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**Social Justice
for People with
Mental Illness**

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Dear Colleagues, dear Friends,

I hope that you had a restful period over holidays. I am writing to you with some key issues and need your support.

1. The preparations for the World Congress in Berlin in October are moving rapidly. I would strongly encourage your association to support **medical students** and early career psychiatrists. There will be special academic tracks for them to enjoy along with meeting senior leaders.
2. I would like to draw your attention once again to the **Bill of Rights** attached herewith again. In addition, please look at the findings of the Discrimination Survey.

Full details of the discrimination survey were published in a special issue of International Review of Psychiatry volume 28(4). The contents are available online. <http://tandfonline.com/toc/iirp20/28/4?nav=toCList>

On the International Children's Day on 20th November, WPA launched a Bill of Rights for children and young people. Developed by Dr. Gordana Milavic and Professor Bennet Leventhal and colleagues, I am attaching this for your reference. Please sign up to it as well.

The logo above is the symbol of the social justice campaign lasting all of next year. Please use it wherever you can.

3. Please find attached herewith two recent WPA **Position Statements** on high quality training and Preventive Psychiatry for your information and wider dissemination within your organisation.
4. You may know that there is a proposal to shift diagnosis of **Dementia** from Mental Health and Behavioural Disorders to Neurology section of ICD-11. I know that many organisations have written to Mental Health Division in the WHO. Please find attached herewith a letter to Dr Shekhar Saxena. If your organisation has not already written protesting this change

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please do so. I would suggest that please write to Dr. Saxena directly and copy the WPA in. It will strengthen the case if you were to contact your WHO country expert as well as your representatives on ICD-11 working groups.

5. I am also attaching a **paper** from Professor Graham Thornicroft and colleagues for your information and action.
6. We had very successful **round table meetings** on early Interventions in Psychiatry hosted by Hong Kong College of Psychiatrists in December and the findings are being collated in a book.
7. As agreed in the WPA Action Plan I am delighted to let you know that a forthcoming Special issue of International Review of Psychiatry presents key papers translated from Portuguese into English.
8. Dr. Greg Shields in collaboration with University of Melbourne has been working on the Diploma curriculum and we are hopeful to launch this later this year.
9. Please keep sending examples of **good clinical practice** so that we can learn from each other.

Please check the WPA website regularly and get involved.

Best wishes,



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