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## 2nd Quarter 2001

### Greetings

Our institutional life this Quarter commenced with the completion and distribution of the triennial WPA General Survey. It attained a 90% response rate across all WPA Components, evidencing our growing institutional strength. It revealed that our Association has made significant progress in its ample range of activities as compared to three years ago. The General Survey results will inform the preparation of an updated Executive Committee Action Plan as well as of the Triennial Strategic Plan to be presented at the 2002 General Assembly in Yokohama. Page 5 presents the highlights of the General Survey.

It may be noted that surveys, as tools for the appraisal of patterns and needs, are becoming conspicuous institutional activities. In line with this, the WPA Secretariat has recently assisted in the conduction of surveys for the Standing Committee on Planning, for a competitive project of the Section on Urban Mental Health, and for the Institutional Program on the Post-Graduate Curriculum.

This quarter has also witnessed the celebration of WHO's World Health Day which this year focused on mental health. The activities in Geneva this April were attended by WPA President Prof. Juan José Lopez-Ibor Jr. Later in May, he participated on behalf WPA in the World Health Assembly and in the Ministerial Roundtable on Mental Health connected to the Assembly.

On April 24-27, 2001, a highly interesting WPA Regional Meeting took place in Antalya, Turkey, under the general theme Psychiatry as a Bridge Between Cultures. The Regional Meeting, hosted by the Turkish Neuropsychiatric Society and the Turkish Psychiatric Association, served as framework for meetings of the WPA Executive Committee and the Standing Committee on Planning as well as for the inaugural presentation of the *International Guidelines for Diagnostic Assessment*, a new WPA Educational Program. A photo below illustrates the WPA Forum in Antalya, attended by WPA officers present at the Regional Meeting (more information inside).

A full range of WPA sectorial activities continue to take place (many highlighted in this issue), including the enthusiastic preparations for the XII World Congress of Psychiatry next year in Yokohama!



WPA Forum at the Regional Meeting in Antalya, Turkey, April 2001

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## FROM RECENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### **Antalya EC Meeting**

On April 24 and 26, the WPA Executive Committee held in Antalya, Turkey its latest meeting. It discussed a broad range of topics, some of which are mentioned below:

- It received an improved new edition of The WPA Directory recently prepared by the Secretariat.
- It approved a plan for preparing an updated EC Action Plan in response to the results of the WPA General Survey.
- It admitted as an Affiliated Association (non-voting) the Moroccan Association of Private Psychiatrists.
- Concerning the celebration of the WHO World Health Day (focussed this year on mental health), it received a report from the President on his attending a Geneva celebration on April 6 and on the production of pertinent TV spots.
- It endorsed the UN International Day in Support of Victims of Torture.
- It received a preliminary report on bids for the 2008 World Congress of Psychiatry from Buenos Aires, Prague and Vancouver.
- It received a progress report on the continuous advance of *WPA Online*, and encouraged pending Member Societies and Sections to prepare their institutional web pages.
- It learned about evolving plans for expanding the WPA Continuing Medical Education credits program.
- It received a report on advances in our publication series and on expanding WPA's editorial capacity.
- It learned about Sections' activities on the preparation of scientific updates and a membership directory as well as the development of new Sections.

### **WPA-APA Leadership Meeting**

On May 7, 2001, taking advantage of the Annual Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association (APA) in New Orleans, the executives of WPA and APA held a new leadership meeting which reaffirmed their productive inter-relations.

Among the topics discussed were the further development of ethical standards, the status of investigations concerning the Falun Gong case in China, the promotion of the XII World Congress of Psychiatry, the prospective organization of a WPA Regional Meeting in the United States and support for the promotion of mental health professionals, services and libraries in Africa and other developing areas.

### **Meeting with Chinese Society Representatives on the Falun Gong Issue**

Over the past several months, WPA has received many inquiries regarding the alleged abuse of psychiatry in China concerning Falun Gong practitioners.



Meeting of WPA EC members with representatives of the Chinese Society of Psychiatry on May 6, 2001 in New Orleans

Following our normative procedures, the WPA Review Committee on Abuse of Psychiatry has communicated fluently with our Member Society in the area, the Chinese Society of Psychiatry. Our Chinese colleagues have reaffirmed their commitment to the ethical standards for psychiatric practice set down in the WPA Madrid Declaration, stated their opposition to involuntary hospitalization of any individuals who are not seriously mentally ill, and indicated plans for initiating an investigation of specific cases. As an official authorization from the Chinese authorities is required to start this process, the President of the WPA has sent an official letter to the Chinese Minister of Health and other appropriate state authorities to express the concern of the WPA and its willingness to collaborate with the Chinese Society of Psychiatry in any investigation on alleged abuse.

On May 6, 2001, the WPA Executive Committee met in New Orleans with a five-member group representing the Chinese Society of Psychiatry, led by Professors Yan Fang Chen (Vice-President) and Yizhuang Zou (Secretary General) (see adjacent photo) to further discuss the current situation and possible future steps. The representatives of the Chinese Society of Psychiatry provided specific details on their investigational plans including both general hospitals and security hospitals. They agreed to include in their investigation a list of cases to be made available by the WPA Review Committee, and to report to WPA on the results of their inquiries. The WPA Review Committee is also gathering and processing information from other independent sources, including non-profit organizations and colleagues across the world. The WPA is striving to make this process as diligent as possible, while exercising due care to ensure thoughtfulness and fairness in this highly sensitive matter.

### **Luncheon with prospective Corporate Supporters**

The EC held a working luncheon during the APA Meeting in New Orleans with a group of representatives of pharmaceutical companies (see photo below) concerning the development of a Corporate Supporters plan as approved by the latest General Assembly. The group heard a presentation on WPA purposes and activities and on the objectives of the Corporate Supporters plan. In response, our invitees offered positive comments and specific suggestions for the effective implementation of the plan. A meeting of the working group was scheduled in New Orleans, to be continued with further contacts afterwards.



EC working luncheon with prospective Corporate Supporters

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## ON RECENT WPA SECTION ACTIVITIES

The Operational Committee on Sections met this May in New Orleans to review the functioning of Sections, to evaluate proposals for new Sections, and to plan the participation of Sections in the XII World Congress in Yokohama. Inter-Section collaboration will continue to be promoted in a wide range of activities, from educational programs to symposia for WPA meetings and congresses. A directory of Sections' members is being planned to enhance communication and scientific productivity.

- A project gradually taking shape is a volume on Recent Advances in Psychiatry in the various scientific domains of WPA Sections. It intends to be a state-of-the-art report under the coordination of the Secretary for Sections with the collaboration of the Secretary for Publications.



Participants in the Transcultural Psychiatry Section Meeting in Andorra, May 23-26, 2001



Presenters of the Essentials of the International Guidelines for Diagnostic Assessment in Antalya, April 25, 2001

- On April 25, 2001 during the WPA Regional Meeting in Antalya, the Classification Section organized the inaugural presentation of the *Essentials of the International Guidelines for Diagnostic Assessment* (see adjacent photo). Among its highlights are an emphasis on interviewing and an innovative diagnostic model combining a standardized multi-axial evaluation with a personalized idiographic formulation.
- The Transcultural Psychiatry Section conducted on May 23-26, 2001 a self-standing meeting in Andorra (see adjacent photo). It was chaired by Profs. Goffredo Bartocci (Italy) and Joan Obiols (Andorra) and attended by distinguished experts from across the world, as well as by the President and the Secretary General of WPA.
- The Section on Ecology, Psychiatry and Mental Health organized an interesting self-standing meeting on its area of competence this May in San Marino, attended by several EC members.
- The new Section on Suicidology, chaired by Dr. Sergio Pérez-Barrero of Cuba, is taking steps to promote public awareness and professional services concerning suicide, in collaboration with WHO.

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## THE WORLD BANK AND PROSPECTIVE COLLABORATION WITH WPA

In March 2001, Dr. Florence Baingana, a distinguished Ugandan psychiatrist and currently mental health specialist at the World Bank (WB), was interviewed by Dr. Khakasa Wapenyi, a Cornell University psychiatric resident born in Uganda and doing an elective at the WPA Secretariat.

Dr. Baingana outlined the following goals for her work: 1) To create a knowledge base on the cost-effectiveness of mental health interventions; 2) To document that investment in mental health interventions may lead to decrease dysfunction and increased economic productivity; 3) To increase knowledge on the global burden of mental illness in client countries and their impact on poverty; and 4) To provide technical support on psychosocial projects such as one for children in Burundi and another for victims of violence in Gaza and the West Bank.

Dr. Baingana indicated that the WB has already established fruitful partnerships with the World Health Organization (WHO) as well as with the World Federation for Mental Health and the American Psychiatric Association. She suggested that the World Psychiatric Association may want to be an active collaborator with the WB in the future. She identified the following areas for collaboration as possible:

- Dissemination of mental health information through a variety of means, including the internet. Mental health websites could incorporate information from WHO, WB and WPA, organize chat rooms, and post scientific papers from developing countries.
- Cooperation on psychiatric research, especially that involving the global burden of disease and the alleviation of poverty.



Dr. Florence Baingana,  
Mental Health Specialist at the World  
Bank

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## ON THE NEXT WORLD CONGRESS AND REGIONAL MEETING

### Yokohama World Congress

For the first time, the Asian continent which houses half of mankind, will host, through the Japanese Society of Psychiatry and Neurology, the **XII World Congress of Psychiatry (WCP)**. A country of rich cultural traditions will receive congress participants in one of its most modern settings, the Pacifico Convention Center in Yokohama (see photo below).



Pacifico Yokohama Convention Center

Preparations for the XII WCP continue at full speed. After meetings of virtually all Congress Committees in Tokyo this February (during which policy, strategic and tactical levels of organization were set up), the **Scientific Committee** met in New Orleans this May. Lectures and forums, workshops and symposia (including those organized by WPA Sections), courses and CME credits were discussed along with publications for and from the congress. An adjacent table lists the submission deadlines.

### XII WCP Deadlines

July 1, 2001	Symposia, Workshops & Courses
December 1, 2001	Paper & Poster Abstracts
February 1, 2002	Fellowship Nominations

In connection with the WPA Institutional Program to Promote the Professional Development of Young Psychiatrists, the XII WCP will offer a **Fellowship and Young Participants Program** that will be the largest in WCP history. Over 200 promising young psychiatrists from across the world will be fully funded to attend the World Congress and hone their

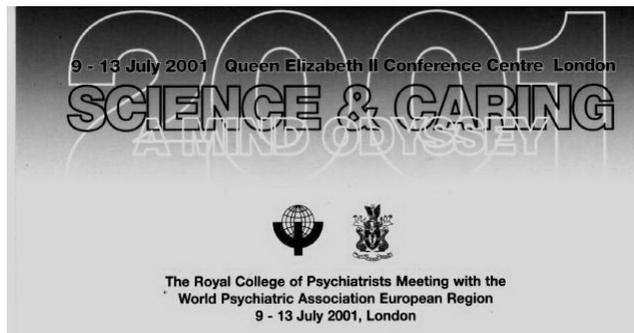
March 1, 2002 Early Registration  
May 1, 2002 New Research Findings  
July 1, 2002 Advance Registration

professional and leadership skills. All Member Societies are warmly encouraged to nominate 3-5 candidates using the forms posted on the Congress Website ([www.wpa2002yokohama.org](http://www.wpa2002yokohama.org)) or those to be distributed at the next mass mailing from the WPA Secretariat. Selection criteria include age under 35 years, superior educational and professional record, documented publications and other innovative activities, and planned contributions to advance psychiatry and mental health nationally and internationally. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2002.

### **London WPA Regional Meeting**

The immediately upcoming **WPA European Regional Meeting in London** will take place at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre on July 9-13, 2001. This will happen 36 years after the first WPA Regional Meeting ever, which was held in London on September 28-30, 1965, and is indicative of the growing relations with WPA promoted by the current president of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, Prof. John Cox.

The main theme of the meeting will be **2001: A Mind Odyssey**, with an emphasis on psychiatry and the arts. It will celebrate the World Health Day with the presence of Dr. Gro Brundtland (WHO Director General) as well as the 30th Anniversary of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. Also included will be a two-day **Symposium on International Classification and Diagnosis** sponsored by the classification components of WPA and WHO and several national organizations actively working on international classification.



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**CARACCI ELECTED NGO MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE CHAIR AT THE UN**

On June 14, 2001, Prof. Giovanni Caracci, WPA representative at the United Nations (UN), was elected chair of the NGO Committee on Mental Health at the UN for the period 2001-2003. This Committee was established in 1996 by the Conference on Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council, and currently has over 150 institutional and individual members. This election is a significant achievement for both WPA and Prof. Caracci. He is also an officer of the NGO Committee on Human Settlements and the current chair of the WPA Section on Urban Mental Health.



Prof. Giovanni Caracci

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## WPA GENERAL SURVEY 2001 SUMMARY REPORT

The General Survey of the World Psychiatric Association, as described in our Manual of Procedures, is aimed at advancing the institutional strength of WPA through the elucidation of critical views and constructive suggestions.

The **response rates** obtained were outstanding, i.e., 92% for Member Societies and 90% across all WPA components.

With respect to the **fulfillment of WPA purposes**, almost all of them received encouraging ratings. The adjacent table compares two trienniums in this regard. The principal suggestions offered were, "to upgrade ethics, human rights and legislation in psychiatric care" and "to promote standards for care and psychiatric certification".

Comparative overall average ratings on WPA Purposes		
WPA Purposes fulfillment	% 2001	% 1998
Adequately fulfilled	70.0	55.1
Not adequately fulfilled	22.6	28.0
Unrated	7.4	16.9

Among the **needs of Member Societies and other WPA components**, "financial, strategic and logistic support", "improved communication within each society and with WPA" and "research exchanges and access to new literature" were the most frequently reported needs.

The adjacent table presents the levels of positive (excellent or good) ratings of WPA activities evaluated in the current and the past trienniums.

The performance of the **current WPA Secretariat** received the highest positive (excellent or good) ratings. Suggestions offered focused on rapid and ample flow of communications as well as on further services of the Secretariat to the various components of WPA.

The **current WPA Zonal structure and activities**, were perceived as having ample room for improvement, particularly concerning intra-Zonal information, organizational contacts, meetings, and plans, as well as the structure and functions of the Zones as a whole.

### Comparative positive ratings on WPA functioning

Performance of WPA Programs or Activities	% 2001	% 1998
WPA Secretariat	81.0	64.5
WPA external visibility	62.5	46.8
Overall quality of Educational Programs	70.1	64.0
Overall performance of Sections	44.5	37.6
Scientific quality of World Congress	70.7	69.9
Social/cultural quality of World Congress	56.5	63.5
Overall quality of WPA publications	63.0	43.0
Information on WPA finances	41.9	22.6
Allocation/use of WPA resources	39.7	22.6
Quality of Ethics guidelines	76.1	73.1

The **external visibility and impact of WPA**, have showed clear improvement in comparison to 1998. More activity on influential topics and public affairs, internationally and locally, improved international partnerships, and greater use of mass media, psychiatric journals, and the internet were suggested. Within **WPA educational activities**, the perceived overall quality of WPA educational programs maintained high positive ratings.

**WPA Section activities** were perceived to be in need of improvement. Interest was expressed for cross-Sectional collaboration and for improved internal organization and functioning of individual Sections. The adjacent table lists the most recognized WPA Sections, with the frequencies with which they were mentioned.

Regarding **WPA Meetings**, the latest World Congress of Psychiatry obtained substantial positive ratings concerning the quality of its scientific, fellowship and young participants, and socio-cultural programs. The perception of the overall quality of recent WPA Regional Meetings also attained substantial positive ratings, with much better reported attendance to meetings than in the preceding Survey.

With respect to **WPA publications**, their perceived overall quality was 20 percent points higher than in the preceding survey. The suggestions received focused on more promotion to reach wide audiences, and upgrading the scope of the WPA program of publications.

Concerning **WPA finances**, information on and allocation and use of WPA financial resources have been recognized as significantly improved. The new differential dues structure received a 67% "good" or "excellent" responses. Fund-raising activities were perceived to be in need of greater efforts. With respect to **ethical standards and activities**, the quality of the WPA Declaration of Madrid and its additional guidelines obtained one of the highest ratings.

**As a colophon**, it can be said that this Survey reveals a generalized feeling that our Association is achieving a level of institutional development and prestige that is essential to maintain. The challenges that WPA faces in the various aspects of its work, within a tough and changing environment, suggest the need to explore and adopt important structural adjustments to optimize our institutional growth with a solid administrative and financial base.

### Most recognized WPA Sections

Name	%
Classification	9.9
Human Sexuality	9.9
Urban Mental Health	8.8
Education in Psychiatry	7.7
Mass Media & Mental Health	7.7
Preventive Psychiatry	5.5
Transcultural Psychiatry	5.5
Womens' Mental Health	5.5
Psychiatry, Laws & Ethics	4.4
Addiction Psychiatry	3.3
Biological Psychiatry	3.3
Mental Health Economics	3.3
Psychotherapy	3.3
Others	22.0

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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)

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, 2001: 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 3-4, 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, 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: wpa2001@tileasa.es, Carolina.g.sicilia@tileasa.es, Website: [www.wpamadrid2001.com](http://www.wpamadrid2001.com)

October 24-25, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored International Symposium, Future Perspectives in Psychiatry and Psychotherapy.

Contact: Prof. W. Gaebel, Fax (49-211) 9222022. E-mail: wolfgang.gaebel@uni-duesseldorf.de

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 Website: [www.17thwaspcongress.com](http://www.17thwaspcongress.com)

November 16-20, 2001, WPA Regional Meeting, Cancun, Mexico, Psychiatry, Consciousness and Evolution of Mankind.

Contact: Asociacion Psiquiátrica Mexicana, Fax: (52-5) 652-5516. E-mail: apm@psiquiatras.com

November 19-23, 2001, Meeting of the WPA Section on Transcultural Psychiatry and Nigerian Association of Psychiatry

Contact: Prof. Goffredo Bartocci, e-mail: 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

March 21-23, 2002, WPA Thematic Conference, Budapest, Hungary, Psychological and Psychiatric Consequences of Violence.

Contact: Dr. P. Gaszner, Fax: (36-1) 391-5336

August 24-29, 2002, XII World Congress of Psychiatry, Yokohama, Japan, Partnership for Mental Health.

Contact: Pr. J. Suzuki c/o Convention Linkage, Fax: (81-3) 545-640-77, E-mail: info@wpa2002yokohama.org Website: [www.wpa2002yokohama.org](http://www.wpa2002yokohama.org)

September 10-15, 2005, XIII World Congress of Psychiatry, Cairo, Egypt.

Contact: Prof. A. Okasha, Fax: (20-2) 748-1786, E-mail: aokasha@internetegypt.com