



## TWIST Session 14: Impact and Cost of Addiction

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 11:00h – 12:30h (Room 1.08)



**Marta Torrens MD PhD.** *Head of the Addiction Programme of Institute of Neuropsychiatry & Addiction- Hospital del Mar/ Associate Professor of Psychiatry of the Universidad utònoma de Barcelona/ Head of Addiction Research Group at IMIM- Hospital Del Mar, Barcelona, ES.*

Dr Torrens is a psychiatrist, with extensive experience in addiction field in clinical, teaching and research. In research the main lines have been: 1) the assessment and treatment of substance use disorders (opioid, cocaine, cannabis, alcohol), 2) the diagnosis and treatment of psychiatric comorbidity among substance users (dual diagnosis), 3) the evaluation of new psychoactive substances and 4) a gender perspective in the addiction field.

She has participated in many conferences and collaborated with international organizations including: EMCDDA, WHO, UNODC in the field of addiction treatment. She has more than 200 publications in the area and she has been invited as an expert at many scientific workshops and meetings.

**Gabriele Fischer MD, PhD,** *Medical Director of the Addiction Clinic, and in 2000, Professor of Psychiatry and Neurology at the Medical University of Vienna, Austria.*

Prof. Gabriele Fischer is a psychiatrist and neurologist, as well as researcher involved in many epidemiological clinical and psychopharmacological studies in the field of substance use disorder and non – substance related addictions, including the topic of co-morbidities. Her special research focus includes the aspect of sex/gender differences in psychiatry. Dr Fischer has also been a consultant for several international and national groups, including the United Nations Office on Drug and Crime, the World Health Organisation and the European Parliament. She is member of the Scientific Board for Quality Control and Quality Management in Medicine and of the European Monitoring Center for Drugs and Drug addiction (EMCDDA), Member of General Medical Council in Austria, founding board member of: Women for women: health policy in focus. In July 2015 she became the commission director of the Austrian Ombudsman Board, dedicated to improving human rights in vulnerable populations.



### **Session Description:**

Learning objective(s):

- Adopt a gender perspective in addiction from epidemiological, public health and clinical viewpoints.

Scope/main topics covered:

- Epidemiology
- Factors
- Clinical considerations

Training/Learning formats:

- Lecture and discussion format

Learning outcome(s) (what should the trainee be able to do following the session?):

- To identify the main gender differences in addiction and describe clinical considerations to be taken into account

### **Related LxAddictions 2017 sessions:**

SS11 (intimate partner violence), PS33 (pregnancy), PS47 (gender) + SS34 (reproductive health)