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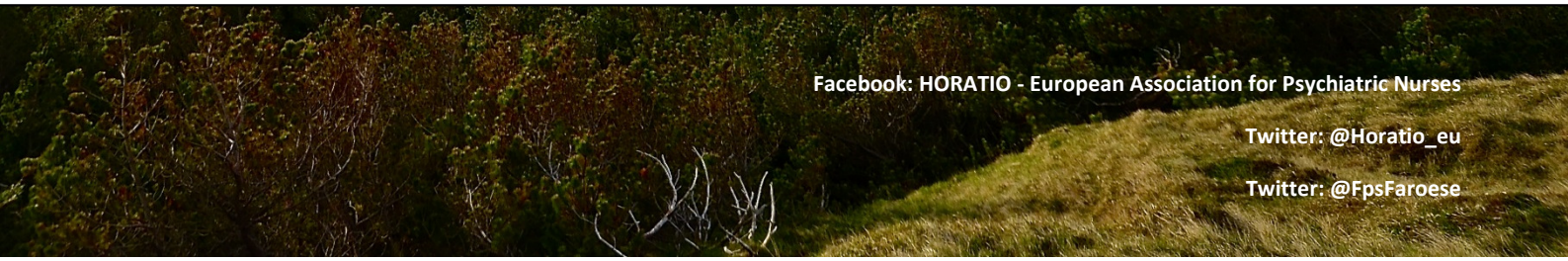

Housing for people with mental illness: Preferences, outcomes and what mental health professionals can do about it

Keynote Dirk Richter, Head of Research and Development, Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation, University Bern Psychiatric Services and Senior Nursing Researcher, Health Division, Bern University of Applied Sciences

Dirk Richter has published several books on his previous major research topic violence in mental health care, on psychiatric sociology and on mental health nursing. He has also published more than 50 peer-reviewed papers and more than 100 articles and book chapters and has talked at conferences throughout Europe and beyond. Dirk's current research covers psychiatric rehabilitation in general and housing for people with mental illness in particular. He will talk about results of his research that deals with housing preferences and with outcomes of living in different accommodations.

Dirk Richter was trained as a nurse in mental health care in the 1980s in Germany and has worked mainly on acute wards. He then trained to become a sociologist (with minors in psychology and philosophy) and finished his academic education with a PhD and a post-doc degree (habilitation). After having worked for several years as a researcher and quality manager at a public mental hospital in Germany, he moved to Switzerland, to become a nursing research professor at Bern University of Applied Sciences (BUAS). Since 2015 he is head of research and development at the at the University Bern Psychiatric Hospital's Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation and is still affiliated to BUAS.

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