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"A Perfect Vision for Mental Health 2020"

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**Published Article
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Congratulations to Katerina Nomidou, the EUFAMI representative from our Greek member association, SOFPSI N SERRON, for having her article "Leadership in mental health services: a tool and catalyst for service users and carers to effectively defend their rights" published in the special issue "Human Rights and Mental Health" of the Greek quarterly review SYNAPSIS published by Koinos Topos of Psychiatry, Neurosciences and Humanities, Historical, Epistemological and Philosophical Studies Association (Issue 27, Vol.8, 2012, pp.46-49). Katerina recently also completed her postgraduate specialisation and is now officially an expert in international mental health law and human rights.



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The winners of the fourth EU Health Prize for Journalists were announced by Dr Tonio Borg, European Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy at a recent award ceremony in Brussels. The winning articles, selected from 557 submissions from journalists across the EU, cover issues related to healthcare and health services - with an additional "special prize" on smoking cessation. In first place was Petr Třešňák writing for Respekt magazine (Czech Republic). His article "Adventures in ward 14" tells the story of a psychiatric hospital ward dealing with the most difficult cases, and a dedicated nurse who made a difference.

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EUFAMI's Welsh member association, Hafal, has won Big Lottery funding to develop a groundbreaking new Recovery Centre offering in-patient support and treatment for people with a serious mental illness. The Lottery "Innovations" funding will enable Hafal to employ a Development Officer to take forward the initiative. Bill Walden-Jones, Chief Executive of Hafal, said: "We are delighted to have won funding to take this exciting venture forward. The Big Lottery has recognised what an original and interesting project this will be for Wales and our Members are very grateful for their backing. For the latest updates on the new Centre and more Hafal news please visit www.hafal.org or follow them on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)."



**Award Winning
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A SISTER'S CALL, the award-winning documentary brilliantly directed by Rebecca Schaper and Kyle Tekiela, continues garnering prizes at film festivals around the US. The project is currently touring the US with independent community screenings and discussion with people whose lives have been affected by someone they have known with a mental illness. The life of the entire Richmond family continues to heal hurting lives through A Sister's Call. Director Tekiela says that their "goal from day one-teach the audience about the illness simply by letting them experience it in all its beauty and horror." Though the principal subject of the documentary, Call Richmond passed away in September of 2012, the impact of his life will live on through the film.

**Personal Experience
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Janine Berg-Peer, from our German member association BApK, tells us that the book about her life living with her daughter who suffers from schizophrenia, has now been sent to her publisher. As we receive updates about the progress of the publication, we will let you know more.



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Prospect, EUFAMI's Training Initiative, is currently being used by people in over 14 European countries. Prospect is a very unique peer to peer programme and was developed by EUFAMI members from many countries. If you would like to get further information, contact Rita Geerts on project.admin.office@eufami.org.



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