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## 1st Quarter 1999

### GREETINGS

This quarter, particularly abounding in WPA meetings, started with a January encounter in Singapore of Member Society Presidents and Zonal Representatives from Asia and the South Pacific, also attended by the WPA President and Secretary General (see photo below). This event highlighted recent efforts of WPA in this huge and contrasting area, which houses half of mankind. In fact, WPA has held fascinating Regional Meetings in Beijing (October 1997) and Jaipur, India (January 1998), co-sponsored meetings in Tokyo (February 98) and Izmir, Turkey (October 1998) as well as six Zonal business meetings. And now, on the horizon, emerges Yokohama 2002 as the site of the XII World Congress of Psychiatry, the first ever in Asian lands. Here, the formidable cultural complexity of the East will meet the West, intersecting with the North and the South, towards a global alliance for mental health.

More immediately, we are looking forward to meeting in Hamburg this August for the XI World Congress and its Extraordinary and Ordinary General Assemblies. Preparing for them involves reviewing carefully their recently distributed agendas and lists of documents, and then contributing comments and proposals. The creative participation of our membership in this process is crucial for the institutional fulfillment of WPA. Joyfully, our organization has been recently enriched with the ad-hoc admission of the Cyprus Psychiatric Association as Member Society 112, not less!



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### ACTION PLAN IN RESPONSE TO GENERAL SURVEY

Upon accepting the General Survey Report in 1998, the Executive Committee started preparing an Action Plan focused on the period ending in August 1999, while understanding that the Survey results are also critically relevant for the strategic plan for the next triennium

and for amending the Statutes and By Laws.

The full Action Plan has been distributed to all core WPA components and an illustrative summary is presented below:

### **1. Concerning Fulfillment of WPA Statutory Purposes**

To continue and improve work on those WPA purposes found to be adequately fulfilled:

- Ethical guidelines,
- Consensus Statements,
- WPA Program on Fighting Stigma Due to Schizophrenia,
- Adjustments in the objectives and procedures of the Review Committee.

To accord pointed attention to those purposes found to be less fulfilled:

- To request to the Section on Preventive Psychiatry to work on a consensus statement on prevention,
- To request the Ethics Committee to consider developing guidelines on the rights of psychiatrists.

More broadly, to take steps towards greater communication among psychiatrists, individually and organized in groups, as well as advances in psychiatric education, clinical care and research, particularly in developing countries.

### **2. Concerning Member Societies' Needs**

To continue efforts to upgrade communication and participation of Member Societies in WPA activities

To assist Member Societies in their efforts to improve their institutional organization, key activities (meetings, educational programs, etc.), and national mental health policies.

To arrange for a reduction in the registration fee for the XI WCP if the registration is carried out through Member Societies.

### **3. The results of the General Survey and related institutional developments will inform the WPA Strategic Plan 1999-2002 to be presented for approval to the General Assembly**

To finalize and disseminate the Manual of Procedures to upgrade institutional transparency and effectiveness.

To explore and strengthen partnerships with national and international governmental and non-governmental organizations towards enhancing mental health policies.

To promote the participation in WPA meetings of international professional and advocate organization.

### **4. Concerning WPA Educational Activities**

To continue the preparation of high quality Educational Programs, as well as to facilitate their accessibility.

To strengthen the functioning of the Educational Liaison Network and the educational component of the WPA Web Site.

To develop CME activities in collaboration with Member Societies, for various WPA scientific meetings.

### **5. Concerning WPA Sections**

To continue to promote inter-Section collaboration as well as interactions between the Sections and other WPA components.  
To promote the involvement of the Sections in the preparation of educational programs and consensus/position statements.  
To carry out a critical review of activities performed by the Sections.

## **6. Concerning WPA Congresses and Meetings**

To continue efforts for optimal distribution and spacing of WPA Regional Meetings and Congresses.  
To increase the participation of WPA components in the preparation and evaluation of WPA meetings.  
To promote the participation in WPA Meetings, of international mental health organizations.

## **7. Concerning Publications**

To continue upgrading the WPA program of publications.  
To widen the reach and accessibility of WPA publications.  
To promote the publication of WPA meeting proceedings.

## **8. Concerning Consensus Statements**

To elaborate priority proposals for consensus and position statements.  
To study key consensus statements from Member Societies and key international organizations to consider adopting or adapting them for WPA use.

## **9. Concerning WPA Finances**

To increase information on WPA finances for distribution to WPA components.  
To finalize the financial guidelines in the Manual of Procedures.  
To prepare a Financial Triennial Plan for the 1999 General Assembly.

## **10. Concerning Ethics and Psychiatry**

To continue efforts to translate and disseminate the Madrid Declaration.  
To prepare publications on "History of WPA Efforts on Ethics" and on "Ethics, Culture and Psychiatry".  
To formulate additional ethics guidelines for specific situations, taking cultural framework into consideration.  
To promote the interaction of the Standing Committees on Ethics and Review of Psychiatric Abuse with Member Societies to upgrade pertinent information, adoption of ethical codes, and establishment of ethics committees.

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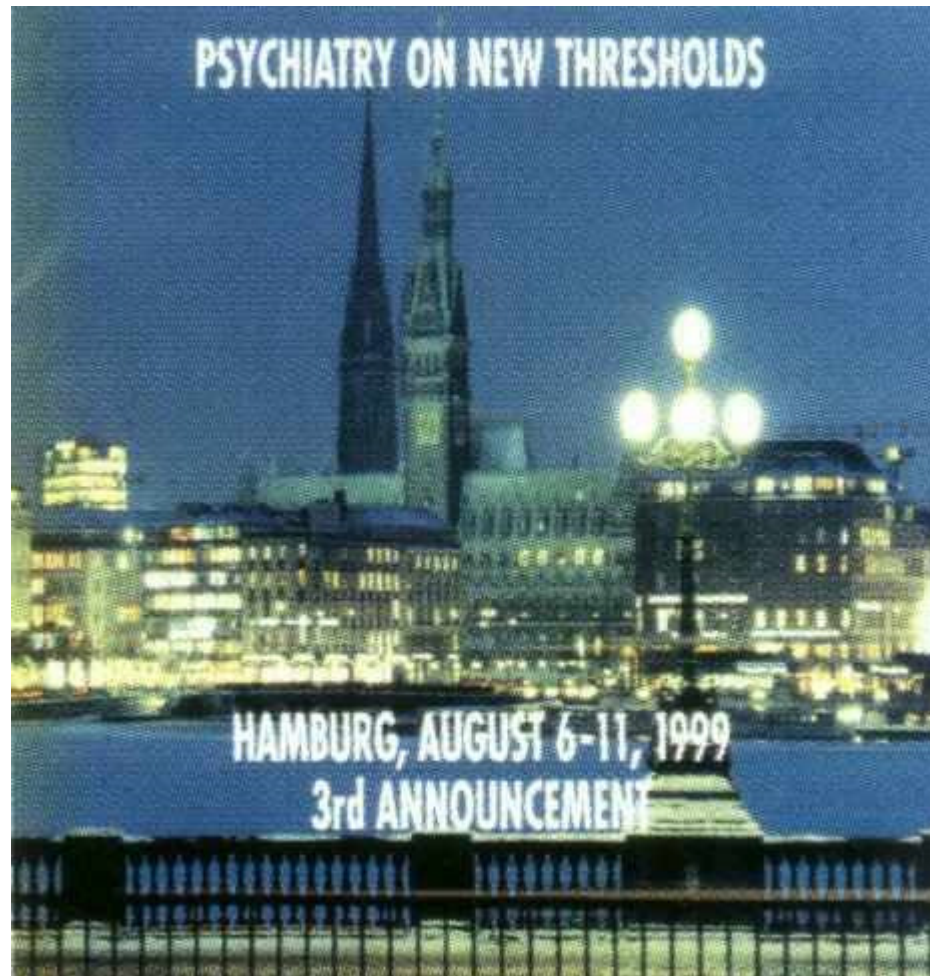
## **A RICH QUARTER OF MEETINGS AND A CONGRESS AD PORTAS**

On January 22, 1999, a WPA International Symposium on The City and Mental Health took place in New York, USA, under the auspices of the New York City Department of Mental Health and the Mt. Sinai Medical School where the Secretariat is located and the overall guidance of the WPA Secretary General. The proceedings of this event are in the process of being published. This symposium was followed by a lively Joint Meeting of the Council and the Board of Zonal Representatives as well as by a meeting of the Scientific Committee of the XI World Congress of Psychiatry. The New York event brought together an unusually high number of WPA leaders. For many of them, this was also their first opportunity to visit the New York Secretariat and to meet the staff members, who welcomed them.

The next important event was a WPA Regional Congress held in Athens, Greece, on February 24-27, under the overall theme of Preventive Psychiatry. The Congress was well attended by psychiatrists from across the globe. An especially large number of colleagues from Southern and Eastern Europe took advantage of this excellent opportunity for scientific and social exchange at this cradle of Western civilization.

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Rather than resting on these achievements, all WPA components are hard at work preparing for our highest event, the World Congress of Psychiatry , next scheduled for August 6-11, 1999 in Hamburg. The Organizing and Scientific Committees have quicken the pace of their meetings, promising an even richer academic and social program than that of the successful 1996 World Congress. The exciting program designed by the Fellowship Committee has attracted nearly 300 nominees from 75 different countries. For registration and other information, please contact the Congress Secretariat in Hamburg, Fax: 49-40-670-32-83, e-mail: [cpo@wpa-hamburg.de](mailto:cpo@wpa-hamburg.de) Website: <http://www.wpa-hamburg.de>.



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### **AN UPDATE ON WPA SECTIONS**

Sections are the scientific core of the WPA. All the meetings and congresses organized by WPA count on the participation of Sections. Also, this triennium's WPA General Survey had a response rate of 100% among Section officers reflecting their high sense of stake in the organization and serious commitment to its development.

It has been noticed that interest in the work of WPA Sections has expanded all over the world and now almost all Sections have an ample international membership. Today the WPA holds 50 scientific Sections, of which 6 are presently ad hoc, covering a wide range of our complex and challenging field of psychiatry.

On the issue of cross-Sectional collaboration, we have at present taskforces on violence, on psychosocial interventions, on bioethics, and on neuroscience and psychiatry. The EC has invited Sections to produce consensus statements and educational protocols around their fields of interest. Four Sections are producing newsletters and six are publishing journals. Furthermore, modest funds have been allocated to some cross-Sectional initiatives and special Section projects.

Finally, WPA Sections provide space not only for pioneers and researchers of various disciplines to meet and interact, but also a forum for exchanges between developing and developed countries.

Sections are, in fact, agencies for scientific advancement in an internationally dialogal manner.

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## **BUILDING TRANSPARENCY IN WPA FINANCES**

This financial update is an abstract of the extensive Financial Report that is being distributed to all Member Societies. The work plan of the Secretary for Finance for the period 1996-1999 was approved by the Executive Committee (EC) in December 1996. Among the tasks it outlined was the winding down of the Madrid operation and the transfer of all financial transactions to New York. Other initial efforts included achieving both recognition of the WPA as a non-profit organization in the US and its exemption from US income taxes. The Secretary for Finance organized the financial operations at the Secretariat and contributed to the corresponding chapter of the Manual of Procedures.

### **On Improving Our Financial Situation**

WPA is growing in number of Member Societies and Affiliated Associations and in its range of institutional activities. Increasing communication with Member Societies and other WPA components has further encouraged these developments. With such vigorous growth, income from membership dues is insufficient to cover all WPA operations. Furthermore, because of national economic constraints, some Societies tend to underreport the size of their membership and then to postpone payment of dues.

To overcome this chronic problem, a proposal has been prepared by the Secretary for Finance and the Secretary General to restructure membership dues to reflect better the economic realities of the world in which we live.

Also helpful financially has been the EC decision in April 1998 to prescribe that the budgets of new and renewed Educational Programs include 13% for WPA overhead or functional support. During the past several years, the WPA World Congresses have started to provide resources for our organization and this has been reinforced by recent EC decisions on signing contracts that ensure that congresses contribute strongly to the finances of WPA.

New activities involving central expenditures include 1) Modest support for the work of Zonal Representatives, 2) Special Section projects 3) A newly created Education Coordination Center, 4) Support for the Standing Committees, and 5) Modest increase in logistics support for EC members.

### **On Auditing**

According to our By-Laws, WPA accounts shall be audited by an established auditing firm, whose report shall be submitted to the General Assembly.

The Spanish firm Finaudit, approved by the 1996 General Assembly, has been responsible for auditing the WPA operations carried out by the previous Madrid office.

When the WPA Secretariat moved to New York, the EC designated the Gerald Goldberg firm in New York, experienced in auditing international NGO's, to audit WPA operations based on the new Secretariat. This decision will be submitted for ratification to the General Assembly.

**A listing of all audits follows:**

The 1996 WPA operations (including the X World Congress) as well as the 1997 and first half 1998 operations in the winding down office in Madrid have been audited by Finaudit. The 1997 and 1998 core operations based in New York have been audited by Gerald Goldberg Inc. Concerning WPA Educational Program accounts, those involving 1997 programs (whose director is in Geneva) are being audited by a local firm. For 1998 onwards, the Educational Programs will be audited in New York.

**Looking to Hamburg.**

In addition to a full report of the Secretary for Finance, audited accounts of all WPA operations and a triennial financial plan for the period 1999-2002 will be presented for approval to the General Assembly in Hamburg.

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**A PROGRESS REPORT ON MEETINGS**

Since 1996, there has been more psychiatric meetings and congresses organized by or under the aegis of WPA than in previous periods of our Association. Not only there is a high competition among countries willing to host a World Congress of Psychiatry (WCP), but there is an increasing number of Societies organizing Regional Meetings and Congresses. There is also a growing number of national and international psychiatric associations asking for WPA co-sponsorship of their meetings.

Between the X WCP in Spain and the upcoming XI WCP in Germany, the WPA has helped Member Societies to organize eight Regional Meetings and Congresses, including two in the Americas, three in Europe, two in Asia and one in Africa.

During the period 1996-1999, WPA Thematic Conferences have been organized in Jerusalem, Beirut, Geneva, New York, and Granada. Section Meetings outside WPA Congresses and Meetings have taken place in Camberra (Australia), Santiago de Compostela (Spain), Boston (USA), Berlin (Germany), and Turku (Finland).

During the present governance period, about 30 psychiatric meetings have been co-sponsored by WPA, including World Congresses of Social Psychiatry, Emergency Psychiatry, Psychosomatic Medicine and Dynamic Psychiatry.

Additionally to his responsibilities concerning the above mentioned events, the Secretary for Meetings has raised funds for a WPA program to help libraries in developing countries and for the Jean Delay Prize.

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## ON RECOGNIZING HIGH MERIT

First, we would like to inform our readership about two new milestone initiatives introduced by WPA this year. Information for nominations has already been circulated to all Presidents of Member Societies and other pertinent WPA officers.

One is the Leaders in Psychiatry Award program, supported by a grant from Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. This Award will recognize individuals who have made major contributions to the development of international psychiatry and the achievement of the goals of WPA. The five awardees from different areas of the world will be honored at the opening ceremony of the 1999 World Congress of Psychiatry this August in Hamburg. Nominations are accepted by May 1, 1999 at the office of Prof. Oakley Ray, Secretary of the WPA Section on Immunology.



**Another new initiative is the Jean Delay Prize supported by a grant from the Servier Research Group. This award will be given to an individual or group who have made a major contribution to the creation of bridges among clinical, biological, and social aspects of psychiatry. The award, consisting of a diploma and a monetary award of US\$40,000, will be presented during the opening ceremony of the 1999 World Congress of Psychiatry. Nominations, including a cover letter and a description of the work, should be received by the WPA Secretariat by May 30, 1999.**

**“Il faut considérer l’être humain dans sa totalité”**

*Jean Delay*

**“The human being should be considered in his totality.”**

**We are also pleased to report that Professor Martin Roth, of Cambridge University, has been recently elected Fellow of the Royal Society in the United Kingdom. He is well-known for his path-opening inquiries on mental disorders of old age, which started in the 1950s and have included diagnostic, neuropsychological, clinico-pathological and molecular biological approaches.**

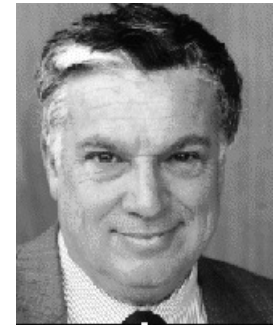


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## WHO AND ITS NEW CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The present century has witnessed remarkable health achievements such as a substantial global increase in life expectancy. At the same time, as Director-General Gro Brundtland remarked this January at a meeting of the WHO Executive Board, we enter the next millennium with critical tasks unfulfilled: absolute poverty is spreading; inequities are growing; the world's climate is warming up; women continue to be disproportionately vulnerable; armed conflict kills, mutilates and hampers development in many parts of the world; although technology has come far, the world is badly equipped to face epidemics such as AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis; globalization of marketing has led to sharp increases in the use of tobacco, alcohol and high fat foods; and the willingness of rich countries to support international development is declining. However, she added later, there is the potential to make a difference, and then proceeded to discuss WHO's new strategies. Some, such as nine functional clusters as organizational pillars, were mentioned in our previous issue and others will be touched on in future ones.

Concerning our particular field, a most promising development is the recent appointment of Dr. Benedetto Saraceno, as the Director of the new WHO Department of Mental Health. This Department, housed within the Cluster on Social Change and Mental Health, has as basic mission to promote global action in mental health in order to reduce the impact of psychiatric and neurological disorders and to upgrade people's mental health. Its organizational structure comprises Units on Neurological Disorders and Neuroscience, Mental and Behavioral Disorders, and Mental Health Promotion and Policy. The Department has identified eight proprietary strategies, which combine normative work, advocacy, country support, capacity development, research, and the building of partnerships. In this spirit, Dr. Saraceno has organized for this November a roundtable of NGO's in official relations with WHO, in which WPA is certain to participate.



**Dr. Benedetto Saraceno Director, WHO Department of Mental Health**

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## UPCOMING WPA CONGRESSES AND MEETINGS

Secretary for Meetings,  
Professor Driss Moussaoui, coordinates these events and welcomes initiatives for new ones.  
Fax: (212-2) 294-707, E-mail: psych@casanet.net.ma

August 1-4, 1999, WPA Section on Epidemiology and Public Health Meeting, Turku, Finland, From Epidemiology to Clinical Practice. Satellite meeting of the XI World Congress of Psychiatry of Hamburg.  
Contact: Pr. V. Lehtinen, Fax:(358-9)3967-2155. E-mail: lehtinen@stakes.fi  
August 3-5, 1999, WPA Section on Mental Health and Economics Meeting. Warsaw, Poland, Mental Health Economics and Psychiatric Practice in central and eastern Europe.

Contact: Pr. M. Moscarelli, Fax: (39-02) 5810-6901. August 6-11, 1999, XI World Congress of Psychiatry, Hamburg, Germany, Psychiatry on New Thresholds.

Contact: Pr. W. Faebel, Fax: (49-40) 670-3283. E-mail: cpo@wpa-hamburg.de Website: <http://www.wpa-hamburg.de> October 20-23, 1999, WPA Regional Meeting, Buenos Aires, Argentina, The Psychiatric Hospital in the New Millennium.

Contact: Dr. N. F. Marchant, Fax: (54-11)4303-3796. Email: aap@drwebsa.com.ar October 20-23, 1999, WPA Co-Sponsored Second Conference on the Synthesis between Psychopharmacology and Psychotherapy, Geneva, Switzerland.

Contact: Pr. S. Tyrano, Fax: (972-3)925-8361. Email: styano@post.tau.ac.il November 6-10, 1999 WPA Co-Sponsored XX Congress of the International Association for Suicide Prevention, Athens, Greece, Preventing Suicide at the Dawn of the New Century.

Contact: Pr. C. N. Stefanis, Fax: (30-1) 362-5572. E-mail: easytravel@hol.gr November 24-27, 1999 WPA Co-Sponsored Regional Symposium North-South of Latin American Psychiatric Association (APAL), Margarita, Venezuela, 21st Century: a Century for the Promotion of Mental Health.

Contact: Pr. E. Belfort, Fax: (58-2)731-2024/238-2340, E-mail: belfort.ed@excite.com March 27-April 1, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored XIV Central American Congress of Psychiatry.

Contact: Pr. G. Grimaldo, Fax: (507)223-1462 April 6-8, 2000, WPA Regional Meeting, Foz do Iguassu, Brazil, The Efficacy of Psychiatric Interventions: Evidence and Outcome.

Contact: Pr. M.R. Jorge, Fax: (55-21)252-5994, (55-11)280-9232, Email: migueljorge@psiquiatria.epm.br or Pr. R.W. Aguiar (55-51)330-7738. Email: rwaguiar@conex.com.br May 10-12, 2000, WPA Section on Mental Health and Economics Meeting, Chicago, USA, The Value of Psychiatry, Economic and Health Policy Implications.

Contact: Pr. M. Moscarelli, Fax: (39-02) 5810-6901. June 15-17, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored Symposium on the 19th Danube Symposium of Psychiatry, Linz, Austria. Contact: Pr. W. Schony, Fax: (43-732) 651-321, E-mail: donausymposion@promenteooe.at June 26-30, 2000, WPA Jubilee Meeting, Paris, France, From Clinical Practice to Research: Rethinking Psychiatry.

Contact: Pr. J. Garrabé, Fax: (33-1) 4278-3512, E-mail: jmthurin@pratique.fr October 5-7, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored 5th Congress of the International Wernicke-Kleist-Leonhard Society, Wurzburg, Germany, Differentiated diagnostics of endogenous psychoses, neurotic disorders and personality disorders.

Contact: Prof. H. Beckmann. Fax: (49-931) 203-427, E-mail: beckmann@mail.uni-wuerzburg.de June 20-23, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored Conference, Leipzig, Germany, Reducing the Stigma of Mental Illness.

Contact: Pr. M.C. Angermeyer, Fax: (49-341)972-4539, E-mail: schb@medizin.uni-leipzig.de June 30, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland, Parity in Psychiatric Care for Mentally Handicapped Persons.

Contact: Prof. Jose Guimon. Fax: (41-22) 3055-79966, E-mail: mary.ritchie@hcuge.ch July 15-19, 2000, WPA Thematic Conference, Second International Congress on Hormones, Brain, and Neuropsychopharmacology, Rhodes, Greece.

Contact: Prof. U. Halbreich, Fax: (1-716) 892-0431. E-mail: urielh@acsu.buffalo.edu September 13-16, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored IV World Congress on Depressive Disorders, Mendoza, Argentina.

Contact: Prof. Jorge Nazar. Fax: (54-261) 429-5662, E-mail: jnazar@fmed2.uncu.edu.ar September 20-23, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored XXI Latin-American Congress of Psychiatry, Lima, Peru.

Contact: Profs R. Navarro & E. Gastelumendi, Fax: (51-1) 446- 6768, E-mail: app@colmedi.org.pe September 26-29, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored Meeting of the Society of Psychiatrists in South Africa, Durban, South Africa.

Contact: Dr. C. Maud, Fax: (27-31) 265-0540, E-mail: mauddoc@iafrica.com October 10-12, 2000, Meeting of the WPA Section on Mental Health Economics, Cairo, Egypt, Mental Health Policy and Economics in Arab Countries and Sub-Saharan Africa.

Contact: Dr. M. Moscarelli. Fax: (39-02) 5810-6901. E-mail: moscarelli@icmpe.org, Website: <http://www.icmpe.org>

October 20, 2000, Meeting of the WPA Section on Psychiatry and Religion, New York, USA. Contact: Prof. J. English, Fax: (1-914) 493-1015. E-mail: jtevalley@aol.com

October 25-27, 2000, WPA Regional Meeting, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Psychiatry: Clinical Experience and Scientific Evidence. Contact: Prof. M. Jorge, Fax: (55-11) 252-5994, E-mail: miguel.jorge@psiquiatria.epm.br

November 8-12, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored Meeting, Cairo, Egypt, The Globalization of Psychiatry: Perspective for the New Millenium. Contact:  
Prof. F. Antun, Fax: (961-9) 211-734 or 899-218, E-mail: antun@cyberia.net.lb

November 17-19, 2000, Meeting of the WPA Section on Mass Media and Mental Health, New York, USA. Contact: Prof. M. Materazzi. E-mail: cultura@geba.com.ar

November 30-December 2, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored Meeting, Lyon, France, Schizophrenia: From Prediction to Prevention. Contact: Prof. J. Dalery, Fax: (33-4) 3791-5102, E-mail: jean.dalery@ch-le-vinatier.fr

March 13-17, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored 13th World Congress of the World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry, Munich, Germany. Contact: Maria Ammon, Fax: (49-30) 313-6959.

May 31-June 2, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored VIII Pan Arab Congress of Psychiatry, Tunis, Tunisia, Women and Mental Health. Contact: Prof. S. Douki, Fax: (216-1) 601-555, E-mail: saida.douki@gnet.tn

June 20-23, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored Meeting, Leipzig, Germany, Reducing the Stigma of Mental Illness. Contact: Prof. M. C. Angermeyer, Fax: (49-341) 972-4539, E-mail: schb@medizin.uni-leipzig.de

June 27-30, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored IVth Congress of the European Family Therapy Association, Budapest, Hungary. Contact: Prof. J. Füredi, Fax: (36-1) 393-0281, E-mail: furediprof@mail.matav.hu

July 7-13, 2001, WPA Regional Meeting, London, UK, A Mind Odyssey. Contact: Royal College of Psychiatrists. E-mail: rllewellyn@rcpsych.ac.uk

July 22-27, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored Congress of the World Federation for Mental Health, Vancouver, Canada, Respecting Diversity and Participation in Mental Health in a Changing World. Contact: Prof. J. Arboleda-Florez, Fax: (1-613) 547-1501, E-mail: ja9@post.queensu.ca

September 9-12, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored 3rd International Conference on the Synthesis between Psychopharmacotherapy and Psychotherapy, Tel Aviv, Israel. Contact: Prof. S. Tyano, Fax: (972-3) 925-8361, E-mail: styano@post.tau.ac.il

September 30-October 3, 2001, WPA European Congress, Madrid, Spain, New Commitments for Psychiatrists. Contact: Prof. J.J. Lopez-Ibor, Fax: (34-91) 316-2749, E-mail: tilesa@wpa.es

October 27-31, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored 17th World Congress of Social Psychiatry, Science, Psychiatry and Society, Agra, India. Contact: Prof. S. Sharma, Fax: (91-11) 243-2170, E-mail: ihbas@giasdl01.vsnl.net.in

November 16-20, 2001, WPA Regional Meeting, Cancun, Mexico. Contact: Asoc. Psiquiátrica Mexicana, Fax: (52-5) 652-5516. E-mail: apm@psiquiatras.com

March 21-23, 2002, WPA Thematic Conference, Budapest, Hungary, Psychological and Psychiatric Consequences of Violence. Contact: Prof. I. Bitter, Fax: (36-1) 210-0336 or 303-2352, E-mail: bitter@psych.sote.hu

August 24-29, 2002, XII World Congress of Psychiatry, Yokohama, Japan, Partnership for Mental Health. Contact: Prof. J. Suzuki, Fax: (81-3) 3814-2991, E-mail: wpa\_sec@c-linkage.co.jp

September 2005, XIII World Congress of Psychiatry, Cairo, Egypt. Contact: Prof. A. Okasha, Fax: (20-2) 348-1786, E-mail: aokasha@internetegypt.com