

ISPS Conference “Time and Psychosis”

The fourth conference of the « ISPS » in Switzerland was held on the June 4th 2010 at the Malévoz Hospital, situated in an alpine region in the French speaking part of Switzerland. The theme that was presented was time and psychosis. The focus was on time experienced by the psychotic patient as the time necessary to engage in a psychotherapeutic treatment. An important place was given to family, children and caregivers of psychotic patients that served to remind us how the illness of a family member can affect the different generations in a given family. We also had the honor of receiving Professor Luc Ciompi, honorary member of ISPS International, who reminded us of the important consequences of the Lausanne report (1976) the first study involving a large number of patients over a long period of time, showing that a large number of patients affected by schizophrenia can hope for a good prognosis. We were equally honored by the presence of Professor Christian Müller, co-author of the Lausanne study, and co-founder on the International Society of Psychotherapies and Psychosis. There were 150 participants at the conference that brought together four generations of mental health professionals.