



EViPRG

European Violence in Psychiatry Research Group

2026 Chris Abderhalden Award for Young Researchers in the Field of Aggression in Healthcare

The Chris Abderhalden Award for Young Researchers in the Field of Aggression in Healthcare honours Dr. Chris Abderhalden, a highly esteemed member of the European Violence in Psychiatry Research Group (EViPRG).

Dr. Chris Abderhalden's innovative research and development in the field of psychiatry fundamentally improved and professionalized the management of aggression and violence in Swiss psychiatry and in many other countries. His research and his writings provided wisdom, led to significant knowledge for EViPRG and attracted great international attention. Dr. Chris Abderhalden was keen to promote academic nursing and young scientists from all disciplines. He was a role model for excellent academic work, modesty and collegiality. As a skilled networker, he enjoyed bringing people together and promoting synergy and creative dialogue between researchers from different cultural and professional backgrounds. His interest and passion inspired EViPRG in supporting early scientists in the field of aggression and violence research in the health care sector. Now those experienced researchers provide, in turn, their expertise in clinical, managerial and educational fields, especially in the form of consultations, practice development, discussions and supervision of PhD-research projects. Dr. Chris Abderhalden was well known in Europe and beyond, as well as being a colleague and dear friend to many members of the EViPRG.

Dr. Chris Abderhalden died too early and with this award we honour his supportive and inspiring spirit, the quality of his work and his prominent position as a mentor and EViPRG member.

The EViPRG awards the Chris Abderhalden Award for Young Researchers in the Field of Aggression in Healthcare every two years at the European Congress on Violence in Clinical Psychiatry. It is awarded to a researcher who shows the greatest potential for a future contribution in this area based on a description of current or recent research work. Applications are peer-reviewed and evaluated in terms of scientific quality and potential impact. The winner is awarded **1200 Euros** and their name is published on

the EViPRG website and the conference website of the European Congress on Violence in Clinical Psychiatry.

Eligible candidates are individuals who have been awarded their PhD degree within the past 5 years. They must be registered for the 14th European Congress on Violence in Clinical Psychiatry and they must present their research project at one of the sessions of the congress. Further it is expected that they are present at the award ceremony on the 6th of November 2026 (15.15 to 16.00): Ceremony Chris Abderhalden Award.

For full application we need after you are accepted to present at the conference:

1. A project description of your innovative project in the Field of Aggression, Violence and Coercion not longer than 1000 Words (= approx. 4 pages). Including: Title, Name of applicant, Corresponding e-mail address, introduction and/or background, aim, method, results, discussion, conclusion, project financing).
2. A short CV of the applicant (2 pages).
3. An application letter including a strategy explaining the direction of your research in the field of Aggression, Violence and Coercion. This research strategy is already started, or you are planning to implement it. The application letter is not longer than 500 Words (= approx. 2 pages).
4. Acceptance form for your abstract from the 14th European Congress on Violence in Clinical Psychiatry 2026.

All word limits must be strictly adhered to. The rating criteria are: quality of the abstract, innovative character of the research project and the strategy, practical relevance and relevance of the candidate's scholarly work to the objectives of EViPRG.

If you apply for the award, please send a full submission to award.abderhalden@bfh.ch before 23.59 CET on **24th of October 2026**.

We thank the Swiss sponsors of the Chris Abderhalden Award 2026

