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GREETINGS

The Tsunami Aftermath

This first edition of WPA News in 2005 has a sobering content as I endeavour to summarise our private and corporate response to that cataclysmic and cosmic disaster. The news that struck us all on the day after Christmas elicited an outpouring of solidarity with the bereaved, a wish to help our colleagues and a concern as to whether WPA structures could move fast enough to offer practical help and advice in a way that was locally acceptable.

It was an irony that the Zonal Representative in the region (Prof. Parameshvara Deva) had already alerted WPA to the needs of primary care psychiatry in that impoverished area and this lack of resources was so evident as our colleagues in South Asia responded heroically to this natural disaster. The secretariat computers were loaded with communications as we tried to respond to this disaster of unprecedented proportions.

An e-mail letter was sent to Member Societies in the region from the President expressing our sympathy and solidarity with the families of those affected, and asking for a listing of local need. We were aware that this was not a time for offers of uncoordinated help insensitive to local circumstance.

An appeal for donations to a disaster fund to support educational and other WPA initiatives was launched (please see page 2 for more information).

A Steering Committee (Chair Prof. Okasha) and a Functional Committee (Chair Prof. Deva) met in Cairo (see page 2) and brought together the Disaster Section (Chair Prof. Christodoulou, Vice Chair Prof. J.J. Lopez-Ibor, Jr.) the WPA Disaster Institutional Program, the Australasian and South Pacific initiatives led by Prof. Harry Minas, and the WHO (Prof. Mohit). We heard poignant accounts of the devastated areas and the immediate and long-term mental health consequences from Prof. Harry Minas, Prof. Parameshvara Deva and Prof. Russell de Souza.

Central funds were made available for the excellent training module developed by Prof. Moty Benyakar to be translated and disseminated,

and for the support of training programs for local staff in Sri Lanka and Indonesia.

The secretariat staff and your Secretary General helped to facilitate this work — which is only just beginning.

The need to develop an Emergency Disaster Action Plan is pressing as is the need to know how to translate theory into immediate action in a way that assists colleagues.

There are lessons to be learned from this sad event.

The task for WPA is to ensure that we continue to do all we can by way of education and practical help, in order to become better prepared.

Co-ordination with central and regional WHO structures is essential and it may be timely to consider again how WPA can develop further its regional structures with some devolution of responsibility and resource to our regional representatives.

Other more detailed news about the Opening Ceremony of the Secretariat in Geneva (May 13th), the General Survey recommendations and the plans for the General Assembly in Cairo must wait for the next WPA News. They are important, but, as a token of respect for those who lost so much so suddenly, are delayed.

Prof. John Cox
Secretary General WPA



The Egyptian Minister of Tourism Mr. Ahmed El Maghraby with WPA President Prof. Ahmed Okasha, during a meeting in Cairo February 2005 welcoming and addressing the EC, Supervisory Committee of XIII WCP and the International Pharmaceutical Industry.

**WORLD PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION TSUNAMI RESPONSE
LETTER FROM THE WPA PRESIDENT**

Dear Colleagues:

The WPA is concerned with the long-term strategy of assisting in alleviating the mental health issues that are sequelae of disasters, such as the recent tsunami disaster in Asia. The WPA is not a fundraising association but it can deliver the required technology to those afflicted by the disaster.

The first meeting of the Steering Committee of the WPA Tsunami Task Force was held in Cairo on the 12th of February, 2005. It was also attended by the Executive Committee of the WPA, Prof. Harry Minas, Dr. Russell D' Souza, as well as the chair-person of the Task Force, Prof. Parameshvara Deva, the Zonal Representative of the region. After presenting and reviewing the actual situation and needs in the region and how the WPA, in collaboration with the WHO, can proceed to implement the assistance for the training programs, several proposals for action were discussed. The WPA set up a world-wide network of psychiatrists with expertise and a commitment to psychosocial disaster relief who could be contacted to activate relief services in their own and nearby needy countries, according to language and cultural requirements through the WPA sections on emergency and disasters.

The WPA agreed to develop a policy on disaster response that could function effectively, at short notice.

The WPA disaster fund was initiated and is already receiving support from individuals and organizations. To make a donation please make checks/money orders/wire transfers out to:

J.P. Morgan Chase Bank
Routing # 021 000 021
Account number 426-5000545-65
World Psychiatric Association Disaster Fund

The WPA Disaster Committee reviewed and agreed on a list of training manuals for use in disaster areas and are endeavoring to translate them into major languages for use in training.

It was decided that an immediate sum of \$10,000 USD would be made available to each of the following WPA Member Societies of the affected region: the Indonesian Psychiatric Association and the Sri Lankan College of Psychiatrists.

The funds will be used for conducting training of trainers and other health care workers in primary care psychiatry and for the management of psychiatric and mental health problems of the survivors of the tsunami disaster in 2005.

This sum will be distributed and managed by the Disaster Committee of the WPA in coordination with the representative of Zone XVI (South Asia).

Further funds are being assigned to long-term programs following the first years, to finalize the translation of the multimedia disaster program prepared by the chairperson of the WPA Section on Disaster Prof. Moty Benyaker, and for the evaluation and implementation of programs with a special focus on child mental health. Prof. Deva invited the two Member Societies, the Indonesian Psychiatric Association and the Sri Lankan College of Psychiatrists, to submit a plan for training of their trainers to include details such as the number of training courses, the approximate dates of courses, the number of days for each course, the number of participants to be trained in a year, the categories of participants (e.g. nurses, health workers, doctors, teachers), the place of training (e.g. town, province), principal trainers taking their backgrounds into consideration, the local and foreign principal training materials to be used (including the names of books or guidelines and authors to be modified as needed), the breakdown of proposed expenditures on training (e.g. transport, material, food, accommodation), etc.

This process should start very soon, with the hope that the WPA can implement its objectives of promoting mental health in the afflicted region taking into consideration the cultural, religious and social values of those affected. This is especially vital since feedback and reports received from the afflicted regions seem to show that, thanks to religious and spiritual beliefs, an extraordinary resilience has developed in coping with this tragedy.

**Ahmed Okasha
President WPA**

WPA Tsunami Task Force – Steering Committee:

Chair: A. Okasha

Secretary: P. Deva (Zonal Representative)

Members:

M. Benyakar, G. Christodoulou, J. Cox, R. D’Souza, J. Lopez-Ibor, M. Maj, J. Mezzich, H. Minas and B. Saraceno.

WPA Tsunami Taskforce - Functional Committee

Chair: P. Deva

Secretary: H. Minas

Members:

Presidents of afflicted Member Societies (or their representatives):

G. Pandu Setiawan (Indonesia), N. Mendis (Sri Lanka), V. Khuangsirikul (Thailand), M. Thambu (Malaysia), J.K. Trivedi and S. Nambi (India), Myanmar Psychiatry, P. Boyce (Australasia), H. Chiu (Hong Kong), H. Minas (Australia), R. D’Souza (Australia); J. Suzuki (Zonal Representative); WHO SEARO – V. Chandra, WHO EMRO – S. Murthy, SAARC.

WPA Tsunami Taskforce - Advisory Board:

M. Riba (USA), NG Disaster Program of the APA (USA), M. Shooter (UK), L. Patt Franciosi (WFMH), A. Tasman (Zonal Representative), B. Martindale (Zonal Representative), and representatives of Pharmaceutical Companies.



Members of the Tsunami Task Force with the EC members on February 12th, 2005 in Cairo. WPA President Ahmed Okasha (ninth from the left), Task Force Chair Parameshvara Deva (seventh from the left), and Task Force Co-Chair Harry Minas (second from the left) were present. Pictured from left to right: Ekaterina Sukhanova, Harry Minas, Moty Benyakar, J.L. Lopez-Ibor, Ahmed Mohit, Mario Maj, Parameshvara Deva, Juan E. Mezzich, Ahmed Okasha, Russell D’Souza, George Christodoulou, Roger Montenegro, Pedro Ruiz, Sam Tyano, and John Cox.

THE WPA JEAN DELAY PRIZE WINNER PROF. OTTO STEENFELDT-FOSS

The Jean Delay Prize is the most important award of the WPA: it bears the name of Jean Delay, who was the President of the first World Congress of Psychiatry (Paris, 1950) and the first President of our Association. Delay is one of the most important psychiatrists of the 20th century. He introduced chlorpromazine in the treatment of psychotic disorders and described for the first time the antidepressant effect of isoniazide, both of which occurred in 1952. Delay was also a great scientist and humanist.

The Jean Delay Prize is awarded to any individual who has made a major contribution in the field of biological, psychological or social aspects of our discipline or who is trying to build bridges between them. As a reward the individual will be supported by an unrestricted grant from Servier International.

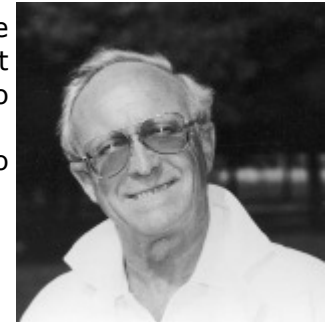
Previous winners of the Jean Delay Prize included Sir David Goldberg of the UK in 1999, and Hagop Akiskal of the USA in 2002.

After a very intense discussion by the jury on the distinguished nominees, on January 20, 2005 in Paris, Dr. Otto Waldemar Steinfeldt-Foss from Norway was finally chosen as this year's awardee.

Dr. Steinfeldt-Foss has dedicated his entire career to underlining and emphasizing the importance of the dignity, as well as the human rights, of patients with mental disorders; an endeavor which is one of the most prominent areas of work of the WPA, and, of course, in keeping with the spirit of Servier's dedication to psychiatry.

The prize consists of a diploma, a medal and a check for the amount of 40,000 Euros. The awardee must also commit himself to deliver a plenary lecture at the World Congress of Psychiatry.

Ahmed Okasha
President WPA



Prof. Otto Steinfeldt-Foss

THE WPA OKASHA AWARD WINNERS

The Okasha Award is presented by the World Psychiatric Association (WPA) via an unrestricted grant from APEX Pharma. This Award includes: 1) a diploma, 2) a medal and 3) a donation of US \$15,000, given to each of the two winners by the President of the WPA, during the Opening Ceremony of the XIII World Congress of Psychiatry, which takes place this year in Cairo, Egypt, September 10-15, 2005.

The Okasha Award recognizes the contributions of two young psychiatrists or neuroscientists, below the age of 40, whose research efforts have best served psychiatry and mental health in a developing country, through high quality psychiatric research, preferably in topics related to mental health in developing countries, strengthening international collaboration, training and education in psychiatry and development of new strategies to build new and efficient institutions in developing countries.

The jury decided during their meeting in Cairo on February 12th, 2005 that the two winners are the following teams:

Dr. Ahmed El-Shafei and Dr. Hanan Hussein, from Egypt, for their work on "Working with families of Patients with Schizophrenia: A Rewarding Alternative to Classical Community Care in Developing Countries" which have been implemented and evaluated for its validity. Their completed study will appear in the scientific literature shortly.

The EEPsi group (Eastern European Psychiatric Scientific Initiative): Dr. Adriana Mihai (Romania), Dr. Nadja Maric (Serbia & Montenegro), Dr. Vesna Jordanova (Macedonia), Dr. Andrea Szalontay (Romania), Dr. Tamara Cavic (Serbia, Montenegro), Dr. Alikaj Valbona (Albania), Dr. Maja Bajcs (Croatia), Dr. Diana Iosub (Romania), and Dr. Hristo Dimitrov (Bulgaria).

This group of eight young psychiatrists decided to work together and to demonstrate their conviction that international collaboration in this area is useful and possible and that work can be done relying on their own time without external or internal financial support and in spite of political, economic and social conflicts. They have decided to study mental health services (a rarity in the face of prevailing

psychopharmacological and biological research) and directed their investigation to specific and practical problems that emerged in the provision of care to people with mental illness in their countries. The group has successfully completed their study and the paper(s) describing this research will appear in the scientific literature shortly.

Ahmed Okasha
President WPA

THE WPA INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON TREATMENTS IN PSYCHIATRY: AN UPDATE

The WPA International Congress "Treatments in Psychiatry: An Update", held in Florence, Italy, from November 10th to the 13th, 2004, was attended by 6,847 delegates (5,009 from high income countries; 658 from upper middle income countries; 505 from lower middle income countries; 226 from low income countries; 269 trainees or students; 180 registered accompanying persons).

The Congress had the highest attendance of any psychiatric congress that took place in Europe in the year 2004, and the second highest attended in the world after the American Psychiatric Association's annual meeting.

The presentations numbered 1,523, including 14 Update Lectures; 2 Special Lectures; 14 Advanced Courses; 144 presentations in the 36 Interactive Symposia; 17 in the two Special Symposia; 39 in the 9 Forums; 226 in the 55 Section Symposia; 49 in the 11 Zonal Symposia; 219 in the 53 Workshops; 100 in the 15 New Research Sessions; 642 in the three Poster Sessions; and 57 in the 19 Sponsored Events.

The surplus transferred to the WPA central funds totalled USD\$ 504,412.53.
The complete abstract book of the Congress is available on the WPA website



WPA President Prof. Ahmed Okasha and Profs. Mario Maj and Eliot Sorel launching the latest book in the "WPA Images in Psychiatry" series Images in Psychiatry: Romania: 21st Century Romanian Psychiatry, Edited by Eliot Sorel & Dan Prelipceanu at the WPA International Congress in Florence in November 2004.



View from the Galleria degli Uffizi of the Ponte Vecchio over the River Arno, Florence, Italy. Taken by our very own Karolina Rybicka-Kosiec

SPOTLIGHT ON ZONAL REPRESENTATIVE

In the autumn of 2004, a large congress, the XVIII World Congress of the World Association for Social Psychiatry, took place in Kobe, Japan. Later in the year a huge disaster occurred in Zone 16, a region located next to that of Zone 17.

At the XVIII WASP, the opportunity of a joint meeting of the WPA, JSPN, WASP and JSSP, was taken to review mental health situations in Asia after the WPA's Yokohama Declaration. The delegates of Brunei, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand explained current situations and plans for mental health in each country. All delegates agreed, with enthusiasm, on the need for the promotion of mental health, particularly in the domain of psychiatric education within the region.

Many psychiatrists in Zone 17 were tremendously shocked, as psychiatrists all over the world must have been, by the huge earthquake and tsunami that occurred on December 26 in South East Asia. Several Korean psychiatrists soon flew, thereafter, to the afflicted areas.

Slightly later, JSPN organized a task force (with Tsuyoshi Akiyama as Secretary) to take action on aid efforts for the disaster.

Furthermore, an International Symposium focusing on the reduction of the psychosocial impact among victims of the disaster, as well as with a focus on psychosocial care for the Indian Ocean Tsunami victims, was held on February 27 and 28 in Kobe, Japan. The Symposium was organized by Kobe University; the Secretary was Naotaka Shinfuku.



Prof. Jiro Suzuki
WPA Zonal Representative
for Eastern Asia (Zone 17)

THE WPA REGIONAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING ON EASTERN EUROPE AND THE BALKANS



The WPA Sponsored Regional Scientific Meeting, which took place on December 2nd-5th, 2004, in Craiova, Romania was attended by the EC along with delegates from Armenia, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Macedonia, Russia, Serbia & Montenegro, and Turkey (pictured left). This was the first WPA Regional Meeting dedicated to Eastern Europe and the Balkans.

During the meeting the Craiova Declaration was discussed and is now being sent to Member Societies for their comments. In the photo to the right, Hippocrates can be seen pictured here on a local Romanian church.



UPCOMING WPA SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

Secretary for Meetings, Professor Pedro Ruiz
coordinates these events and welcomes initiatives for new ones.
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MAJOR UPCOMING WPA MEETINGS 2005

April 21-24, 2005, WPA Regional Meeting, IX International Congress of Personality Disorders, and XXI Argentine Psychiatric Congress, hosted by the Association of Argentinean Psychiatrists (APSA), Mar del Plata, Argentina. Contact: Dr. Graciela Lucatelli, E-mail: apsa@apsa.org.ar, Website: apsa.org.ar
June 17-20, 2005, WPA Thematic Conference, hosted by the Spanish Foundation of Psychiatry and Mental Health, Valencia, Spain, Quality and Outcome Research in Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Carmen Leal, E-mail: carmen.leal@uv.es, Website: wpa2005valencia.com
September 10-15, 2005, XIII World Congress of Psychiatry, hosted by the Egyptian Psychiatric Association, Cairo, Egypt, Five Thousand Years of Science and Care, Building the Future of Psychiatry. Contact: Prof. Ahmed Okasha, Fax: (34-91) 3559208, E-mail: secretariat@wpa-cairo2005.com, aokasha@internetegypt.com. Website: wpa-cairo2005.com
October 29-November 2, 2005, WPA Regional Meeting, hosted by the Mexican Psychiatric Association, Los Cabos, Mexico. Contact: Dr. Luis E. Rivero Almanzor, E-mail: aspsiqm@prodigy.net.mx

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March 29-31, 2006, WPA Regional Meeting & Second Pan-American Congress of Mental Health, hosted by the Cuban Psychiatric Association, Habana, Cuba. Contact: Dr. Cristobal Martinez, E-mail: crisma@infomed.sld.cu
April 19-21, 2006, WPA Thematic Conference, hosted by the Lopez Ibor Foundation, Madrid, Spain, WPA Juan J. Lopez Ibor Centennial Congress: Umbrales y Confines de la Psiquiatria. Contact: Prof. Juan J. Lopez-Ibor, Jr., E-mail: jli@lopez-ibor.com
July 12-16, 2006, WPA International Congress, hosted by the Psychiatric Association of Turkey and the Turkish Neuropsychiatric Society, Istanbul, Turkey. Contact: Prof. Levent Kuey, E-mail: kueyl@superonline.com, Website: wpa2006istanbul.org
November 30-December 3, 2006, WPA Regional Meeting, hosted by the Peruvian Psychiatric Association, Lima, Peru. Contact: Dr. Elard Sanchez Tejada, E-mail: app@amauta.rcp.net.pe

2007

April 18-21, 2007, WPA Regional Meeting, hosted by the Korean Neuropsychiatric Association, Seoul, Korea. Contact: Dr. Yong Sik Kim, E-mail: kpa3355@kornet.net
June 6-8, 2007, WPA Thematic Conference, hosted by the Eunomia Study Group, Dresden, Germany, Coercive Treatment in Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Thomas Kallert, E-mail: thomas.kallert@mailbox.tu-dresden.de, Website: eunomia-study.net
October, 2007, WPA Regional Meeting, hosted by the Argentinean Association of Psychiatrists (AAP), Buenos Aires, Argentina, XIV Congress of the Argentinean Association of Psychiatrists. Contact: Dr. Nestor F. Marchant, E-mail: aap@aap.org.ar, Website: aap.org.ar

2008

June 19-21, 2008, WPA Thematic Conference on Depression and Relevant Psychiatric Conditions in Primary Care, hosted by the

Spanish Society of Psychiatry, Granada, Spain. Contact: Dr. Francisco Torres, E-mail: ftorres@ugr.es
September 19-25, 2008, XIV World Congress of Psychiatry, hosted by the Czech Psychiatric Association, Prague, Czech Republic.
Contact: Dr. Jiri Raboch, E-mail: raboch@mbox.cesnet.cz

UPCOMING WPA SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

2005

April 20-23, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored Regional Meeting of the Collegium Internationale Neuro-Psychopharmacologicum, Cape Town, South Africa. Contact: Dr. Robin Emsley, E-mail: rae@sun.ac.za, Website: www.cinp.org
June 2-5, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored Regional Conference of the Psychiatric Association of Rio de Janeiro State, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Contact: Dr. Marcos Gebara, E-mail: aperj@aperj.com.br
June 22-24, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored Congreso Iberoamericano de Ansiedad, organized by Psiquis Asesora y Investigacion en Salud Mental, Quito, Ecuador. Contact: Dr. Carlos Leon, E-mail: carleon@hoy.net
July 5-7, 2005, WPA Section Meeting of Section on Epidemiology and Public Health, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, Meeting Mental Health Needs: The evidence from Epidemiology, Economics and Evaluation. Contact: Dr. Philip Burgess, E-mail: ephm2005@icms.com.au, Website: www.icms.com/ephm2005
July 11-12, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored Second International Conference on Conflict-Culture and Mental Health, organized by the Andrew Sims Centre, Trust Leeds Mental Health, London, England. Contact: Lynne Christopher, E-mail: lynne.christopher@leedsmh.nhs.uk, Website: leedsmentalhealth.nhs.uk
July 24-27, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored Conference, organized by the South Asian Forum on Mental Health & Psychiatry, United Kingdom Chapter, Colombo, Sri Lanka, Improving Access and Delivery of Mental Health Care in South Asia. Contact: Dr. Afzal Javed, E-mail: afzal.javed@ntlworld.com
September 7-9, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored Third Latin American Congress on Neuropsychiatry, 7th Argentinean Congress of Neuropsychiatry and 8th Meeting of Alzheimer's Disease, organized by Asociacion Neuropsiquiatrica Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Contact: Dr. Leandro Tortora, E-mail: info@stpweb.com.ar, Website: neuropsiquiatria.org.ar
October 5-9, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored XIX Annual Scientific Conference, organized by the Bulgarian Psychiatric Association, Pleven, Bulgaria. Contact: Dr. Vladimir Velinov, E-mail: v.velinov@bpa-bg.org, Website: bpa-bg.org.
October 6-8, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored V European Congress on Mental Health in Mental Retardation, organized by the Spanish Association for Scientific Study on Mental Retardation, Barcelona, Spain, Integrating Research and Practice. Contact: Dr. Luis Salvador-Carulla, E-mail: luis.salvador@telefonica.net, Website: aeecrm.com
October 24-28, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored IX Congreso Nacional de Psiquiatria, organized by the Spanish Society of Psychiatry, Pamplona, Spain. Contact: Dr. Salvador Cervera, E-mail: s.cervera@unauv.es, Website: psiquiatriapamplona05.com
October 25-28, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored XII Congress of the Argentinean Association of Psychiatrists (AAP), Buenos Aires, Argentina. Contact: Dr. Nestor F. Marchant, E-mail: aap@aap.org.ar, Website: aap.org.ar.
November 3-6, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored 55th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Psychiatric Association, Vancouver, Canada. Contact: Ms. Heather Cleat, E-mail: conference@cpa-apc.org, Website: cpa-apc.org.
November 15-18, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored XIV Russian Congress of Psychiatry, organized by the Russian Society of Psychiatry, Moscow, Russia. Contact: Dr. Valery Krasnov, E-mail: krasnov@mtu-net.ru.
November 25-26, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored Second Workshop of Franciocorta, organized by the WPA Section on Private Practice, Provaglio d'Iseo, Brescia, Italy, New Developments in Diagnosis and Treatment of Mood Disorders-First Update. Contact: Dr.

Giuseppe Tavormina, E-mail: president@censtupsi.org, Website: censtupsi.org.

November 25-27, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored Second International Mental Health & Cultural Psychiatry Conference, organized by the Indo Australasian Psychiatric Association, Sydney, Australia. Contact: Dr. Russell D'Souza, E-mail: rdsouza@bigpond.net.au.

December 2-4, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored First Conference of SAARC Psychiatric Federation, Agra, India. Contact: Dr. Roy Abraham Kallivayalil, E-mail: ktm_roykalli@sancharnet.in.

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February 2006, WPA Section Meeting of Section on Art and Psychiatry, Djerba, Tunisia, Psyche and Art Seminar. Contact: Dr. Hans Otto Thomashoff, E-mail: thomashoff@utanet.at

May 10-13, 2006, WPA Co-sponsored XXIII Congress of the Spanish Association of Neuropsychiatry, Bilbao, Spain. Contact: Dr. Oscar Martinez Azumendi, E-mail: oscarmar@wpanet.org, Website: ome-aen.org/23congresoan.

September 27-30, 2006, WPA Co-sponsored VI World Congress of Depressive Disorders and International Symposium on Addictive Disorders, Mendoza, Argentina. Contact: Dr. Jorge Nazar, E-mail: jorge_nazar@hotmail.com, Website: mendoza2006.org

September 25-28, 2006, WPA Co-sponsored XIX World Congress of the International Federation for Psychotherapy, organized by the Japanese Federation of Psychotherapy, Tokyo, Japan. Contact: Dr. Tsutomu Sakuta, E-mail: sakuta-nakayama@cb.wakwak.com

November 1-4, 2006, WPA Co-sponsored XXIV Latin American Psychiatric Association (APAL) Congress, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Contact: Dr. Cesar Mella, E-mail: cesarm2@verizon.net.do.

November 9-12, 2006, WPA Co-sponsored 56th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Psychiatric Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Contact: Dr. Alex Saunders, E-mail: asaunders@cpa-apc.org, Website: cpa-apc.org.

April 2007, WPA Section Meeting of Section on Interdisciplinary Collaboration, Marrakech, Morocco, Third International Congress on Hormones, Brain and Neuropsychopharmacology. Contact: Dr. Uriel M. Halbreich, E-mail: urielh@acsu.buffalo.edu

October 23-28, 2007, WPA Co-sponsored Annual Meeting of the International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM), Cairo, Egypt. Contact: Dr. Nady El-Guebaly, E-mail: nady.el-guebaly@calgaryhealthregion.ca.