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## 1st Quarter 2001

### Greetings

Country 100! On February 11, 2001 in Tokyo, the Executive Committee decided on the ad-hoc admission of the Bangladesh Psychiatric Association as our 116th Member Society. With this, the World Psychiatric Association covers, for the first time in its history, 100 countries. This remarkable achievement, taking place in the WPA South Asian Zone coordinated by Prof. Parameshvara Deva, reflects a continuous and affirmative process of institutional growth, which included, immediately before, the admission of the Costa Rican Psychiatric Association and has now two applications in course from societies in Sub-Saharan Africa. These additions to our family denote the special concern of WPA for respectfully and enthusiastically integrating developing countries in our striving together to advance psychiatry and mental health across the world.

This is also a special moment for us as we are celebrating on April 7, in cooperation with the World Health Organization, World Health Day 2001! Its focus this year on mental health is offering us the opportunity to bring this topic up to the world community as a critical ingredient for personal fulfillment and social progress.



A rural view of Bangladesh, the 100th country represented in WPA

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## PREPARATIONS FOR THE YOKOHAMA 2002 WCP WELL UNDER WAY

In February of this year, the members of the Executive Committee were able to meet with the leaders of the Japanese Society of Psychiatry and Neurology in Tokyo in order to advance the preparations for the XII World Congress of Psychiatry. One important aspect of the discussions was refining the structure of the World Congress in correspondence with the guidelines set forth in the WPA Manual of Procedures.



View of the XII WCP Scientific Committee Meeting



Finance Committee Meeting

The Organizing and Scientific Committees of the Congress dealt with multiple academic and logistical issues pertinent to the organization of this major event, the first World Congress of Psychiatry in the new millennium and the first ever to take place in Asia. Its timing coincides with the 100th Anniversary of the foundation of the Japanese Society of Psychiatry and Neurology. A special emphasis was made on attracting as many local delegates as possible through a national publicity campaign in Japan. The leaders of the congress felt it was important to stimulate international exchanges by allowing presentations in Japanese and by making adequate provisions for simultaneous interpretation. Other important aspects of the Congress were addressed by the various Committees on Partnership, Finance, Fellowship and Young Participants, Publications, and Coordination of Activities Related to Art. The Fellowship Committee discussed selection criteria, program optimization and number and distribution of Fellows across the world.

Furthermore, the WPA Executive Committee held a full business meeting program dedicated to the policies and various activities of the organization. Highlights were the presentation of the upgrade **WPA Online**, Member Society admissions and report of the Committee on Review of Abuse of Psychiatry.

Meetings of the Committees on Fellowship and Young Participants and on Partnerships



Please send to the Secretariat any suggestions you may have regarding the organization and promotion of our next World Congress. Section Chairs are reminded to submit their proposals for symposia. Please note that all practical information, including various forms required for Congress registration, may be found on the Congress Website, <http://wpa2002yokohama.org>. With the theme of this Congress aptly chosen as Partnership for Mental Health, we count on all WPA components to cooperate actively in making the Yokohama Congress a great success!

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#### SMOLIK APPOINTED ZONE 9 REPRESENTATIVE



The Executive Committee appointed recently Prof. Petr Smolik (Czech Republic) as interim Zone 9 (Central Europe) Representative. This followed the resignation of Prof. Istvan Bitter (Hungary) for personal reasons and a lively process of nominations with the active participation of the majority of Member Societies in this important part of the world.

#### EUGEN WOLPERT PASSES

We have just been informed by the Secretary of the WPA Section on Quality Assurance, Prof. Fernando Lolas, that its past Chairman and past President of the German Society of Psychiatry, Psychotherapy, and Neurology, Dr. Eugen Wolpert, had passed away after a long illness. His dedication to the cause of WPA and vivacious spirit will remain with us.

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### **A REPORT FROM ZONE 18, THE SOUTH PACIFIC**

The South Pacific is a vast region containing many island countries with many disparate languages and cultures. In one country, Papua New Guinea, there are a third of the world's languages--over 800--for a population of 4.5 million people. Another, the Republic of Vanuatu, has the highest ratio of languages to population in the world with some 115 languages for 65,000 people.

Psychiatric services range from highly developed in Australia and New Zealand to almost nonexistent in most of the developing countries in the region. Australia, the largest island and only continent in the South Pacific, has a population of 18 million people and is closely aligned with New Zealand, which has 3.5 million. There are 2300 psychiatrists in Australia and 250 in New Zealand.



Executive Committee of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (1999)

The Zone includes 2 member societies, the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists and the Papua New Guinea Psychiatric Association. The Papua New Guinea Psychiatric Association has only 4 psychiatrist members who, with one trainee psychiatrist and less than one hundred psychiatric nurses, provide the only specialist psychiatric services there. In other countries and areas of the region there are at most 3 psychiatrists in total, and mental health services are rudimentary.

The delivery of psychiatric care in these circumstances is not possible using models prevalent in developed countries. Psychiatrists have important roles to play but are scarce and likely to remain so. Mechanisms need to be developed to coordinate and support psychiatrists and all those involved in mental health care.



L to R, Drs. C. Posonau, G. Tienang, U. Ambihapahar, and M. Mai, leaders of the Papua and New Guinea Psychiatric Association

*(Report contributed by Zonal Representative Dr. Noel Wilton)*

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PROFESSOR JORGE ALBERTO COSTA E SILVA'S  
CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD PSYCHIATRY

*(This article, based on a contribution by Prof. M. Jorge, continues our series on Past WPA Presidents).*

Throughout his career, Prof. Jorge Alberto Costa e Silva has made valuable contributions to the field of psychiatry. He facilitated the integration of Latin American mental health professionals into the global arena through scholarship and placement programs at key governmental and non-governmental organizations. Prof. Costa e Silva was among the first to bring international congresses such as the World Congress of Psychotherapy (1982), the World Congress of Social Psychiatry (1986), and the World Congress of Psychiatry (1993) to South America.

As the first WPA President from the Southern hemisphere, Prof. Costa e Silva helped to increase the number of countries represented in WPA membership, to promote greater global commitment to progress in the field of psychiatry, and to improve the efficiency of the Association through regionalization. He was instrumental in the creation of WPA Educational Programs, which have become major activities of our association.

After serving 12 years on the Executive Committee of WPA, Prof. Costa e Silva was appointed Director of the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse of the World Health Organization. He started a number of innovative programs such as Nations for Mental Health and took steps to increase the visibility and impact of Mental Health in WHO.



Prof. Jorge Alberto Costa e Silva

After his retirement from WHO, he accepted an endowed position as Professor of Psychiatry at New York University, where he directs its International Center for Mental Health Policy and Research. He remains involved in WPA Sections' work and active in the WPA Council.

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## XI WCP PUBLICATIONS MOVE FORWARD

The current editorial policy of the World Psychiatric Association is to produce volumes that can be sold, read, reviewed in international journals and quoted in the scientific literature. This policy will apply to the volumes originating from the XI World Congress. The WPA is selecting the most innovative presentations from the scientific program of the Congress and building from them three thematic volumes. These volumes will deal with the future of psychiatric diagnosis and classification, the changing social contexts of psychiatry, and psychiatry as a neuroscience. In order to ensure comprehensiveness, some key issues in the respective areas that were not adequately represented in the program of the Congress are being covered by additional contributions. The volumes are now at an advanced stage of production. Publication is expected for the end of this year. Our hope is to translate these volumes into other languages as to make the information accessible to a large number of psychiatrists. Officers of WPA Member Societies, Sections and WPA individual members are encouraged to suggest publishers that can be contacted for translations of the volumes.

**THE FUTURE OF PSYCHIATRIC  
DIAGNOSIS AND  
CLASSIFICATION**

**THE CHANGING SOCIAL  
CONTEXTS OF PSYCHIATRY**

**PSYCHIATRY AS A  
NEUROSCIENCE**

A. Jablensky - Criteria for assessing a classification in psychiatry  
B. Üstün - The WHO classification of mental disorders  
D. Regier - The APA classification of mental disorders  
R. Cloninger - Implications of comorbidity for the classification of mental disorders  
H. Akiskal - Personality, temperament and diagnostic categories in psychiatry  
H. Fabrega - Evolutionary theory, culture and psychiatric diagnosis  
J. Parnas - The role of phenomenology in psychiatric diagnosis and classification  
J. Mezzich et al. - Multi-axial diagnosis in psychiatry  
C. Pull - Clinical assessment instruments in psychiatry  
D. Goldberg - Psychiatric diagnosis in primary care  
N. Wig, S. Murthy - Psychiatric diagnosis and classification in developing countries

L. Eisenberg - The impact of social and cultural changes on psychiatry  
H. Hafner - Changes in health care systems and their impact on mental health care  
G. Lewis - The impact of changing economics on mental health care  
J.M. Bertolote - The impact of legislations on mental health policy  
A. Okasha - The new ethical context of psychiatry  
P. Bebbington et al. - Community mental health care: promises and pitfalls  
H. Katschnig - Quality of life, family burden and users' satisfaction  
B. Saraceno - Mental health problems in migrants and refugees  
V. Kovess - The homeless mentally ill  
E. Bromet - Mental health consequences of disasters  
O. Cuenca - Mass-media and psychiatry

P. McGuffin - Genetic research in psychiatry  
S. Stahl - Molecular biology research in psychiatry  
G. Sedvall - Brain imaging research in psychiatry  
C. Nemeroff - Neuroendocrinological research in psychiatry  
J. Gruzelier et al. - Neurophysiological research in psychiatry  
K. Ritchie - Neuropsychological research in psychiatry  
F. Benes - Biological research on schizophrenia  
M. Maes - Biological research on affective disorders  
T. Uhde - Biological research on anxiety disorders  
S. Lovestone - Biological research on dementias  
M. Casas - Biological research on drug abuse

Thanks to the collaboration of many WPA components and colleagues, especially the WPA Committee on Education, the scope of educational activities at WPA continues to grow. Last January, the Committee met in London, where it was hosted by the Royal College of Psychiatrists. Committee members worked on several important issues as summarized below.

The International Guidelines for Diagnostic Assessment have been approved.

A new program on Sexual Health is being developed.

The updated program Teaching and Learning about Schizophrenia will appear on *WPA Online*.

The latest modules of the WPA/PTD Educational Program on Depressive Disorders -Depression in Physical Illness and Depression in Older Persons- are being distributed and implemented.

The WPA is conducting a survey for the Program on Post-Graduate Training in Psychiatry. You will find the survey in a mass mailing as well as on WPA Online: Sectorial Activities / Institutional Programs.

The WPA Educational Liaison Network invites senior psychiatrists involved in psychiatric education to join the Network.

Continued Medical Education (CME) credits can now be granted for educational activities (symposia, courses, etc) organized by WPA components. Write to the Secretary for Education ([rogermontenegro@wpanet.org](mailto:rogermontenegro@wpanet.org) or fax 54-11-4821-4540) to apply for the accreditation of your activity.

The Education Coordination Center, in conjunction with the Secretary General, has upgraded *WPA Online*. Visit us at [www.wpanet.org](http://www.wpanet.org) and let us hear from you if you have interesting educational material to share with colleagues worldwide.

#### **From WPA ONLINE: Sectorial Activities - Educational Activities**

Introduction

WPA Educational News

WPA Operational Committee on Education

WPA Educational Liaisons Network (WPA ELN)

WPA Network of Consultants to the Education Committee

WPA Educational Programs (WPA EPs)

Core Curriculum in Psychiatry for Medical Students

Core Curriculum for Post Graduate Training in Psychiatry

WPA CME & Credits

How to Submit Materials about Psychiatric Education

General Public Education

Educational Activities Calendar

Discussion Forum

Mailing List

## UPCOMING WPA REGIONAL MEETINGS

Year 2001 promises an especially rich and stimulating array of WPA Regional Meetings. The WPA Regional Meeting in Antalya, Turkey April 24-28, 2001 bears witness to WPA growing activities in that region of the world. Its major theme is ***Psychiatry: A bridge between Cultures***.

The next event will be the WPA European Meeting in London: 2001: ***A Mind Odyssey***, which will take place from July 9 until July 13. This will be the first in many years organized in Great Britain and hosted by one of our largest Member Societies. A multilingual website for this meeting has been established at: [www.rcpsych.ac.uk/2001](http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/2001).



WPA European Congress in Madrid,  
September 30-October 3, 2001

From September 30 to October 3, 2001, a WPA European Congress will take place in Madrid, Spain. Many colleagues who still have memories of the X World Congress of Psychiatry in Madrid can attest to the beauty and cultivation of this cosmopolitan city. The theme selected for this Congress is New Commitments for Psychiatrists. You will find detailed information on this Congress at [www.tilesa.es/wpa2001](http://www.tilesa.es/wpa2001).

Finally, the closing event of the year will take us to Latin America. On November 16 through 20, the WPA returns to Mexico for a Regional Meeting in Cancun. Judging by the success of its Regional Meeting in Mexico (Guadalajara) in 1998, we can expect a scientifically and socially enriching event, with Consciousness and Evolution of Mankind as a major theme. Nearby archeological sites from the Mayan civilization represent additional attractions. For more information, please contact the Asociacion Psiquiátrica Mexicana at [apm@psiquiatras.com](mailto:apm@psiquiatras.com)



WPA Regional Meeting in Cancun,  
November 16-20, 2001

We encourage Member Societies to consider organizing WPA Regional Meetings or Thematic Conferences in their country. At this time, there are still available time slots on the meetings calendar for the second half of 2002 and for year 2003. On ***WPA Online*** you may find official guidelines on organizing WPA meetings as contained in our Manual of Procedures, as well as the full text of a book by Prof. Moussaoui ***How to organize a psychiatric congress***.

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## ONGOING WORK OF THE WPA ETHICS AND REVIEW COMMITTEES

The WPA Ethics Committee, after preparing the Madrid Declaration on Ethical Standards for Psychiatric Practice general and specific guidelines in 1996 and in 1999, is currently involved in drafting new guidelines regarding several controversial issues. The current topics are the ethics of psychotherapy, conflicts of interest in relation to the medical industry and conflicts arising from third party payers. In addition, the WPA Ethics Committee is in the process of studying guidelines regarding sexual or verbal harassment of psychiatrists in the workplace. The drafts will be circulated to all components of the WPA before presenting them for ratification at the General Assembly of the WPA in Yokohama, August 2002.

The Review Committee has broadened its focus by investigating violations of the ethical guidelines for the practice of psychiatry as stated in the Declaration of Madrid and its additional guidelines. This more proactive approach allows the Committee to deal with cases where the spirit and letter of the Madrid Declaration are not followed, such as disrespect for psychiatric patients.

Currently the Committee is examining a number of complaints, such as those involving the participation of psychiatrists in legal proceedings involving the death penalty, the practitioners of Falun Gong in China, the status of mental health services in Kyrgyzstan, and concerns of the "whistleblowers" in Australia.

The Review Committee works in close collaboration with pertinent Member Societies and Zonal Representatives, and in close communication with the Ethics Committee. The WPA Manual of Procedures outlines in Appendix N the Terms of Reference for the Committee.

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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) 965-125, E-mail: [psych@casanet.net.ma](mailto:psych@casanet.net.ma)

April 4-6, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored Meeting of the Kenya Psychiatric Association, Nairobi, Kenya. Mental Health Policies in Africa.

Contact: Dr. F. Njenga, Fax: (254-2) 743-012, e-mail: [fnjenga@africaonline.co.ke](mailto:fnjenga@africaonline.co.ke)

April 9-10, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored Regional Meeting of the WFMH, Cairo, Egypt. From Exclusion to Systems of Care.

Contact: Dr. A.G. Abou El-Azayem, Fax: (20-2) 260-0541, e-mail: [emcrwfmh@idsc1.gov.eg](mailto:emcrwfmh@idsc1.gov.eg)

April 24-29, 2001, WPA Regional Meeting, Antalya, Turkey. Psychiatry: Bridge between Cultures.

Contact: Prof. Rasit Tukel, Fax: (90-212) 351-2659, E-mail: [bahar@psikiyatri.org.tr](mailto:bahar@psikiyatri.org.tr), website: [www.psikiyatri.org.tr](http://www.psikiyatri.org.tr)

May 23-26, 2001, Meeting of the WPA Section on Transcultural Psychiatry, Andorra.

Contact: Joan Obiols Llandrich, e-mail: [tpsection@quipo.it](mailto:tpsection@quipo.it)

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](mailto:saida.douki@gnet.tn)

June 27-30, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored IVth Congress of the European Family Therapy Association, Budapest, Hungary.  
Contact: Prof. T. Kurimay, E-mail: [familyth@matavnet.hu](mailto:familyth@matavnet.hu), website: [www.c3.hu/~familyth](http://www.c3.hu/~familyth)

July 9-13, 2001, WPA Regional Meeting, London, UK, A Mind Odyssey.  
Contact: Prof. J. Cox, E-mail: [mkerby@rcpsych.ac.uk](mailto:mkerby@rcpsych.ac.uk), Website: [www.rcpsych.ac.uk/2001](http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/2001)

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](mailto:ja9@post.queensu.ca)

August 30-September 2, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored International Conference on Suicidality and Psychoanalysis, Hamburg, Germany.  
Contact: Prof. P. Gotze, Fax: (40-42) 80-34-949, E-mail: [tzs@uke.uni-hamburg.de](mailto:tzs@uke.uni-hamburg.de), Website: [www.suicidology.de/congress](http://www.suicidology.de/congress)

September 2-5, 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](mailto:schb@medizin.uni-leipzig.de), website: [www.together-against-stigma.de](http://www.together-against-stigma.de)

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](mailto:styano@post.tau.ac.il), website: [www.kenes.com/synthesis2001](http://www.kenes.com/synthesis2001)

September 30-October 3, 2001, WPA European Congress, Madrid, Spain, New Commitments for Psychiatrists.  
Contact: Pr. J.J. Lopez-Ibor, Fax: (34-91) 3559-208. E-mail: [tilesa@wpa.es](mailto:tilesa@wpa.es), [Carolina.g.sicilia@tilesa.es](mailto:Carolina.g.sicilia@tilesa.es), website: [www.tilesa.es/wpa2001](http://www.tilesa.es/wpa2001)

October 27-31, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored 17th World Congress of Social Psychiatry, Science, Psychiatry and Society: Search for Synergy, Agra, India.  
Contact: Prof. S. Sharma, Fax: (91-11) 229-9227, E-mail: [wasp\\_congress@vsnl.com](mailto:wasp_congress@vsnl.com) Website: [www.17thwaspcongress.com](http://www.17thwaspcongress.com)

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

November 19-23, 2001, Meeting of the WPA Section on Transcultural Psychiatry and Nigerian Association of Psychiatry, Abeokuta, Nigeria.  
Contact: Dr. Goffredo Bartocci, e-mail: [tpsection@quipo.it](mailto:tpsection@quipo.it)

January 17-19, 2002, WPA Regional Meeting, Cairo, Egypt, Future Challenges for Psychiatry in the New Millennium.  
Contact : Prof. S. Abdel Azim, Fax : (20-2) 796-2140, E-mail : [saidazim@yahoo.com](mailto:saidazim@yahoo.com)

March 21-23, 2002, WPA Thematic Conference, Budapest, Hungary, Psychological and Psychiatric Consequences of Violence.  
Contact: Prof. J. Harmana, Fax: (36-1) 275-0000, E-mail: [harmatta@compreserve.com](mailto:harmatta@compreserve.com)

August 24-29, 2002, XII World Congress of Psychiatry, Yokohama, Japan, Partnership for Mental Health.  
Contact: Pr. J. Suzuki, Fax: (81-3) 3814-2991 or (81-3) 545-640-77, E-mail: [wpa\\_sec@c-linkage.co.jp](mailto: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](mailto:aokasha@internetegypt.com)