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GREETINGS

With the new Executive Committee and Zonal Representatives in place after elections at the X World Congress of Psychiatry in Madrid and with the new Secretariat recently consolidated in New York, we resume news-based communication with all members and components of the World Psychiatric Association (WPA).

WPA News will concisely and regularly present information on key developments in our Association and the field of mental health. We hope that the agility and broad distribution of this circular will facilitate the participation of all involved in the life of our organization, culturally enriched with the presence of 105 Member Societies.

Communication and informational access shall be facilitated by the organizational resources of the new WPA Secretariat in New York City, headed by the Secretary General. Special logistic and academic support is afforded by the location of the Secretariat at the International Center for Mental Health, Mount Sinai School of Medicine of the City University of New York. Also promising is the appointment as Secretariat Administrator of Ms. Ekaterina B. Sukhanova, a U.S. citizen, born in Russia, with studies in administration and comparative linguistics and competence in English, German and Russian among other languages. Procedures and Committed to the noble ideals of WPA, built over the 47-year history of our organization, we will highlight efforts in education, scientific and humanistic information, meetings, and publications towards achieving highly competent and ethical clinical care and enlightened public health policies around the world. While much of the information presented here comes from meetings of the Executive Committee, presided by Professor Norman Sartorius, developments in other WPA components will also be presented, for which we eagerly invite your contributions.

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The Success of the X World Congress of Psychiatry

The X World Congress of Psychiatry took place in Madrid, from the 23th to the 28 of August, 1996. Widely regarded as the most successful of our World Congresses ever, it presented extensive and rich scientific and social programs and was attended by over 11,000 participants.

Its multiple events unfolded with remarkable fluidity and were supported by a myriad of logistic and transportation arrangements. Among its highlights one can mention the diversity of its scientific sessions, within which the debates, meet-the-experts and other interactive opportunities were particularly well attended. Also conspicuous was the extensive coverage it obtained in the press, radio and TV, the highest of previous medical congresses in Spain. Particularly stimulating were the presence of many colleagues from developing countries and the innovative fellowship program that made possible the attendance of younger psychiatrists from diverse corners of the world.

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The Madrid Declaration

This is the latest statement on ethics in mental health care updating the 1997 Hawaii Declaration. It was prepared by the WPA Ethics Committee (Profs. A. Okasha, Chair, J. Arboleda-Florez, A. Carmi, H. Helmchen, and B. Raphael), and approved by the General Assembly on August 25, 1996. After a historical and conceptual preamble, it presents ethical standards to govern the conduct of psychiatrists world-wide as well as guidelines concerning specific situations such as euthanasia, torture and death penalty. It has been acclaimed as a major WPA contribution to the field. Efforts are being made to disseminate it extensively, through WPA meetings, the prospective WPA Information Folder and Web Site, and mailings to individuals and groups requesting it.

Current Opinion: Official WPA Journal

An agreement has been made with the publishers of the well established periodical Current Opinion in Psychiatry for this to become the Official Journal of WPA since its January 1997 issue. One of the editors is WPA President Professor Norman Sartorius and responsible for the WPA Page is the new Secretary for Publications, Professor Mario Maj. All individual members of the Association will receive Current Opinion as part of their membership.

WPA Zones and Their Representatives

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| 1. Canada | Quentin Rae-Grant |
| 2. United States | Harold Eist |
| 3. Mexico, Central America
& the Caribbean | Carlos Berganza (Guatemala) |

4. Northern South America	Antonio Pacheco-Hernandez (Venezuela)
5. Southern South America	William A. Dunningham (Brazil)
6. Western Europe	Eugene Paykel (United Kingdom)
7. Northern Europe	Kari Pylkkänen (Finland)
8. Southern Europe	Salvador Cervera (Spain)
9. Central Europe	Jacek Bomba (Poland) Petr Zvolnsky (Czech Rep.)
10. Eastern Europe	Igor I. Kutko (Ukraine)
11. Northern Africa	Said Abdel Azim (Egypt)
12. Middle East & Arabic States	Abdelmagid Al-Khulaidi (Yemen)
13. Central & Western Africa	Michael Olatawura (Nigeria)
14. Eastern Africa	Clifford W. Allwood (South Africa)
15. Western Asia	Ijaz Haider (Pakistan)
16. Southern Asia	Parameshvara Deva (Malaysia)
17. Eastern Asia	Ho Young Lee (Korea)
18. South Pacific	Noel Wilton (Australia)

New Statutes and By-Laws

The Extraordinary General Assembly of August 25, 1996 approved the new Statutes and By Laws of the World Psychiatric Association, which had been drafted by the Standing Committee on Planning chaired by the then President-Elect Prof. Norman Sartorius. They contain a number of innovations such as the creation of the position of Secretary of Education to coordinate all activities in this area, reflecting new emphases in WPA policies. Another innovation, involving a major organizational restructuring of WPA, involves the reformulation of Regions into 18 Zones clustering our 105 Member Societies. Each Zone has a Zonal Representative and all are coordinated by the Secretary General and supported by the resources of the WPA Secretariat. Also worth mentioning are the establishment of new membership categories for Affiliated Societies and Affiliated Individual Members, and new leadership provisions for the Sections. The new

Statutes and By-Laws, along with the minutes of the 1996 Extraordinary and Ordinary Assemblies and recent Executive Committee meetings, are being distributed now to all Member Societies and other WPA components. To achieve fruition, all these innovations require collaborative efforts to implement them throughout the WPA.

Looking Forward to the XI World Congress of Psychiatry

The next World Congress of Psychiatry will be held in Hamburg in August 1999. This will be the first time that the highest world psychiatric conclave will take place in Germany, one of cradles of modern psychiatry. The Congress President will be Prof. Norman Sartorius, the Organizing Committee is chaired by Prof. Wolfgang Gaebel and co-chaired by Profs. Driss Moussaoui and Naber; the Scientific Committee is chaired by Prof. Juan J. Lopez-Ibor, and the Fellowship Committee by Prof. Juan E. Mezzich. WPA Sections, Member Societies and Zonal Representatives are being asked to suggest topics and offer contributions.

Relations with WHO and Other Organizations

A priority for WPA is its relationship with the World Health Organization (WHO), particularly its Division of Mental Health and Prevention of Substance Abuse, with which a formal collaborative agreement has been prepared. Of relevance is also the educational accord signed by WPA, WHO and the Collegium Internationale Neuro-Psychopharmacologicum. Prominent among governmental organizations with which WPA maintains important links is the United Nations, including its programs on human rights.

Noteworthy in reference to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) is the Standing Committee of Presidents of NGOs concerned with Mental Health. At its meeting in March 1997, this network, with WPA presence, decided to focus collaborative efforts towards WHO's Program on Nations for Mental Health. Work areas include improvement of clinical services, empowerment of consumers and families, and programs for underserved populations such as refugees and indigenous people. Also emphasized was that, in present day psychiatry, human rights concerns should include neglect of care as much as abuse of psychiatry.

Our Latest Member Societies

The 1996 General Assembly approved the full incorporation of the following Member Societies of WPA, bringing their total number up to 105:

Albanian Psychiatric Association
Barbados Association of Psychiatrists
Bulgarian Psychiatric Association

Byelorussian Psychiatric Association
Georgian Psychiatric Association
Guatemalan Psychiatric Association
Honduran Society of Psychiatry
Indian Association for Social Psychiatry
Macedonian Psychiatric Association (Rep. Macedonia, FYROM)
Ukrainian Psychiatric Association
Association of Yugoslav Psychiatrists YUKO,
Yugoslav Association of Psychiatric Institutions

Standing Committees and Task Forces

The Executive Committee has recently appointed the membership of Standing Committees and Task Forces as follows:

Standing Committees

Education: Montenegro (Argentina)(Chair), Goldberg (U.K.), Murthy (India), Ruiz (USA), Soldatos (Greece), Tyano (Israel).
Ethics: Okasha (Egypt)(Chair), Arboleda-Florez (Canada), Helmchen (Germany), Jablensky (Australia), Wig (India). Nominations: Sartorius (Switzerland)(Chair), Berganza (Guatemala), Füredi (Hungary), Lopez-Ibor (Spain), Moussaoui (Morocco), Nakane (Japan).
Planning: Lopez-Ibor (Spain)(Chair), Lieh-Mak (Hong Kong), Höschl (Czech Republic), Gaebel (Germany), Kastrup (Denmark), Mezzich (USA), Moussaoui (Morocco), Odejide (Nigeria).
Review: Kastrup (Denmark)(Chair), Gluzman (Ukraine), Pull (Luxembourg), Steinfeldt-Foss (Norway), Lieh-Mak (Hong Kong).
Publications (Ad-hoc): Maj (Italy)(Chair), Andreasen (USA), Lecrubier (France), Lolas (Chile), Okasha (Egypt).

Task Forces

Finances: Moussaoui (Morocco)(Chair), Kastrup (Denmark)(Ex-officio), Burrows (Australia), Cazzullo (Italy), Pincus (USA), Bertoldi (Argentina), Ray (USA).
Individual Membership: Kastrup (Denmark)(Chair), Mezzich (USA)(Co-chair), Oskarsson (Iceland), Sabshin (USA)

Current WPA Council

The Council plays an important advising role to the Executive Committee and Board of the World Psychiatric Association. It is composed of

all current alive Past Presidents and Past Secretary Generals as well as other members of the immediately preceding Executive Committee.

Past Presidents

Pierre Pichot (France) - 1976-1983
Costas Stefanis (Greece) - 1983-1989
J.A. Costa e Silva (Brazil) - 1989-1993
F. Lieh Mak (Hong Kong) - 1993-1996

Past Secretary Generals

Dennis Leigh (U.K.) - 1966-1976
Peter Berner (Austria) - 1976-1983
Fini Schulsinger (Denmark) - 1983-1989
J.J. Lopez-Ibor (Spain) - 1989-1996

Other Past Officers

Melvin Sabshin (USA) - 1989-1996
Harold Visotsky (USA) - 1989-1996

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

June 16-19, 1997, WPA Mediterranean Regional Meeting in Rome, "Psychiatry in the Three Ages of Man" Contact: R.M. Societa di Congressi. Fax: (39-2) 738-2610
October 7-10, 1997, WPA Regional Meeting in Beijing "Schizophrenia, Dementia and Depression" Contact: Institute of Mental Health. Fax: (86-10) 6202-7314
October 22-25, 1997, WPA Regional Meeting in Santiago de Chile, "Anxiety and Depression Across the World" Contact: Dr. A. Heerlein Fax: (56-2) 231-9287
November 16-21, 1997, WPA Regional Conference in Tel-Aviv, "Synthesis between Psychopharmacology and Psychotherapy" Contact: Prof. S. Tyano. Fax: (972-3) 517-5674
August 6-12, 1999, XI World Congress of Psychiatry, Hamburg Contact: Hanser Service, Hamburg. Fax: (49-40) 670-3283

October 7-10, 1997 - WPA Regional Meeting in Beijing, "Schizophrenia, Dementia and Depression", Contact: Professor Yu-Cun Shen, Institute of Mental Health, Beijing Medical University, Fax: (86-10) 6202-7314.

October 22-25, 1997 - WPA Regional Meeting in Santiago de Chile, "Anxiety and Depression Across the World", Contact: Professor Andrés Heerlein, Fax: (56-2) 231-9287.

November 16-21, 1997 - WPA Thematic Conference in Jerusalem, "Synthesis Between Psychopharmacology and Psychotherapy", Contact: Professor Sam Tyano, Fax: (972-3) 517-5674.

January 4th – 8th, 1998, WPA Regional Meeting in Jaipur, India, Free the Society from Stigma of Mental Illness (in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of the Indian Psychiatric Society).
Contact: Professor S. Gautam, Fax: (91-14) 151-4072.

February 3rd – 5th, 1998, WPA Section Meeting in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, WPA Section on Mass Media and Mental Health.
Contact: Professor M.A. Materazzi, Fax: (54-1) 658-0430.

February 20th – 21st, 1998, WPA Section Meeting in Boston, USA, WPA Section on Interdisciplinary Cooperation.
Contact: U. Halbreich, Fax: (1-716) 892-0431, 1-617) 734-7915.

February 23rd – 25th, 1998, WPA Co-Sponsored Meeting in Tokyo, Japan, Rethinking Somatoform Disorders.
Contact: Professor Y. Ono, Department of Neuropsychiatry, Keio University School of Medicine, 35 Shinanomachi, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 160, Japan.

October 15th-17th, 1998, WPA Co-Sponsored V World Congress of the International Association for Emergency Psychiatry in Brussels, Belgium, Emergency Psychiatry in a Changing Society.
Contact: Prof. M. De Clercq Fax: (32-2)764-8921

August 6-11, 1999, XI World Congress of Psychiatry, Hamburg, Germany, Psychiatry on New Thresholds.
Contact: Pr. W. Gaebel. Fax: (49-40) 670-3283. E-mail: cpo@wpa-hamburg.de <http://www.wpa-hamburg.de>

November 2000, WPA Regional Meeting in Paris, France, From Clinical Practice to Research.
Contact: Dr. J. Garrabé, Fax: (33-1) 4278-3512.

2001, WPA Regional Meeting in Madrid, Spain, (specific date and theme to be announced).
Contact Professor J.J. Lopez-Ibor, Fax: (34-1) 316-2749.

August 24th –29th, 2002, XII World Congress of Psychiatry in Yokohama, Japan.
Contact: Professor Jiro Suzuki, Fax: (81-3) 3814-2991.