG meeting?