
2nd Quarter 2002

Greetings

We are approaching the culmination of the 1999-2002 triennium with a legitimate sense of institutional pride. WPA has never been so cohesive at its various levels, with as widely shared a feeling of institutional advancement, as recognized by all WPA components in the latest General Survey. Additionally, our association is enjoying an unprecedented level of international regard, with governmental and non-governmental organizations vying for its advice and collaboration and our largest Member Societies more eager than ever to participate fully in WPA activities and in the further development of sister Societies across the world.

With the recent admission of the Myanmar Medico-Psychological Society, we have reached the record figures of 120 Member Societies in 104 different countries (see photo below). More Affiliated Associations and individual members are also joining our family. To sustain this growth, we have now a WPA with improved communication and informational services as illustrated by WPA News, WPA Courier and WPA Online. Our new official journal World Psychiatry and several book series demonstrate WPA's editorial capacity and potential. Our Scientific Sections are building momentum through cross-Sectional collaboration, conferences, consensus statements, and publications. Educational programs and activities are expanding, with WPA CME credits accepted in many countries and educational networks increasingly active. WPA's leadership in the development of ethical guidelines and the monitoring of their observance is widely recognized and respected.

We are now at the threshold of the XII World Congress of Psychiatry in Yokohama on August 24-29, 2002. We are looking forward to its rich scientific and professional program, a special track for Fellows and Young Participants, and rewarding social exchanges within the framework of a fascinating culture. Institutionally central will be the General Assembly where crucial reports and action items of far-reaching implications will be presented, debated and approved. All this reflects and reaffirms our growing democratic base, with Member Societies increasingly participative and aware of their protagonic role in WPA, as demonstrated through their nearly universal involvement in the electionary process currently in course.

Let's meet and celebrate in Yokohama!



Myanmar village children on the shore of Inle Lake, allegorizing the admission of the Myanmar Medico-Psychological Society as the 120th Member Society of WPA

ON RECENT WPA ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

As our Association is approaching the next World Congress and the General Assembly, the agenda of WPA organizational meetings for this past quarter has been a busy one. This April in Rome, the Executive Committee (EC) held a full meeting during which our upgraded informational services were discussed, the admission of the Myanmar Medico-Psychological Society was approved, preparations for the XII WCP were reviewed, plans for future WPA meetings and conferences were approved, and reports from the various sectors of WPA activity were noted. Furthermore, the Nominations Committee reviewed and validated the large number of nominations received from Member Societies for the upcoming WPA elections. The Planning Committee also held a meeting in Rome during which a draft was refined for the 2002-2005 Strategic and Financial Plan to be presented to the General Assembly.

During the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association (APA) in Philadelphia in May, the WPA EC held a meeting within which two new applications for Member Society were considered, an Analytic Review of the Zonal Representatives' 2002 Annual Reports was discussed, a statement on the critical situation in the Middle East and its mental health implications was issued, and preparations for the upcoming World Congress and General Assembly were advanced. Additionally, a well attended WPA Forum was held with Association leaders from across the world (see photo above).



WPA Forum on May 20, 2002
during the APA Annual Meeting



Prof. R. Harding (APA President)
(C),
accompanied by Profs. J. E.

Additionally, the entire Executive Committee of WPA participated in a meeting with leaders of the APA on perspectives for further collaboration. The Review Committee met with Prof. Don-Feng Zhou, vice-president of the Chinese Society of Psychiatry to discuss progress on the investigations they are conducting on the Falun Gong case. A meeting of the technical group to review sealed bids for WPA Core PCO (Professional Congress Organizer) and a meeting on the Corporate Supporters program also took place in Philadelphia.

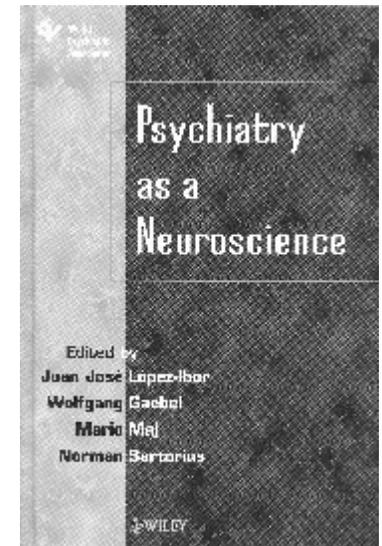
Additionally, the EC held a teleconference on June 20, focused on the review of documents for the General Assembly. Another teleconference on July 17 advanced on the preparation and review of key documents to be distributed soon in anticipation of the Board meeting and the General Assembly in Yokohama.

Mezzich (L)
and G. Caracci (R), during a
visit on
May 9 and 10, 2002 to New
York

NEW WPA PUBLICATIONS

Four new WPA books have just appeared, all produced by John Wiley, namely, the fifth volume of the series Evidence and Experience in Psychiatry, dealing with bipolar disorder through 104 contributions, and three books based in part on lectures delivered at the 11th World Congress of Psychiatry, dealing, respectively, with the future of psychiatric diagnosis and classification, the changing social contexts of psychiatry, and psychiatry as a neuroscience (see adjacent photo). The second issue of World Psychiatry, the new WPA official journal, has been just published. It includes special articles on dysfunctional connectivity in schizophrenia, attachment theory, and early psychosis; a forum on community-based vs. hospital-based mental health care, several sections reports, research reports and mental health policy papers, and information about WPA activities. The Chinese version of the journal is now a reality, and Spanish and Portuguese versions are in preparation.

Other forthcoming WPA publications include the second edition of the first four volumes of the series Evidence and Experience in Psychiatry; the sixth and seventh volumes of this series, dealing respectively with eating disorders and phobias; the volumes on Latin America, German-speaking countries, Spain and Poland of the series Images of Psychiatry, and the volumes on Italy and Japan of the series Anthologies in Psychiatry.



Cover of "Psychiatry as a Neuroscience"

ACTIVITIES OF THE SECTIONS

The 2001 General Survey has shown that although the perception of Sections' overall performance has improved by 8% since the previous 1996-1999 General Survey, much more remains to be done. The Sections' work is not usually manifest because they contribute to the work of other WPA sectors.

Some of the recent visible accomplishments follow:

A register of most Sections' membership has been constructed and will be updated periodically.

Regular communication between the Secretary for Sections and the leadership of each Section has been established through regular correspondence and written annual and triennial reports. A group meeting with Sections' representatives has been scheduled for Yokohama.

Four new WPA Sections have been admitted on an ad hoc basis: Personality Disorders, Psychoanalysis in Psychiatry, Suicidology, and Schizophrenia.

Intersectional collaboration is becoming an important working principle. To illustrate, a panel discussion on psychiatric prevention with the participation of five Sections is being organized for Yokohama.

The preparation of a volume on "Advances in Psychiatry" is being completed. It contains scientific contributions from a group of Sections in their particular domains.

Fourteen of our Sections produce journals (some indexed), bulletins or newsletters. Nine Sections have produced books and three have produced educational programs in this triennium. Eight Sections have produced consensus or position statements for the upcoming World Congress.

The first issue of the WPA Sections' Newsletter has been distributed to Sections' chairs and other WPA components.

The Operational Committee on Sections is playing a substantial advisory role. The possibility of organizing international collaborative research is being discussed and a pertinent strategy is being drafted.



(L to R): Drs. M.C. Kastrup, I. Genefke (Section Chair), Alp Ayan, and J. E. Mezzich at a meeting of the WPA Section on the Psychological Consequences of Torture and Persecution in April 2001 in Antalya, Turkey, focused on psychiatrists' human rights and professional responsibilities

AN UPDATE ON WPA FINANCES

A major aspect of WPA financial work involves the preparation, implementation and monitoring of our institutional budget. WPA's Core Budget for 2002 is summarized in the adjacent graph. It displays the main rubrics of WPA income and expenditures.

The WPA has been actively seeking new ways to strengthen and broaden the sources of support for its congresses and core activities, while maintaining fiscal responsibility. In this spirit, the WPA EC, following a mandate of the 1999 General Assembly, has developed a plan to invite industries with an interest in mental health care to participate in a Corporate Supporters program. To this effect, the EC is consulting with the International Pharmaceutical Congress Advisory Association (IPCAA), which represents the majority of global pharmaceutical companies. Several meetings have been held with IPCAA representatives to prepare an action plan to be presented to the General Assembly this August. The total financial outcome of the Hamburg XI World Congress is still in the process of being clarified. In

early 2002, WPA received US\$ 291,765, corresponding to about 50% of the Congress financial outcome due to us. The remaining transfer is still pending because of a local process of tax determination in Germany.

WPA 2002 CORE BUDGET			
Income			
• Membership Dues	\$154,500	- Sec. for Finance visit	
• Congress	\$136,000	NY Secretariat	\$3,000
(XI WCP WCP and others)		- EC member assignments	
• Contributions from	\$100,000	for secretarial & communicat.	
Corporate Supporters		support	\$56,000
• Income from Publications	\$30,000	• Other WPA Components	
• Functional Services from	\$10,000	- Stand & Operat. Committees	
Educational & Other Programs		- Zone Representatives	\$36,000
• Bank Interest/Miscellaneous	\$5,500	(logistic support)	\$20,000
Total	\$436,000	- Special Section Projects	
		• Other Expenses	
Expenses		- Education	
• WPA Secretariat		Coordination Center	
- Salaries, taxes & insurance	\$119,500	- Communicational	\$10,000
- Office expenses	\$60,000	& Informational Services	
- Accounting & Legal expenses	\$32,000	(WPA News, Website)	\$14,000
• Executive Committee (EC)		• Optional activities &	
- EC Meeting &		unforseen expenses	\$15,000
Teleconferences	\$16,000	• Reserve	\$44,500
		Total	\$436,000

EDUCATIONAL AND GLOBALIZATION DEVELOPMENTS

During our upcoming World Congress, an updated version of the original WPA Educational Program on Teaching and Learning about Schizophrenia will be launched. The program is divided into four modules: Clinical Presentation, Pathophysiological Mechanisms, Treatment, and Case Vignettes. The first three modules consist of text and accompanying slides. The complete program will be posted on WPA Online (www.wpanet.org). Participants in the XII World Congress will get five WPA CME credits and those enrolling in courses which have been accredited will get three credits more for each 3-hour course.

For more information, please visit WPA Online at www.wpanet.org/sectorial/edu7.html or contact the Secretary

for Education at rogermontenegro@wpanet.org.

The Task Force on Globalization and Mental Health has been working on the writing of a consensus statement to be presented to the General Assembly this August. It includes:



From a WHO Global School Contest on Mental Health

Preamble,
What is globalization?,
The impact of globalization on mental health,
The role of psychiatry in a globalized world,
The advocacy role of WPA, in partnership with other NGOs and WHO, and
Recommendations

WPA ELECTIONS WIDELY ENGAGE MEMBER SOCIETIES

The 2002 WPA Elections process is in full swing. The Nominations Committee composed of Profs. J. J. López-Ibor (Chair) (Spain), A. Carmi (Israel), M. Jorge (Brazil), A. Okasha (Egypt), and C. Soldatos (Greece) met this April in Rome to review all nominations received, determine their validity, and formulate specific voting and tally procedures in accordance with the Statutes and By-Laws. Reflecting high institutional involvement in the process, the vast majority of Member Societies have nominated a candidate of their choice for the elective positions open: President-Elect, Secretary General, Secretary for Finances, Secretary for Meetings and several Zonal Representative positions. The adjacent chart lists the official candidates for all positions. Voting will take place at the General Assembly on August 26 in Yokohama.

CANDIDATES FOR WPA ELECTIONS 2002	
Executive Committee For President-Elect	Zonal Representatives For Zone 2: United States Allan Tasman (USA)

Juan E. Mezzich (USA) Driss Moussaoui (Morocco)	For Zone 3: Mexico, Central America & Caribbean Enrique Camarena (Mexico)
	For Zone 4: Northern South America Edgard Belfort (Venezuela)
For Secretary General Julio Arboleda Flórez (Canada) John Cox (UK)	For Zone 7: Northern Europe Marianne Kastrup (Denmark)
	For Zone 8: Southern Europe Salvador Cervera (Spain) Levent Küey (Turkey)
For Secretary for Finances Helen Herrman (Australia) Kari Pylkkänen (Finland) Samuel Tyano (Israel)	For Zone 9: Central Europe Petr Smolik (Czech Republic)
	For Zone 10: Eastern Europe Valery Krasnov (Russia)
	For Zone 11: Northern Africa Tarek A. Okasha (Egypt)
For Secretary for Meetings Pedro Ruiz (USA)	For Zone 12: Middle East Fuad T. Antun (Lebanon)
	For Zone 13: Western & Central Africa Michael O. Olatawura (Nigeria)
	For Zone 18: Australasia & the South Pacific Janice Wilson (New Zealand)

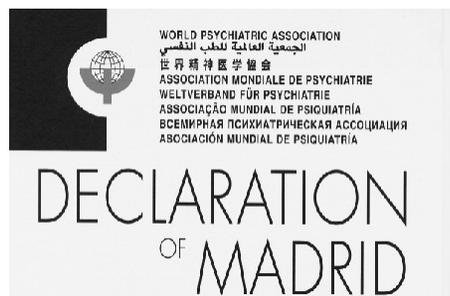
PROGRESS ON WPA ETHICS ACTIVITIES

After three years of frequent consultations with the EC and WPA components, the WPA Ethics Committee has produced four specific guidelines to be added to the Madrid Declaration on Ethical Standards for Psychiatric Practice after their approval by the General Assembly in Yokohama. These new guidelines deal with the ethics of psychotherapy in medicine, conflicts of interest in relationships with industry, conflicts arising with third party payers, and the violation of clinical boundaries and trust between psychiatrists and patients. The Ethics Committee has also started discussions on the protection of the rights of psychiatrists as human beings and as health professionals. In a related matter, a WPA Task Force has completed a statement that incorporates a proposal from the American Psychiatric Association on depathologization of homosexuality.

The WPA Review Committee has devoted considerable time and effort to deal with alleged abuse of psychiatry in China concerning Falun Gong practitioners. To this effect, in accordance with statutory guidelines, it has been in close contact with the Chinese Society of Psychiatry (CSP). In February 2002, WPA President, Prof. J. J. López-Ibor, traveled to China to meet with the Chinese Deputy Minister of Health, Dr. Xiaowei Ma, who expressed a wish to maintain collaboration with WPA. Prof. López-Ibor was presented with an oral report

about Falun Gong cases being investigated and he, in turn, urged the CSP to submit a written, detailed report to the Review Committee. Recently, a report has been received and is being appraised by the Review Committee.

Additionally, the EC has suggested the possibility of organizing an educational symposium in collaboration with the CSP on psychiatric diagnosis, its cultural framework and other topics of mutual interest. The CSP has responded positively to this initiative. Such a symposium as well as a related visit of experts to China is being anticipated for 2003.



The Madrid Declaration is available
in most Member Societies' languages

WPA TO LAUNCH ITS CORE CURRICULUM FOR PSYCHIATRIC TRAINING

WPA's Core Curriculum for Psychiatric Training, a long-ambitioned project, is now in its final phase of development. This Institutional Program is chaired by Profs. J. J. López-Ibor and A. Okasha, with Prof. P. Ruiz as its executive director. Dozens of WPA officers and educational experts from all WPA Zones have been consulted and involved in this endeavor. Its final draft was completed at a work meeting in Rome this April (see adjacent photo).

An executive summary will be available for wide circulation during the XII World Congress of Psychiatry in Yokohama this August. The final report will be distributed soon thereafter. It is WPA's hope to implement and monitor experience with this Core Curriculum throughout the world, especially in developing countries.



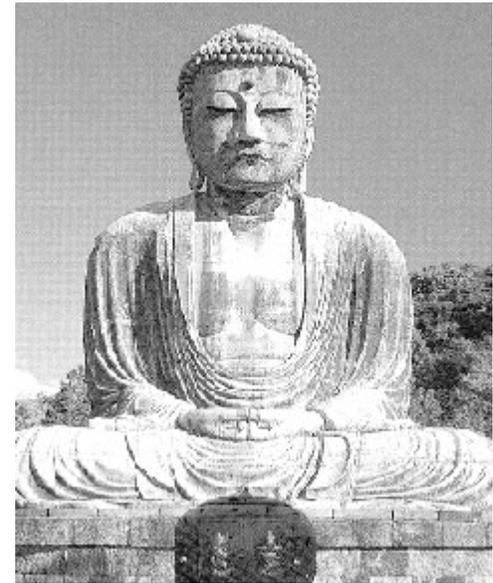
(L to R) Profs. C. Katona, P. Ruiz, R. Montenegro, J. J. López-Ibor, J. E. Mezzich, and A. Okasha at a meeting on the Core Curriculum for Psychiatric Training, Rome, April 2002

As part of these efforts, close collaboration with the implementation of the WPA International Guidelines for Diagnostic Assessment (IGDA) will be sought. These guidelines approach the diagnostic evaluation of the patient as a whole person, engaging him or her and the family in the process of clinical care, within the framework of their culture. Ultimate success of the new Core Curriculum will depend on the continuous involvement of Member Societies and other WPA components, and the psychiatric training programs with which they are connected.

APPROACHING WPA EVENTS IN YOKOHAMA AND LIMA

Only a month remains until the XII World Congress of Psychiatry, August 24-29. A rich and stimulating scientific program has been developed, under the overall theme of Partnership for Mental Health. Virtually all scientific Sections and other WPA components have prepared symposia, courses and other presentations for the Congress.

One priority of the World Congress is the promotion of the professional development of young psychiatrists. As part of this, 128 Fellows from 79 different countries have been selected through a systematic rating process (see adjacent photo), including 35 from Japan (who will act as peer guides for colleagues from abroad). Fellows will be offered a range of opportunities to enhance their scientific and leadership skills (built on the experience of past Fellows, many of whom have taken top positions in their national societies and health ministries). Additionally, all young participants in the Congress will have access to a special scientific and cultural program.



Monumental Buddha in Kamakura, near the site of the XII World Congress of Psychiatry



(L to R) Profs. R. Tükel, S. A. Azim, Ono, C. Berganza, D-F Zhou, K. Treichel, J. E. Mezzich, R. Montenegro, and H. Herrman at a meeting of the XII WCP Fellows and Young Participants Committee in Philadelphia, May 21, 2002

We encourage you to visit the Congress website www.wpa2002yokohama.org to check the latest updates and to finalize your travel plans. Hotel and tour reservations are handled by the official travel agent of the Congress, JTB Corp. Its main contact information follows: T: +81-3-5796-5445 F: +81-3-5495-0685

E-mail: wpa2002@itd.jtb.co.jp

Web site: act.jtb.co.jp/itd/wpahotel. Other inquiries should be addressed to the Congress Secretariat by fax at 81-3-545-640-77 or e-mail at info@wpa2002yokohama.org.

On October 2-5, 2002, a WPA Regional Meeting will be held in Lima, Peru, the land of the Incas and an evolving Latin American mixture with European, African and Asian influences. With Quality of Life: A Challenge for Today's Psychiatry as overall theme, the scientific program includes the following topical lines: clinical care, epidemiology and education, neurosciences and psychiatry, psychotherapeutic approaches, and social and community psychiatry. Available cultural tours include colonial and contemporary Lima, Cuzco and Macchu-Picchu (photo adjacent), Iquitos and the Amazon River, and Paracas and the Nazca Lines.



Macchu Picchu, Peru, host country of the WPA Regional Meeting in Lima, October 2-5, 2002

For further information please contact Dr. D. Warthon (Peruvian Psychiatric Association president) by e-mail: warthon@amauta.rcp.net.pe, gmilenium@terra.com, or by fax: (511) 447-3789, 421-2125, 442-2076.

HAROLD VISOTSKY: IN MEMORIAM

Prof. Harold Visotsky, a former member of the WPA Executive Committee, and a highly recognized international psychiatrist, passed away on June 16, 2002 after a long battle with bone marrow cancer.

In the 1960s, after becoming the mental health director of the State of Illinois in the USA, Prof. Visotsky led a campaign to create psychiatric units in general hospitals and to build mental health clinics around the state in order to allow patients to be treated without leaving their communities. In addition to working on improving psychiatric care in the USA, Prof. Visotsky was centrally involved in WPA activities.

His long-standing work in the Ethics Committee of the WPA is well known. In the early 1980s, he spoke out compellingly against political abuse of psychiatry in totalitarian countries. From 1989 to 1996, as WPA Secretary for Meetings, he greatly contributed to the growth of our organization. He served in the Council from 1996 to 1999. He will be remembered for his steadfast work for ethical standards, innovations in psychiatric services, and a thoughtful and caring spirit. His legacy will remain with us.



Prof. Harold Visotsky

UPCOMING WPA CONGRESSES AND MEETINGS

Secretary for Meetings, Professor Driss Moussaoui,
coordinates these events and welcomes initiatives for new ones.
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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: wpa_sec@c-linkage.co.jp,
info@wpa2002yokohama.org Website: www.wpa2002yokohama.org

October 2-5, 2002, WPA Regional Meeting, Lima, Peru. Quality of Life: A Challenge for Today's Psychiatry.
Contact: Dr. Dante Warthon, Peruvian Psychiatric Association, Fax: (51-1) 447-3739, 421-2125, 442-2076, E-mail:
warthon@amauta.rcp.net.pe, raquel_kahn@latinmail.com

October 29-November 2, 2002, WPA Co-sponsored 15th International Congress of International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions, New Delhi, India.
Contact: Prof. Savita Malhotra, Fax: (91-172) 744401, 745078, 714455, E-mail: savitam@sancharnet.in, Website:
www.childindia.org

November 5-9, 2002, WPA Co-sponsored VI National Congress of Psychiatry, Barcelona, Spain, Towards a Scientific Psychiatry.
Contact: Prof. J. Vallejo Ruiloba, Fax: (34-91) 549-9348, E-mail: congresos@vhalley.infomail.es

March 11-13, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored Qatar International Psychiatric Conference, Doha, Qatar.
Contact: Dr. Mohammed Abdelalaim Ibrahim, Fax: (974) 432-8224, E-mail: alaim53_psych@hotmail.com

June 18-21, 2003, WPA Thematic Conference, Vienna, Austria, The Future of Nosology in Psychiatry.
Contact: Prof. Wolfgang Fleishhacker and Prof. Siegfried Kasper, Fax: (43-1) 40400-3099, E-mail: gen-psychiatry@akh-wien.ac.at

August 23-28, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored 17th World Congress on Psychosomatic Medicine, Waikoloa, Hawaii, USA.
Contact: Prof. Jon Streltzer, Fax: (1-808) 547-4031, E-mail: icpm2003@aol.com

October 2-4, 2003, WPA Regional Meeting, Caracas, Venezuela, Alliances for Mental Health.
Contact: Prof. Edgard Belfort, Fax: (58-212) 232-1104, (58-212) 763-1184, E-mail: secretariaapal@cantv.net,
belfort.ed@excite.com

October 24-27, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored XVIII World Congress of Social Psychiatry, Kobe, Japan, Globalization and Diversity: Challenges for Social Psychiatry.

Contact: Prof. Yoshibumi Nakane, Fax: (81-95) 849-7296, E-mail: yonakane@net.nagasaki-u.ac.jp

November 10-13, 2004, WPA International Congress, Florence, Italy. Treatment in Psychiatry: an Update.
Contact: Prof. Mario Maj, Fax: (39-81) 566-6523, E-mail: majmario@tin.it

September 10-15, 2005, XIII World Congress of Psychiatry, Cairo, Egypt. Five Thousand Years of Science and Care.
Contact: Prof. A. Okasha, Fax: (20-22) 748-1786, E-mail: aokasha@internetegypt.com



Autumn of Life (from a WHO Photo Contest on Images of Health and Disability 2002)