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Since almost 10 years I am a retired psychiatrist. My professional career focussed on C/L psychiatry. I chaired the C/L service of the Vrije Universiteit Medical Center Amsterdam for 18 years. After my thesis on 'Systematic interventions in C/L Psychiatry' developing a taxonomie for interventions and assessing the compliance of the consultees with these recommendations, I chaired two European grants and participated in another. Main collaborators were Ulrik Malt, Antonio Lobo, Thomas Herzog, Barbara Stein, Peter de Jonge and later Fritz Stiefel and Wolfgang Söllner. The European collaborative study in 1991 focussed on a description of services delivered by European C/L psychiatrists and German psychosomatists in 56 hospitals in 11 countries by 256 consultants for 14.700 patients. It offered a framework for the improvement of service delivery. The 2nd study focussed on the development of an instrument for the detection at hospital admission of clinical complexity induced by psychiatric comorbidity. A by-product of the study was the INTERMED. The studies resulted in a network which later sparked the EAPM.