



GNG - A GLOBAL NEUROPSYCHIATRY COLLABORATION

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Overview



Neuropsychiatry

GNG Journey

What we do

GNG Collaborations

SOME DEFINITIONS OF NEUROPSYCHIATRY

Oxford English Dictionary: Psychiatry relating mental or emotional disturbance to disordered brain function.

Wikipedia: **Neuropsychiatry is a branch of medicine that examines the relationship between psychiatry and neurology** to understand better how neurobiology and social psychological factors interact in shaping behaviour.

AI: Neuropsychiatry is a medical subspecialty **that bridges psychiatry and neurology** to diagnose and treat mental and behavioural disorders that result from neurological conditions, brain injuries, or other brain abnormalities.

RCPsych: **Neuropsychiatrists work with patients with mental disorders which in most cases originate from a brain malfunction. Neuropsychiatry is a growing specialty combining organic (neurological) and psychological aspects of illness.**

“A neuropsychiatrist is a psychiatrist who knows and cares where the brain is and what it does” – **Eames P and Bird J.**



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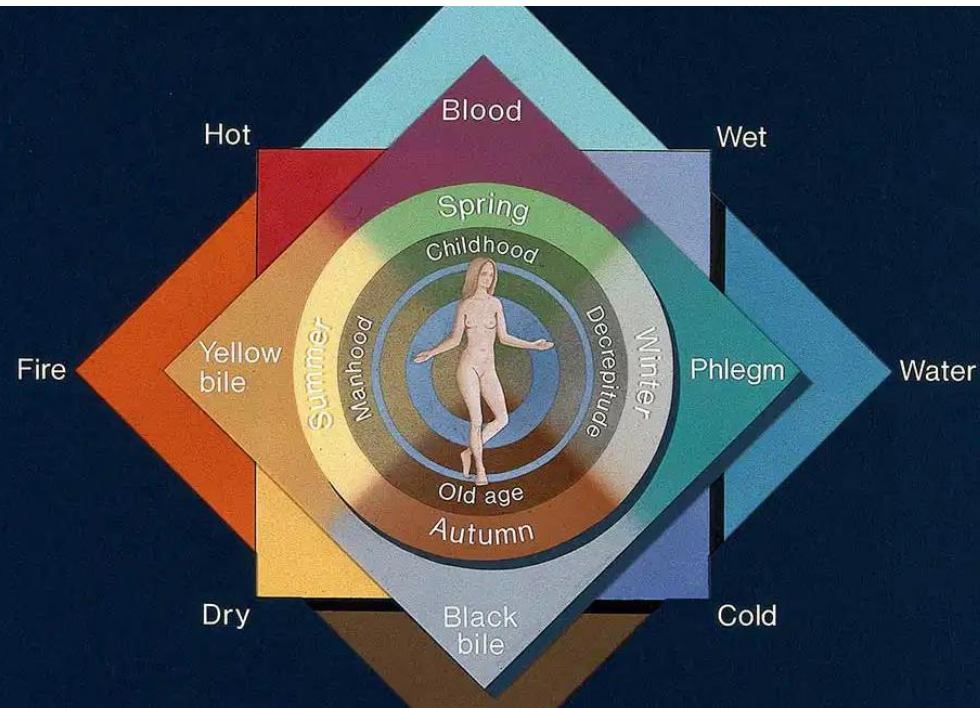
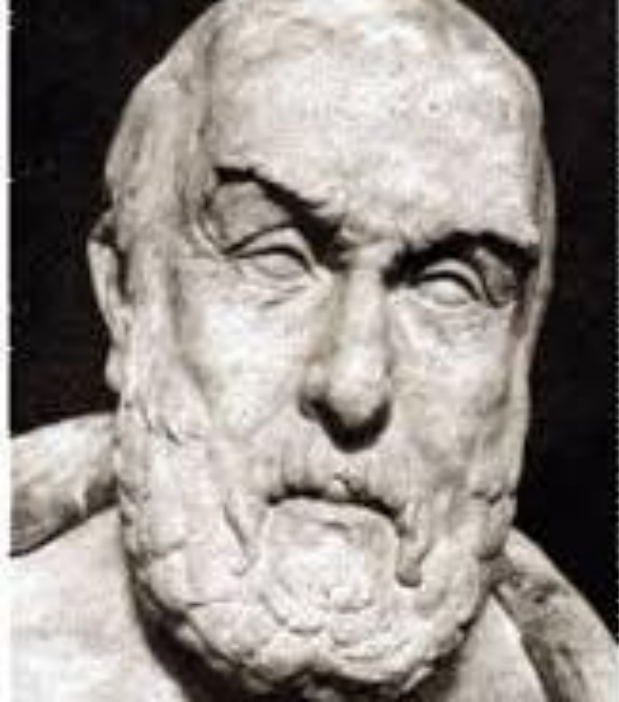
- Hippocrates(460BC)

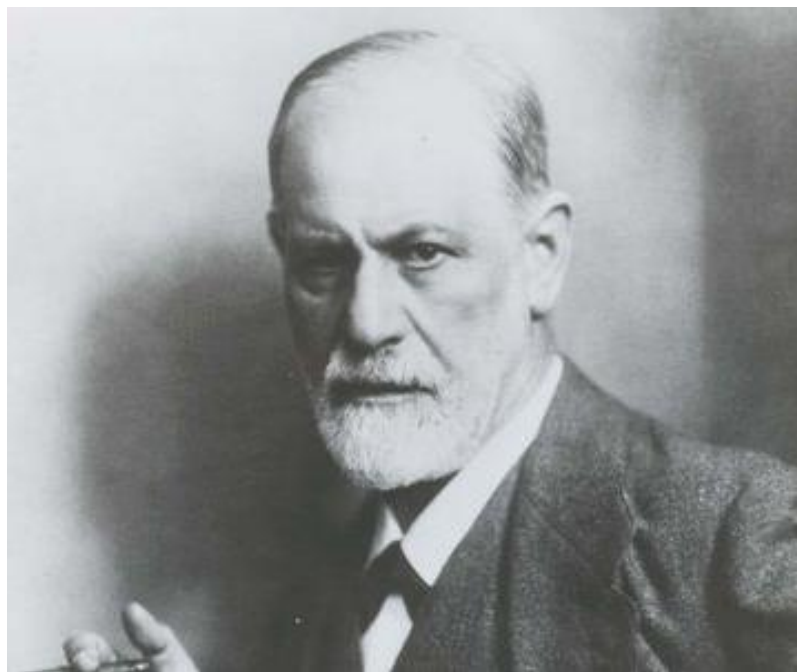
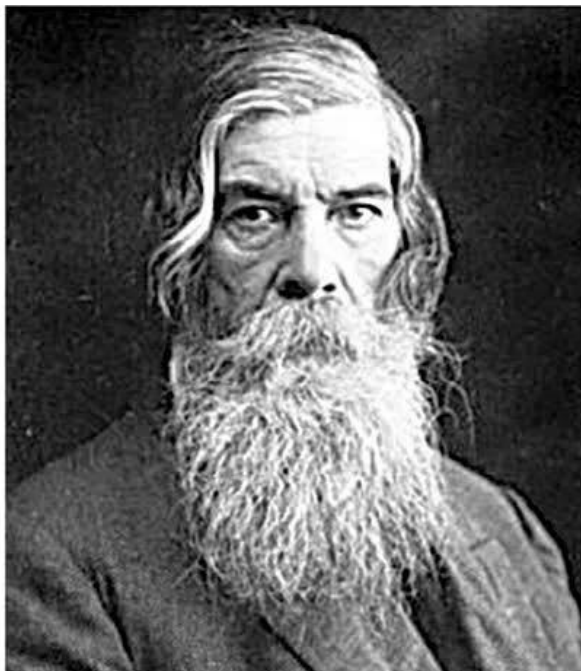
Men ought to know that from the brain and the brain only arise our pleasures, joys, laughter and jests, as well as our sorrows, pains, griefs and tears ...And by the same organ we become mad and delirious, and fears and terrors assail us ... All these things we endure from the brain when it is not healthy”.

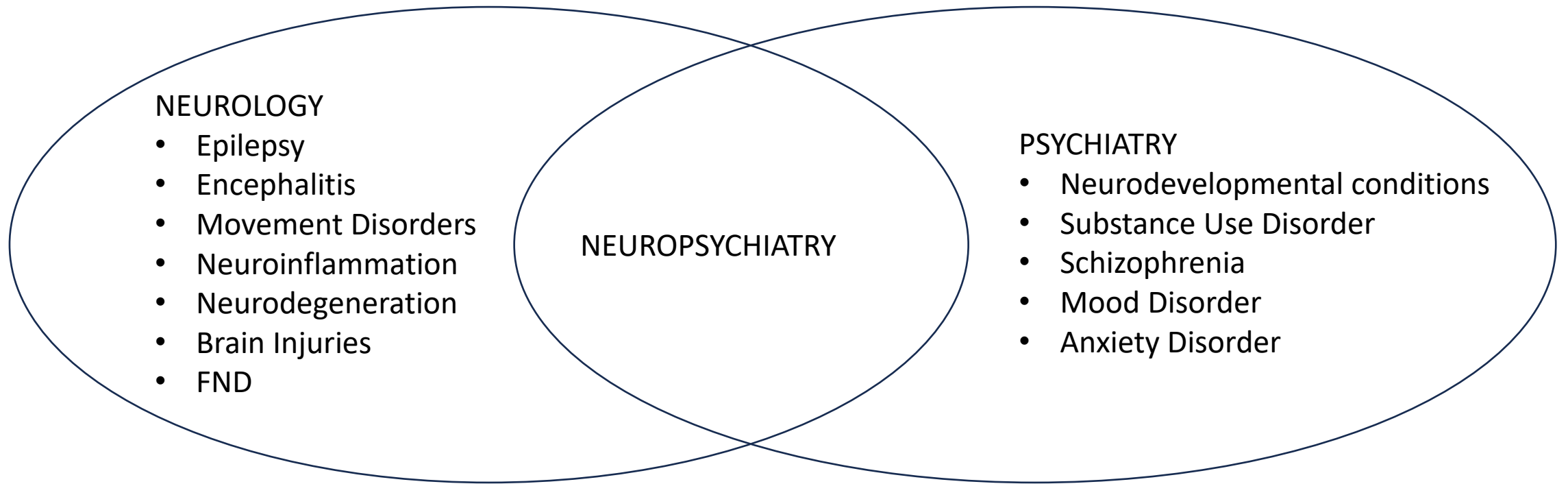
- Galen of Pergamon (AD129-C200)

Strongly influenced by humoralism

Did not distinguish diseases “of the soul” from those of the body







The Journey...



Neurology And Psychiatry Training Integration Survey

- Jasvinder Singh
- Paul Goldsmith
- Biggest survey. N= 163
- Supported by
- GA Faculty RCPsych and
- Association of British Neurologists



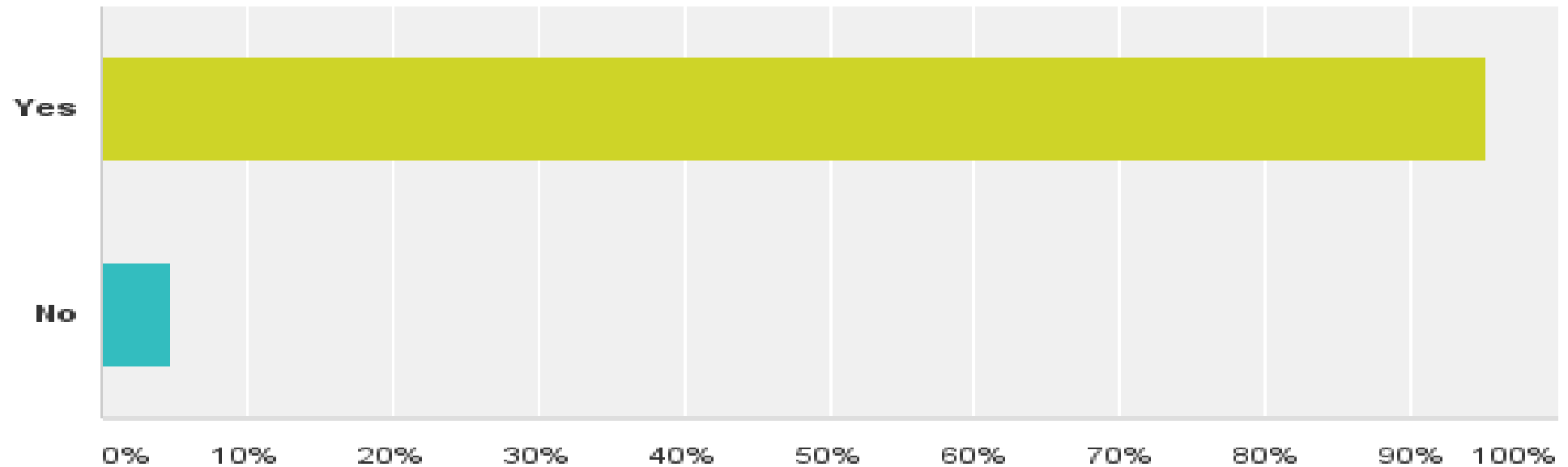
Aim of the Survey

- **Establish perceptions of neurology and psychiatry trainees and consultants** on training integration between neurology and psychiatry
- Find out the **current joint programme** in different areas
- Find out the **potential area of interest** among neurology and psychiatry colleagues
- Help **establish training integration**
- Possible **improvement in recruitment**



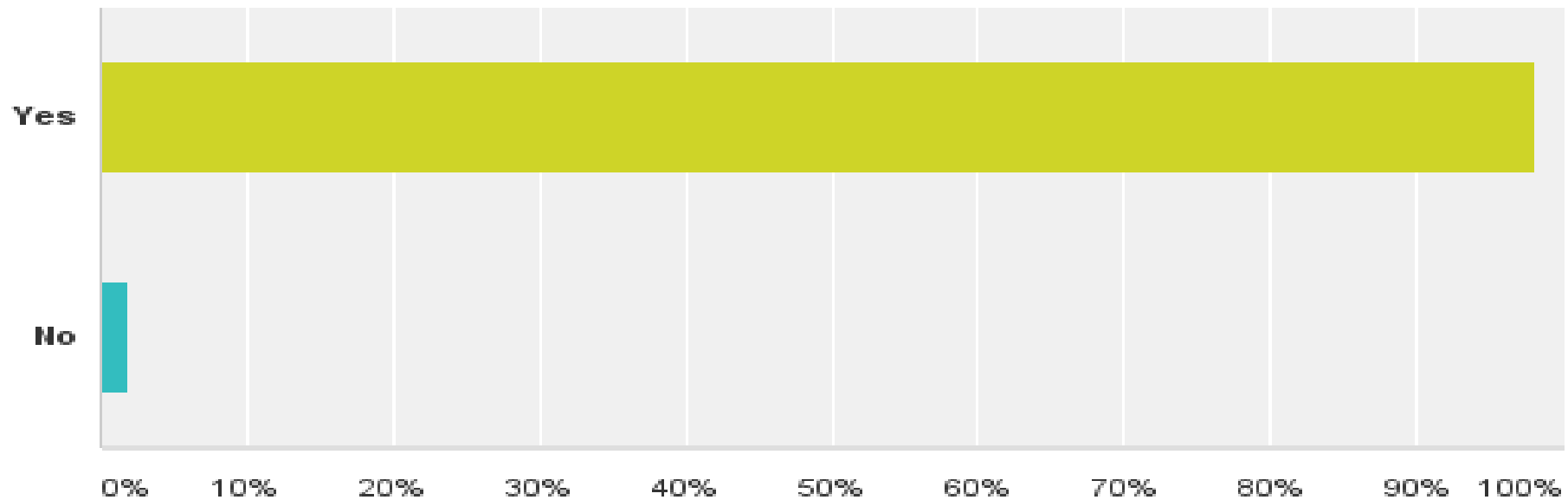
Q8: Do you think there should be cross training in neurology and vice versa?

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Q4: Do you think knowledge in neurology and vice versa would lead to better patient care?

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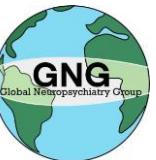


Comments!

- I did it and it **benefited me enormously**.
- **Excellent idea**, much needed.
- **The current structure of core and higher training is insufficient.** Psychiatry will remain as a Cinderella specialty until it stops focusing so intensely on its specialist status and remembers that it is a **clinical specialty first off, which should not be so far removed from general medicine**.
- **There should be just one training, training in neurosciences**; too much disintegration of training has led to a disjointed approach to care.

Excellent idea - a strong understanding in both specialties will help **improve patient care and attract more trainees** into struggling specialties mainly due to stigma.

You cannot separate the brain and mind fully therefore it makes sense to understand both to a good level.
Currently it is too separate.



Positive Outcome



THREE MONTHLY JOINT
MEETINGS WITH
NEUROLOGY



MDT MEETINGS



CLINICAL OBSERVERSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES FOR
TRAINEES



RESEARCH
OPPORTUNITIES



JOINT INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE

The Journey...



GNG

- Started as a small group
- 5th year in making
- Thousand plus members across the globe
- All the professionals from the neurosciences
- Daily interactive discussions
- Webpage – developing as a resource tool for everyone
- GNG App
- Monthly academic meetings
- Annual Conferences



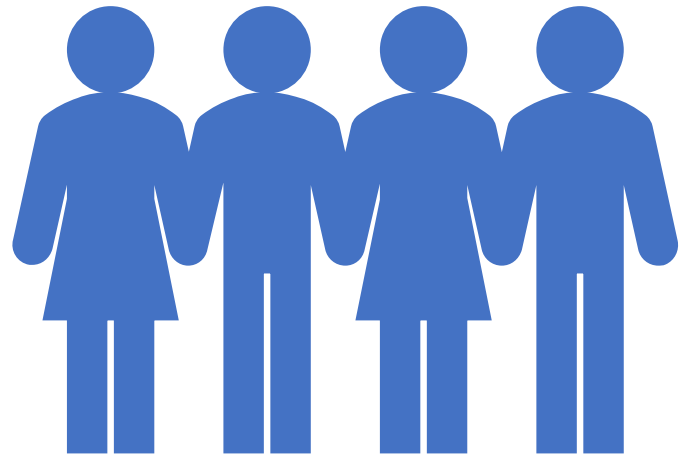
The screenshot displays the official website of the Global Neuropsychiatry Group. The header features a search icon, the group's name, a 'MEMBERS' button, and a hamburger menu icon. The main banner, set against a starry space background, reads 'Virtual forum for those interested in neurosciences'. Below this, a text block describes the group's purpose: 'Professionals interested in the interface between neurology and psychiatry are invited to join the Global Neuropsychiatry Group. This virtual group provides a forum for psychiatrists, neurologists, psychologists, neurophysiologists, clinical neuroscientists and others interested in neurosciences to share knowledge and learn from each other. The group aims to make neuropsychiatry accessible across the globe. Clinicians have an opportunity to discuss complex cases and share research ideas.' A 'LEARN MORE' button is positioned at the bottom of this text. To the right, a 'NEWS UPDATES' section contains two announcements: one about the 'GNG-INA Monthly Academic Meeting' held on the last Thursday of the month, and another inviting 'Neuropsychiatry and Neurology Trainees' to join the 'GNG-INA International Trainees Group'. A cookie consent bar at the bottom states, 'This website uses cookies to ensure you get the best experience on our website.', with an 'OK' button.



The International Neuropsychiatry Association



- Originally established by Spanish and American neuropsychiatrists in Seville in 1996 as the International Organisation of Neuropsychiatry.
- The INA has held meetings every two years in different countries, usually in association with a psychiatric organisation in that country.
- Provide an international forum for exchanging knowledge among clinicians and academics working in neuropsychiatry to improve the understanding and treatment of brain behaviour disorders.
- Publicise and disseminate clinical and academic advances in neuropsychiatry to improve people's health worldwide.
- Raise awareness of neuropsychiatry, particularly in those countries where it is not well known or recognised.



GNG Activities

- Research Group
- Child Neuropsychiatry Group
- Neuromodulation Group
- International Trainee Group – monthly journal clubs
- International Representatives
- Performa assessment group



Join us for the
Global Neuropsychiatry Group (GNG)
Monthly Academic Meeting



Thursday 29 January 2026
6:30am – 8:00am Eastern Time (USA)
11.30am – 1.00pm BST (Britain and Spain)
10.30pm-12.00 AEDT (Australia)

TOPIC:

PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF FUNCTIONAL/DISSOCIATIVE SEIZURES



Dr. Stoyan Popkirov (Essen, Germany)

Consultant Neurologist, University Hospital Essen

Stoyan Popkirov is a consultant neurologist working at the University Hospital Essen in Germany. His research is focused on the clinical management and pathophysiology of dissociative seizures and other functional neurological disorders. He is the speaker of the ILAE Functional/Dissociative Seizures Task Force and a founding member of the German FND working group (AG FNS e.V.) and the Psychosomatic Neurology Commission of the German Neurological Society.

Session Chair

Dr. Ingrid Hoeritzauer (Edinburgh, UK)

Consultant Neurologist, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh

Dr Hoeritzauer completed her undergraduate degree at Queen's university in Belfast with a semester in Humboldt University in Berlin and an intercalated degree in psychology at UCL. She undertook her neurology training in Belfast and Edinburgh including a PhD looking at the Clinical Features and Prognosis of Scan-negative Uro-Neurological Disorders. She currently works in Edinburgh as a consultant neurologist with an interest functional neurological disorders and has recently been awarded an NRS Fellowship. Dr Hoeritzauer is a principal of the Functional Neurological Disorders Research Group along with Professors Jon Stone and Alan Carson and Dr Laura McWhirter.

JOIN THE MEETING

Only GNG Members can join GNG-INA Monthly Academic Meetings.

GNG Members can register for zoom link here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_QfIEJAUaTCKpIgaJtC27g

If you are not a registered on the GNG website as a member you can join.

Join the GNG here: <https://globalneuropsychiatry.org/become-member/>

MORE INFORMATION:

Email: contact@globalneuropsychiatry.org **Web:** <https://globalneuropsychiatry.org/>



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INTERNATIONAL NEUROPSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION



Neuropsychiatry Journal Club

'Association of Loneliness With 10-Year Dementia Risk and Early Markers of Vulnerability for Neurocognitive Decline'

Joel Salinas et al. *Neurology*, March 2022

Thursday 22nd January 12 Midday – 1:00pm AEDT

On Zoom (scan below QR code to join!)

Presenter: Dr Joshua Berger, psychiatry trainee at Sydney Local Health District (Australia)

Chair: Prof Anna J. Finley – Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, North Dakota State University

Expert panel members:

Dr Kerryyn Loftus, Head of Department, Old Aged Psychiatry, Sydney Local Health District and PhD Candidate researching the prescribing of psychotropics to community dwelling people with dementia

Prof Perminder Sachdev, Scientia Professor of Neuropsychiatry at UNSW Sydney (UNSW), Co-Director of the Centre for Healthy Brain Ageing (CHeBA), UNSW, and Clinical Director of the Neuropsychiatric Institute, Prince of Wales Hospital, Sydney

Meeting Link



bit.ly/44xDF40

**All
Welcome!**

Paper



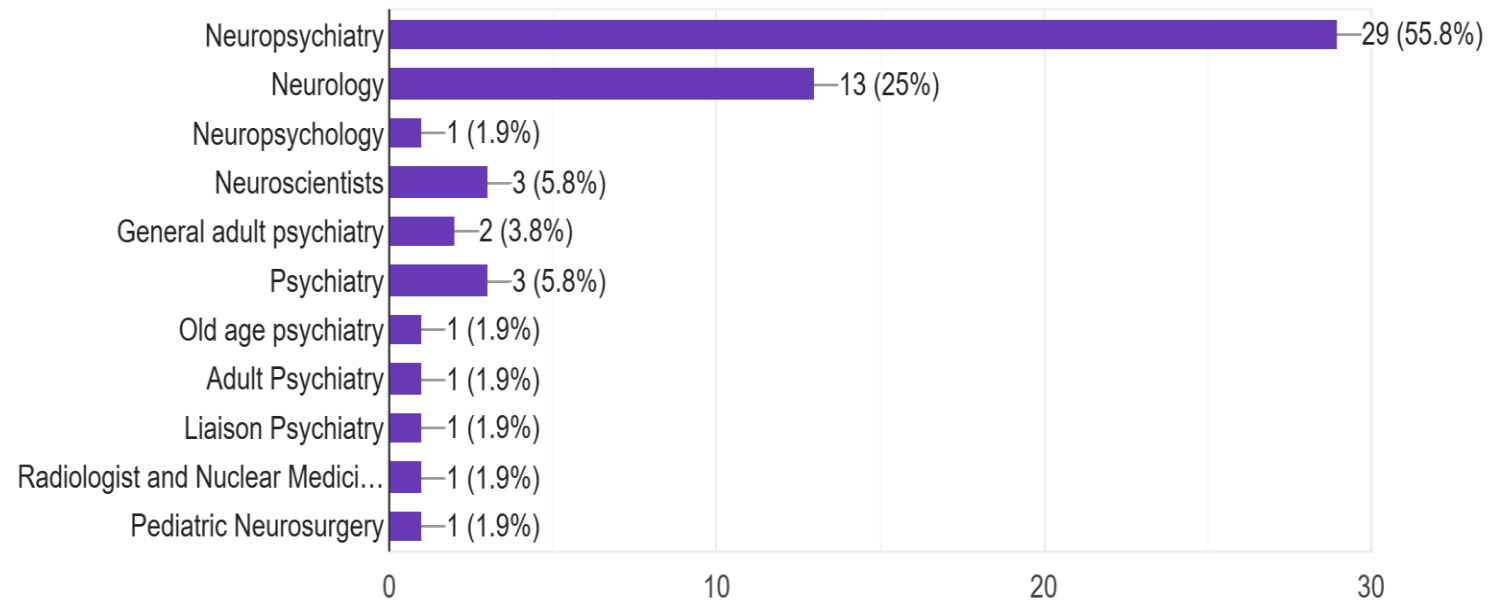
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The INA / GNG Journal Club is a trainee-led forum to discuss exciting neuropsychiatric research & encourage international collaboration!

GNG SURVEY N=52

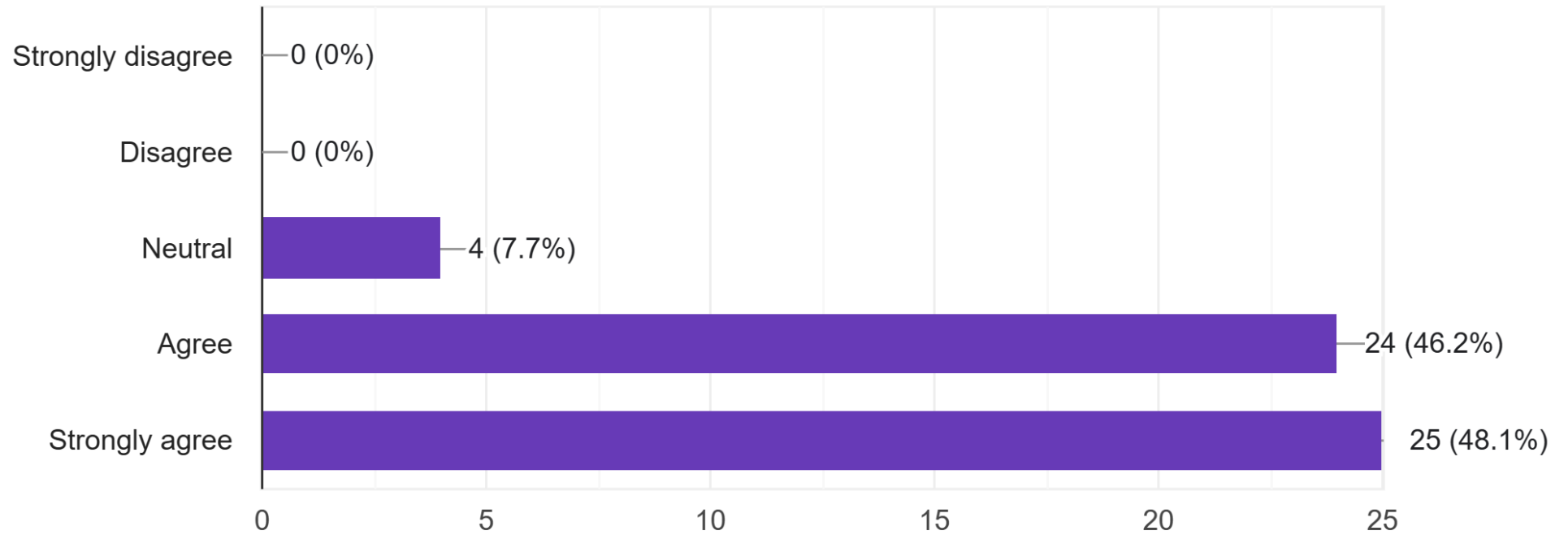
What's your area of speciality?

52 responses



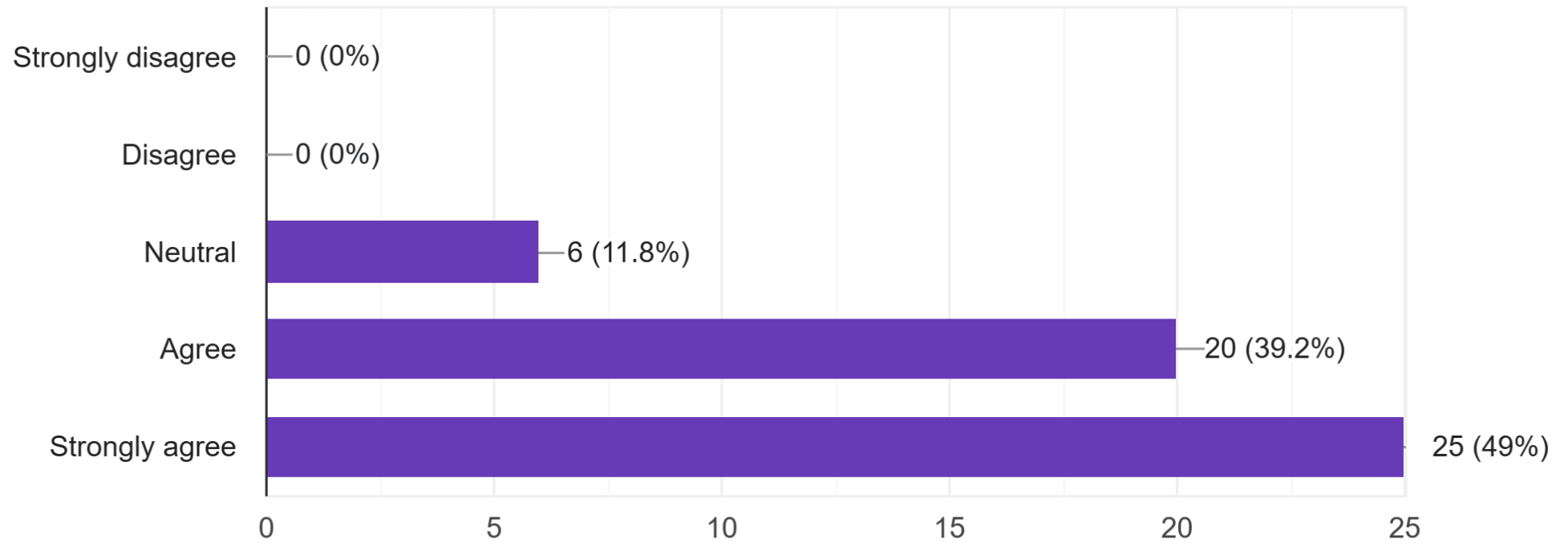
I am finding the monthly GNA/INA meetings very relevant to my area of work

52 responses



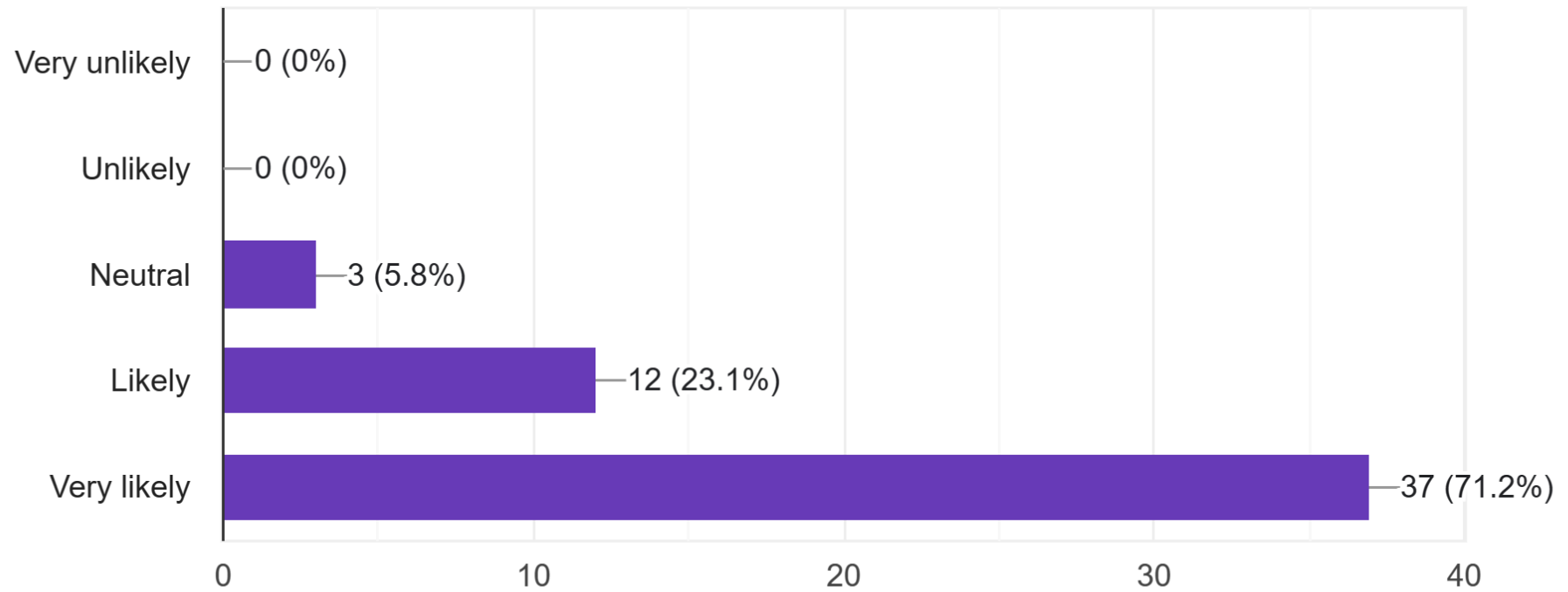
I am finding WhatsApp discussions useful for my area of work

51 responses



How likely are you to recommend GNG/INA to your other peers

52 responses



Sometimes i would like to know more about who is posting, but otherwise its totally brilliant and some very instant access useful learning. Well donw, excellent template for an international resource

Great initiative. For me it is often difficult to attend monthly meetings live due to clashes with clinical duties

Very well organised and excellent programme

I would be thankful to see any PhD or research positions in the group.

Excellent group; thank you for setting it up

Thank you very useful info for me

Very happy to be a new member of the group

Thank you for the whatsapp group. It is easily accessible and very informative

Very informative and good learning platform

Nice international and multi-disciplinary mix of colleagues

Time difference is main issue

Please can the number of messages and notifications be reduced. On 27th oct it seemed so excessive

Learning a lot from everyone. Would love it if at some point SA could present a case?

Zoom meeting for collaborative research

I have a keen interest in functional neuroimaging. It is Great to be a part of this group.

Could you include a clock to calculate time equivalent for every where around the world for each meeting. Thanks J

I don't use WhatsApp, so couldn't rate those items

Thank you for sharing your expertise!







Mrs Jennifer Darman, MEI, M.Soc.Sci is the GNG's administrative coordinator, based in Melbourne, Australia.

Future Direction

- Strengthen what we are already doing – international trainee and representative groups
- Collaborate with other organisations internationally
- Work with other International societies, such as FND and Parkinson.
- One-stop free Resource for professionals and patients
- Neuropsychiatry E-Book
- International Curriculum
- Research



Global Neuropsychiatry Group Overview

- Free educational resource and virtual forum for neurosciences, neurology, and psychiatry professionals.
- Thousand plus members from various countries, aiding multinational research and clinical practice understanding.

Mission Statement

- Bridge the gap between neurology and psychiatry.
- Spread knowledge of neuropsychiatry globally to benefit the community.

Activities and Meetings

- Monthly virtual meetings on the last Thursday, 11:30 am - 1 pm GMT.
- Communication via WhatsApp, Mailchimp, and the GNG app.
- website for educational resources.
- Bi-Monthly Trainee Journal Clubs
- Recorded webinars for those unable to attend live.

Additional Features



- Education and networking for trainees and senior clinicians.
- International Trainee Group for Core Neuropsychiatric Training.
- International representative group to support the regional neuropsychiatric curriculum and service setup.

Affiliations

INA, BNPA, ABN, ANZAN, ACNA

Join us in the journey.....





Thank you for
being here on
our journey.

- ***“I set off alone towards my goal, but people came along, and it began to turn into a caravan!”***