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## 2nd Quarter 2003

### Greetings from Vienna

I am now returning from a highly successful WPA International Thematic conference, 'Diagnosis in Psychiatry: Integrating the Sciences', organised by the Austrian Association for Psychiatry and Psychotherapy. It was held in the beautiful and cultured city of Vienna. There was time for a detailed brainstorm about the WPA contribution to ICD-11 and DSM-V and for a more full assessment of the WPA International Guidelines on Diagnostic Assessment recently published as a supplement in the *British Journal of Psychiatry*.

Other recent highlights have included:

The move back to Manhattan with enlarged space to welcome you when visiting. The Secretariat team are appropriately 'upbeat', even if packing and unpacking boxes was fatiguing. Our thanks to them for their diligent autonomy and hard work.

A vigorous Executive Committee updated the Manual of Procedures for publication in the early autumn, reviewed the good works of Zonal representatives, and agreed interim assignments; reviewed new structures for WPA Conferences and Congresses and, most important, received a positive preliminary financial report on the Corporate Supporters programme.

The Scientific and Supervisory Committees pushed forward the detailed plans for the Cairo World Congress, September 10-15, 2005, so fix this date firmly in your diary.

A press conference, held in a traditional Viennese café, launched the WPA statement calling on the new Chinese Minister of Health to facilitate an external visit to hospitals including forensic institutions. We now await the response.

The President reported on the task forces to move forward the WPA statement on Mental Health Consequences of Violence in the Middle East, the Global Child Mental Health Programme and the New Institutional Programme on Psychiatry in the Balkans.

Please complete your questionnaire with information on Mental Health facilities for the WHO World Atlas (sent to all Member Societies) as soon as possible if you have not already done this. Finally, please do not forget that the deadline for the Secretariat to receive the bids for the Permanent Secretariat is August 15th, 2003.

I have now reached home and already I am 'en route' for London. I hope you too will have successful interesting and eventful psychiatric 'journeys' as we try to improve care for our patients.

I can assure you that the WPA remains energetic and ambitious; 11 of 18 Zonal Representatives attended the recent Forum. We hope there will be a formal Board Meeting in Caracas in October, but this has to be confirmed. But there will certainly be a Board Meeting in Florence, November 10-13, 2004.

John Cox  
WPA Secretary General



From left to right: Dr. Benjamin K. Chu, President & Chief Executive of the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation; Prof. Ahmed Okasha, President of the World Psychiatric Association; and Dr. Joseph English, Professor and Chair, Dept. of Psychiatry, New York Medical College, cut the ribbon at the ceremony for the opening of the offices of the Interim Secretariat of the WPA at Metropolitan Hospital Center in New York City.

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## **METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL IS NEW CENTER OF OPERATIONS OF THE WPA**

The Metropolitan Hospital Center, located at 1901 First Avenue at 97th Street in Manhattan, will be the new interim headquarters of the World Psychiatric Association (WPA). The announcement was made on May 16, 2003 by New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation President, Dr. Benjamin Chu and WPA President, Prof. Ahmed Okasha.

At a reception hosted by José R. Sánchez, Senior Vice President for Generations+/ Northern Manhattan Health Network— of which Metropolitan Hospital is a member—WPA President, Prof. Ahmed Okasha, WPA Secretary General, Prof. John Cox and their staff were welcomed by distinguished members of the medical and mental health professions affiliated with the New York Medical College and Generations+/ Northern Manhattan Health Network.

“I am honored to welcome the World Psychiatric Association to its new home at Metropolitan Hospital,” said Dr. Chu. He added, HHC’s mission to provide quality health care with compassion and dignity is highly compatible with the World Psychiatric Association’s pledge to promote the quality of care and prevention of mental disorders and the well-being of psychiatric patients throughout the world.”

Extending a warm reception to the world organization, Dr. Joseph T. English, Chair of New York Medical College Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, noted, “It is a great honor to welcome the Secretariat of the WPA to Metropolitan Hospital Center, an institution which has a long history of service to the mentally ill and serves a richly diverse community drawn from many countries. The Secretariat and its distinguished staff being in our midst will augment tremendously our efforts to contribute to the important initiatives of the World Psychiatric Association in the service of patients wherever they are in need and to the development of new knowledge for their treatment.”

Mr. Sánchez commended the WPA on their successful achievements in advancing psychiatry and mental health around the world. He said, "Representing the underserved and promoting sensitivity to cultural diversity in dealing with mental illness is a shared concern. Your progress in these areas is making a difference to those most vulnerable worldwide."

WPA President, Professor Ahmed Okasha, stated: "We are very enthusiastic about the new prospects of collaboration with the Metropolitan Hospital Center and the New York Medical College. Beyond providing the necessary facilities that enable the Secretariat to serve our membership of 150,000 psychiatrists worldwide, this relationship offers mutually beneficial opportunities for joint programs, reflecting the WPA statutory goals of improving mental health science and care."

Metropolitan Hospital Center will be WPA's headquarters until a global search for a Permanent Secretariat concludes in 2005.

Our sincere thanks go to the WPA President, as well as to Prof. Joseph English, Professor and Chair, Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, New York Medical College, and to Prof. Ronnie Swift, Network Chief of Psychiatry and Associate Medical Director, Metropolitan Hospital Center, for making this arrangement possible.



From left to right: Prof. John Cox, WPA Secretary General; Mr. José R. Sánchez, CSW, ACSW, Senior Vice President, Generations +/Northern Manhattan Health Network (Master of Ceremonies); Dr. Ekaterina Sukhanova, Chief Executive, WPA Secretariat; Dr. Joseph English, Professor and Chair, Dept. of Psychiatry, New York Medical College; Dr. Benjamin K. Chu, President & Chief Executive of the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation; Prof. Ronnie Gorman Swift, Network Chief, Behavioral Health Generations+/Northern Manhattan Health Network; Mr. Louis Martir, Executive Director, Metropolitan Hospital Center.



The WPA Secretariat Staff with the Secretary General. From left to right: Mr. Christopher Gabbert, Technical Consultant; Ms. Brigitte Soubrat Campana, Bookkeeper; Ms. Karolina Rybicka-Kosiec, Administrative Assistant; Prof. John Cox, WPA Secretary

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## **Memo on the issue of Alleged Political Abuse of Psychiatry in China**

The World Psychiatric Association (WPA) informs the international psychiatric community that the plans for the site visit to China aimed to explore the alleged political abuse of psychiatry have been delayed during the past eight months by the limited collaboration on the part of Chinese health authorities, in spite of the efforts of the Chinese Society of Psychiatry, which are gratefully recognized. The WPA Review Committee, after a prolonged period of investigation, has produced a statement that "the evidence provided is insufficient to prove conclusively whether or not there is political abuse of psychiatry in the People's Republic of China, but that further clarifications are needed". A meeting of the WPA President with the former Minister of Health of the People's Republic of China planned for January 28-29, 2003 has been canceled, and no feedback has been provided to the letters subsequently sent by the WPA President to the Chinese health authorities.

The WPA acknowledges that crucial changes have recently occurred in China, and that the new Minister of Health and Vice-Prime minister of the People's Republic of China, Mrs. Wu Yi, is invoking the maximum possible transparency when dealing with health issues, especially those with significant ethical implications.

THE WPA ADDRESSES A PUBLIC APPEAL TO MRS. WU YI, ASKING HER TO AUTHORIZE A VISIT OF A WPA TASK FORCE TO CHINA, WITH FREE ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING THOSE IN FORENSIC SETTINGS.

The aim of the Task Force is to ascertain whether any abuse of psychiatry is taking place and to produce, with the Chinese Society of Psychiatry and the Chinese health authorities, specific guidelines aimed to prevent any abuse of psychiatry in the future. The application of these guidelines will then have to be monitored jointly.

The WPA urges the Chinese Society of Psychiatry to persevere in its collaborative efforts to facilitate the above-mentioned visit within the current year 2003 and to provide without further delay the clarifications and documents requested by the WPA Review Committee.

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## **FROM THE WPA-APA LEADERSHIP MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO**

The leaders of the WPA and the American Psychiatric Association (APA) held their traditional working meeting during the Annual APA meeting in San Francisco, USA this past May. The meeting proved to be a particularly productive one, with the main focus of the agenda related to human rights concerns around the world.

The WPA Executive Committee distributed copies of its recent press release on the issue of alleged abuse of psychiatry in China summarizing the status of the inquiry being conducted (see the full text of the press release above), which was endorsed by the APA.

Further, the WPA President presented concerns voiced by several Member Societies regarding the large number of mentally ill individuals

incarcerated in the US prison system and the use of the death penalty on those suffering from mental illnesses and mental retardation in the US. The APA, which has a position against the death penalty, has agreed to investigate this issue and to present a report to the WPA Committee of Review of Abuse of Psychiatry.

Finally, the meeting participants received copies of the WPA statement on the Mental Health sequelae in Iraq (see full text of the statement in the First Quarter 2003 issue of WPA News). Many WPA Member Societies expressed their shock over the destruction and subsequent looting of the Al Rashad State Hospital in Baghdad, which left severely ill patients without proper care. Following the results of the discussions in San Francisco, the WPA President Prof. Ahmed Okasha and the APA President Prof. Marcia K. Goin jointly signed a letter to Ambassador Bremer, US Presidential Envoy to Iraq, urging him to take steps necessary to initiate rebuilding mental health services in Iraq. WPA and APA have offered their combined resources and their existing collaborative links to WHO for the facilitation of assessment and rehabilitation of operating standards of psychiatric services in Iraq. A special meeting is organized by WHO-EMRO (East Mediterranean Regional Office) on 28, 29 & 30 July 2003 in Cairo for rehabilitation of mental health services in Iraq. The WPA was given a major role in inviting representatives of the APA, the Royal College, the Iraqi Psychiatric Association, and other Member Societies—as well as mental health professionals in Iraq and WHO personnel—to be a part of this important initiative.

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### **Report from the African Association of Psychiatrists and Allied Professions**

The 5th Meeting of the meeting of African Psychiatrists met in Nairobi, Kenya from 27th April to 29th April 2003. This meeting represented the true coming of age of African Psychiatry in several ways.

On the one hand, it was attended by the largest number of African Psychiatrists of any meeting in recent times, bringing together Psychiatrists from Kenya Uganda, Tanzania, Sudan, Ethiopia, South Africa, Nigeria, Malawi and the U.K.

It was also the first meeting of the Africans co-hosted by WPA and AAPAP, an Association of African Psychiatrists, launched at the Yokohama WPA Meeting in August 2004.

During the Nairobi Meeting, the Executive Committee of AAPAP held its inaugural meeting on the African Continent and agreed on its agenda for the next three years, including meetings in Arusha, Tanzania in April 2004, Cape Town in April 2005, and Uganda or Ethiopia in 2006.

The meeting itself was of a very high caliber. It was attended by

Young post-graduate students of Psychiatry in the region presented thought-provoking papers in diverse topics, including child psychiatry (Attention Deficit Disorder), AIDS and special groups, traditional medical practices, as well as descriptions of projects underway between Africans and their counterparts in the rest of the world.

The meeting also played an important role of getting the Africans together at a level little understood by colleagues from countries with many psychiatrists. The sense of social and professional isolation can be daunting to those psychiatrists who work alone or in very small groups. Another problem not often discussed is that of the development of "intellectual incest" as the inbreeding of ideas becomes very dangerous to intellectual development. This is perhaps one of the most important reasons for regional meetings in Africa; such meetings help challenge senior colleagues who may have taken intellectual detours as they lead the development of ideas in African Psychiatry. The Nairobi Meeting and previous meeting in Uganda have played this role to the full.

It is hoped that the WPA will support the meeting in Arusha,

approximately 150 mental health workers. All presenters on the programme read their papers, and all sessions were attended by at least 100 persons. In the view of the organizers, this represents the great thirst for knowledge in the region.



The Executive Committee members of the African Association of Psychiatrists: Standing left to right: Prof. Abdullah Abdelrahman - Member (Sudan); Prof. Robin Emsley - Secretary (South Africa). Seated: Prof. Olabisi Odejide - Treasurer (Nigeria); Dr. Frank Njenga - President (Kenya); Dr. Fred Kigozi - Member (Uganda).

Tanzania to be held in April 2004 by encouraging members of WPA to attend this meeting.

***Dr. F. G. Njenga,  
President, Kenya Psychiatric Association,  
Conference Chairman and President,  
African Association of Psychiatrists and Allied Professionals***

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## **SPOTLIGHT ON ZONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

### ***Graham Mellsop***

*WPA South Pacific Zonal Representative (Zone 18)*

Graham Mellsop has worked in Psychiatry in various Australian and New Zealand services for 35 years, largely as a general adult and sometimes as a forensic psychiatrist. He has held professorial appointments at four Australasian Universities and is currently Head of the South Auckland Clinical School, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, University of Auckland. His research interests have spanned many areas with particular emphases on epidemiology, classification, medical education and service delivery. Recent work includes outcomes assessments in psychiatric services, service structure for consumer gains and efficiency, developing a case mix classification in psychiatry, and delivering on cultural competence and cultural safety.

As Zonal Representative for Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and various South West Pacific countries, he is particularly keen to facilitate communication between Oceania and the rest of the world, for their mutual benefit. There is much exciting happening in Oceania, which could contribute to thinking in other parts of the world, and which could benefit from closer familiarity with what happens elsewhere. This applies to styles of service delivery, psychiatric education, outcomes work, and developing improved classificatory systems. The famous "Think globally, act locally" applies to us.



Prof. Graham Mellsop  
(New Zealand)

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### **WPA Secretary for Meetings Elected Vice-President of the APA**

Dr. Pedro Ruiz was elected during the national APA elections last February to be Vice-President of the American Psychiatric Association (APA). Dr. Ruiz took over this position last May during the APA Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California. Dr. Ruiz is also WPA Secretary for Meetings.

Born in Cuba, Dr. Ruiz completed his Medical School education at the University of Paris in France in 1964. He finished his graduate training in general psychiatry in 1968 at the University of Miami Medical School in Florida. Currently, Dr. Ruiz is a Tenured Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston.



Prof. Pedro Ruiz, WPA  
Secretary for Meetings

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### **WPA 2002 Jean Delay Prize**

Professor Hagop Akiskal was the 2002 recipient of the World Psychiatric Association's Jean Delay Prize (see photo). The prize was presented to Prof. Akiskal at the WPA XII World Congress of Psychiatry in Yokohama, Japan.

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. Jean 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 in 1952. Jean Delay was a great scientist and humanist. He was followed by very eminent disciples like Pierre Pichot, Pierre Denicker and Raymond Sadoun.

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 trying to build bridges between them.

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

Prof. Akiskal has won 5 other international prizes since receiving the 2002 Jean Delay Prize:

November, 2002: First recipient of the Prix Baillarger (Société Médico-psychologique, Paris), for the "ensemble of his work on bipolar disorders" which have influenced French psychiatry

May, 2003: First recipient of the Aretaeus Prize (Rome) for his "fundamental clinical contributions in the bipolar spectrum"

May, 2003: First recipient of the DeLisio Prize (Cararra-Pisa) for "his influence on Italian psychiatry in the field of bipolar disorders"

May, 2003: Doctor Honoris Causa (University of Lisbon)

May, 2003: Ellis Island Medal of Honor (New York) for "exceptional humanitarian services to the United States"

Nominations are being accepted for the 2005 Jean Delay Prize to be presented at the XIII Congress of Psychiatry in Cairo. A nomination form may be downloaded from the WPA website ([www.wpanet.org](http://www.wpanet.org)). The prize is supported by an unrestricted grant from Servier International.



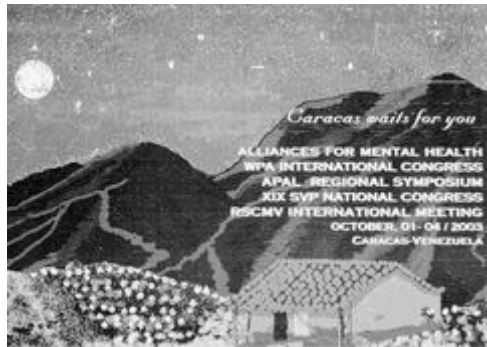
Prof. Akiskal receiving the 2003 Jean Delay Prize from Prof. Juan Lopez Ibor, past President of WPA. In the background is Prof. Ahmed Okasha, current President of the WPA.

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**WPA International Congress  
October 1-4, 2003, Caracas, Venezuela  
www.wpa2003.org**

**Message from the President of the International Congress**



The announcement for the WPA  
International Congress  
in Caracas, Venezuela

The theme of this meeting is "Alliance in Mental Health", which is a major challenge in the care of mental patients. The majority of psychiatric clinical problems are seen and treated by general practitioners of alternative medicine and traditional healers. To optimize and promote mental health, psychiatrists are in the best position to liaise with allied disciplines, to disseminate knowledge and care.

Currently it is evident that even the ICD-10 and DSM-IV classifications of mental disorders are used more frequently by our allied professionals. We are aware that reducing the stigma and discrimination against mental illness depends on the alliance with non professionals, mass media and the public.

To cite few examples, educating the families of schizophrenic patients can reduce relapse rate by about 40%. The last estimate of WHO 2001 that there are 400 million patients in the world suffering from depression, which will require more than 100 fold the number of psychiatrists available worldwide. The theme of our last XII World congress of Psychiatry in Yokohama 2002, was "Partnerships for Mental Health". The theme of the next XIII World Congress of Psychiatry 2005 to be held in Cairo will be "Five Thousand Years of Science and Care". There is a shift of emphasis that for better care and treatment of mental patients, alliance in mental health is necessary.

This meeting coincides with the themes of our world congresses and the objectives of the WPA. I am confident that with expertise of the organizers, their dedication and enthusiasm, this meeting will prove to be of the highest scientific and social qualities.

I wish you great success.

***Prof. A Okasha, M.D., PhD, F.R.C.P., F.R.C., Psych.,  
President of World Psychiatric Association***

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**Welcome Message**

The new scientific and technological advances, the psycho-social changes, the relation of the patients with their environment, its interpretation and necessities, affect every day the concept of mental health and its policies.

This forces us to search for a language that at least, translates the observable experience and proposals, susceptible to quantify, to verify and to analyze, to lead our actions within horizons much more adjusted to our cultural and ethnic realities.

It is possible that this will guide us to distinguish, in each one of our patients, what is repeated and can be found in different individuals, in other words what belongs to the character of the majority, as well as what is unique to them, because it belongs to their own personal history.

Alliances for Mental Health, the main subject of our Congress, constitutes a valid alternative for the proposed objective.

In this sense and on behalf of the Presidents of the Congress and the members of the organizing committee, we wish to extend to all of you an invitation to attend this prominent event and be an active member of the alliance for the advancement of health of the inhabitants of the world.

*Prof. Edgar Belfort*  
*President of the Organizing Committee*  
*WPA Zonal Representative for Northern South America*  
*(Zone 4)*



Caracas Valley, Venezuela

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## **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**

October 1-4, 2003, WPA Regional Meeting and WPA International Congress, Caracas, Venezuela, Alliances for Mental Health. Contact: Prof. Edgar Belfort, Fax: (58-212) 232-1104, (58-212) 763-1184, E-mail: [secretariaapal@cantv.net](mailto:secretariaapal@cantv.net), [belfort.ed@excite.com](mailto:belfort.ed@excite.com), Website: [www.wpa2003.org](http://www.wpa2003.org)

September 17-19, 2004, WPA Regional Symposium, Lahore, Pakistan. Contact: Dr. Haroon Rashid Chaudry, Fax: (92-42) 757-2488, E-mail:

pprc@wol.net.pk

November 10-13, 2004, WPA International Congress, Florence, Italy, Treatments in Psychiatry: an Update. Contact: Prof. Mario Maj, Fax: (390-81) 566-6523, E-mail: info@wpa2004florence.org, Website: www.wpa2004florence.org

March 12-15, 2005, WPA Regional Meeting, Athens, Greece, Advances in Psychiatry: State of the Art. Contact: Prof. Georgios Christodoulou, E-mail: gnchrist@compulink.gr

September 10-15, 2005, XIII World Congress of Psychiatry, Cairo, Egypt, Five Thousand Years of Science and Care. Contact: Prof. A. Okasha, Fax: (20-2) 748-1786, E-mail: aokasha@internetegypt.com, secretariat@wpa-cairo2005.com, Website: www.wpa-cairo2005.com

November 16-20, 2005, WPA Regional Meeting, Los Cabos, Mexico. Contact: Dr. Luis E. Rivero Almanzor, E-mail: aspsiqm@prodigy.net.mx

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### 2003

August 3-5, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored Eighth World Congress of the World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation, New York City, USA, A Better Future for Those with Mental Illness. Contact: Dr. Zebulon Taintor, Fax: (1-212) 426-7645, E-mail: office@wapr.net, Website: www.wapr.net

August 17-20, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored International Conference on Psychiatry, Colombo, Sri Lanka. Contact: Dr. Afzal Javed, E-mail: afzal.javed@ntlworld.com

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: streltzerj@dop.hawaii.edu, icpm2003@aol.com, Website: www.hawaii residency.org/icpm2003

August 29-31, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored Psychiatric Scientific Meeting, Hotel Punta Centinela, Ecuador, IV Cumbre Andina Bolivariana de Psiquiatria. Contact: Dr. Sara Serrano Goyes, E-mail: draserrano@de-salud-mental.com, Website: www.de-salud-mental.com

September 4-6, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored First Latin-American Congress of Neuropsychiatry, 5th Argentinean Congress of Neuropsychiatry, and VI Meeting of Alzheimer's Disease, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Contact: Leandro Tortora, E-mail: info@stpweb.com.ar, Website: www.stpweb.com.ar, www.neuropsiquiatria.org.ar

September 12-15, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored XXVII National Congress of the Mexican Psychiatric Association, Monterrey, Mexico. Contact: Dr. Marco A. Lopez Butron, E-mail: aspsiqm@prodigy.net.mx, Website: www.apmenlinea.org.mx

September 19-21, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored Conference, Geneva, Switzerland, Training in Group Therapy in a Changing Mental Health Scenario. Contact: Dr. Jose Guimon, E-mail: jose.guimon@cuge.ch

September 20-21, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored Satellite Conference on Ethnicity & Mental Health in Europe, Essen, Germany. Contact: Dr. Christian Haasen, E-mail: haasen@uke.uni-hamburg.de

September 22-25, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored Conference of International Society of the Psychological Treatments of Schizophrenia & other Psychosis, Melbourne, Australia, Reconciliation, Reform and Recovery: Creating a future for psychological interventions in psychosis. Contact: Prof. Patrick McGorry, E-mail: isps@conferencestrategy.com.au, Website: www.conferencestrategy.com.au

September 25-27, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored V World Congress of Depressive Disorders and International Symposium of Cognitive

Disorders, Mendoza, Argentina. Contact: Prof. Jorge Nazar, Tel/Fax: (54-261) 429-5662/ 431-1209, E-mail: jorge\_nazar@hotmail.com, Website: www.mendoza2003.com

September 28-October 1, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored XII International Congress of the European Society of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Paris, France. Contact: Dr. Philippe Jeammet, E-mail: philippe.jeammet@imm.fr, Website: www.escap2003.com

October 1-3, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored Affective and Schizoaffective Disorders Conference, Moscow, Russia. Contact: Dr. Valery N. Krasnov, E-mail: krasnov@mtu-net.ru. Phone: +7-095-963-76-26, Fax: +7-095-963-76-24

October 8-11, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored Conference, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, Together Against Stigma II: Stigma Across the Life Span. Contact: Dr. Julio Arboleda Flores, E-mail: arboledj@hdh.kari.net, Website: meds.queensu.ca/medicine/psychiatry/locate.htm

October 9-12, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored XII Annual Conference of the Bulgarian Psychiatric Association, Varna, Bulgaria, Modern Technologies and Approaches in Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Lubomir Jivkov, E-mail: bga.bg@lycos.com, Website: bpa-bg.org

October 9-12, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored 6th Congress for Bridging Eastern and Western Psychiatry, Yerevan, Armenia, Trauma and Recovery. Contact: Dr. Konstantin Danielyan, E-mail: acpp@freenet.am, acpp@netsys.am, Website: www.users.freenet.am

October 15-18, 2003, WPA Section meeting of the WPA Section on Religion, Spirituality and Psychiatry, St. Catherine Monastery, Sinai, Egypt, Religion, Spirituality and Mental Health. Contact: Dr. Tarek Okasha, E-mail: tokasha@internetegypt.com, Attention: attendance by invitation only

October 21-24, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored X International Congress of the Argentinean Association of Psychiatrists, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Contact: Dr. Nestor F. Marchant, E-mail: aap@aap.org.ar, Website: www.aap.org.ar

October 21-25, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored VII National Congress of Psychiatry, Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Contact: Dr. Enrique Baca, E-mail: ebaca@mi.madritel.es

October 24-26, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored Third World Congress on Men's Health, Vienna, Austria. Contact: Dr. Siegfried Kasper, E-mail: sk@akh-wien.ac.at

October 31-November 2, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored 15th National Conference of the Indian Association for Social Psychiatry, Trichy, India. Contact: Dr. Savita Malhotra, E-mail: savitam@sancharnet.in

November 9-13, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored Conference, St. Julians, Malta, Psychiatric Care Across Cultures: A Conference Week in Malta. Contact: Dr. Charles Pace, E-mail: charles.pace@um.edu.mt, Cpace\_malta@hotmail.com

November 27-30, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored XI Congress of the Dominican Society of Psychiatry, Melia Caribe Tropical Hotel, Dominican Republic. Contact: Dr. Daisy Acosta, E-mail: daisyacosta@codetel.net.co

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January 29-February 2, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored International Conference on Schizophrenia of the Schizophrenia Research Foundation (in collaboration with WHO), Chennai (old Madras), India. Contact: Dr. R. Thara, E-mail: scarf@vsnl.com, Website: www.scarfindia.org

February 2004, WPA Section Meeting of Section on Art and Psychiatry, Djerba, Tunisia. Contact: Dr. Hans Otto Thomashoff, E-mail:

thomashoff@utonet.at

February 1-28, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored Fifth Virtual Congress of Psychiatry (Interpsiquis 2004), Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Contact: Dr. Pedro Moreno, E-mail: secretaria@psiquiatria.com, Website: [www.interpsiquis.com/2004](http://www.interpsiquis.com/2004)

March 5-10, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored Second Biennial Conference of the International Society for Affective Disorders, Cancun, Mexico. Contact: David Beck, E-mail: [d.k.beck@soton.ac.uk](mailto:d.k.beck@soton.ac.uk), Website: [www.isad.org.uk](http://www.isad.org.uk)

March 17-20, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored Second World Congress on Women's Mental Health, Washington, D.C., USA. Contact: Dr. Donna Stewart, E-mail: [donna.stewart@uhn.on.ca](mailto:donna.stewart@uhn.on.ca), Dr. Uriel Halbreich, E-mail: [urielh@acsu.buffalo.edu](mailto:urielh@acsu.buffalo.edu), Website: [www.womenmentalhealth.com](http://www.womenmentalhealth.com)

March 23-25, 2004, WPA Section Meeting - First International Conference on Psychiatry, Law and Ethics, Eilat, Israel. Contact: Helen Goldmunz or Aryeh Lewis, E-mail: [seminars@isas.co.il](mailto:seminars@isas.co.il), Website: [www.isas.co.il/psychiatrylaw2004](http://www.isas.co.il/psychiatrylaw2004)

March 29-April 2, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored Pan-American Congress of Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Havana, Cuba. Contact: Dr. Cristobal Martinez Gomez, E-mail: [crisma@informed.sld.cu](mailto:crisma@informed.sld.cu), Website: [www.sld.cu/eventos/psiquiatria/felices,](http://www.sld.cu/eventos/psiquiatria/felices,)  
[www.loseventos.cu/saludmental2004](http://www.loseventos.cu/saludmental2004)

May 14-19, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored 18th Panhellenic Congress of Psychiatry, Island of Kos, Greece. Contact: Prof. George N. Christodoulou, E-mail: [gnchrist@compulink.gr](mailto:gnchrist@compulink.gr), [diastasi@diastasitravel.gr](mailto:diastasi@diastasitravel.gr)

June 10-13, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored National Conference of the Czech Psychiatric Society, Spindleruv Mlyn, Czech Republic. Contact: Dr. Jiri Raboch, E-mail: [raboch@beba.cesnet.cz](mailto:raboch@beba.cesnet.cz)

September 22-26, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored 14th World Congress of the World Association of Dynamic Psychiatry, Cracow, Poland. Contact: Dr. Maria Ammon, E-mail: [maria.ammon@dynpsych.de](mailto:maria.ammon@dynpsych.de), [wadp.congress2004@dynpsych.de](mailto:wadp.congress2004@dynpsych.de)

October 6-9, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored 8th Congress of the International Association for Treatment of Sexual Offenders, Athens, Greece. Contact: Dr. Orestis Giotakos, E-mail: [giotakos@tri.forthnet.gr](mailto:giotakos@tri.forthnet.gr), Website: [iatsoathens.gr](http://iatsoathens.gr)

October 7-10, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored Mental Health Perspectives in Public Health Conference, Yerevan, Armenia. Contact: Dr. Armen Soghoyan, E-mail: [majoria@arminco.com](mailto:majoria@arminco.com)

October 24-27, 2004, 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](mailto:yonakane@net.nagasaki-u.ac.jp), Website: [www.congre.co.jp/18wasp](http://www.congre.co.jp/18wasp)