

---

## 2nd Quarter 2004

### Greetings

The WPA and its Secretariat have been particularly busy over recent months:

The impending International Congress in Florence (November, 2004) and the World Congress in Cairo (September, 2005) are major preoccupations at present. The omens are good for both, so please put the dates firmly in your diaries and make your scientific presence felt.

The Planning Committee is looking ahead to 2005-2008 and considering its recommendations for changes to the Statutes and By-laws which will enhance WPA work. These considerations encompass a review of Zonal structure, EC members' responsibilities, and enhancing collaborative research.

There has been good progress with the Core PCO plans which will increase the stability and continuity of World Congresses.

The Secretariat welcomed members to its offices during the WPA Pre-meeting of the APA. The walls were covered with paintings illustrating art and psychopathology, generously arranged by Prof. Hans-Otto Thomashoff.

The Secretariat under the excellent leadership of its Chief Executive Dr. Ekaterina Sukhanova has facilitated the coordination between the EC, the WPA Task Force on China and the Review Committee with regard to the processes on alleged political abuse of psychiatry.

The President's report (see page 2) is of special importance.

The Secretary General has participated in several Section activities recently and met their committed officers. They are indeed the scientific backbone of the WPA and the Secretariat will continue to facilitate their work as far as the limited resources allow.

Finally:

Thank you for responding to the General Survey. We will be sending out reminders shortly to those Members yet to respond to this vital questionnaire.

We will be reminding you about the WPA policy concerning overdue dues and voting rights at the General Assembly.

Please think up a good WPA motto! Good fortune with your ongoing productive work.

Prof. John Cox,  
WPA Secretary General



WPA President Prof. Ahmed Okasha (above, left) met with WHO Director General Dr. Jong Wood Lee (above, right) in Geneva.

---

### **ON THE CHINA ISSUE**

The President, past and future presidents of WPA and the chairperson of the WPA Review Committee, as previously reported in the WPA News, held a two day meeting on January 10-11, 2004 in Beijing with Prof. Zhou, President of the CSP (Chinese Society of Psychiatrists), and Vice President Prof. Chen. This group also met with the Chinese Vice Minister of Health, Prof. Zhu Qingsheng and two senior directors in the Ministry. The purpose of this visit to China was to make progress on the outstanding issue of alleged abuse of psychiatry. The material previously provided by the CSP, and in particular Prof. Chen's report, did not show conclusively whether or not there had been such abuse. Some reports sent by the CSP to the Review and Executive Committees needed further clarifications.

The proposal to hold a joint meeting and carry out a joint visit in Beijing at the beginning of April 2004 was accepted by both the Chinese Vice Minister of Health and the CSP. The purpose of this visit by the WPA Task Force was to examine records and to interview patients and their families, as well as the doctors who had examined these patients. In this way it was expected that the patients' consent could be obtained, confidentiality maintained and records accessed.

An educational symposium was scheduled for the end of October 2004, after the visit of the Task Force. It was outlined to the Minister and the CSP that there is indeed a major challenge to improve the mental health services, mental health legislation and training of psychiatrists in China.

It was made clear that the WPA was ready to arrange this educational meeting with the CSP on diagnostic, forensic and ethical issues, as well as the classification of mental disorders before the end of this current year.

The members of the WPA Task Force were selected during the Executive Committee meeting in Cairo on the 12th and 13th of February 2004.

After much delay the door was now open to clarify the outstanding situation about the alleged political abuse of psychiatry on Falun Gong practitioners.

The members of the Task Force were selected because of their knowledge, competence and dedication within their specialty. They

included: Prof. Otto Steinfeldt Foss (TF Chair, Member of the WPA Review Committee (WPA RC)) (Norway); Prof. Marianne Kastrup (TF Co-Chair, Member of WPA RC, WPA Zonal Representative for North Europe) (Denmark); Prof. Federico Allodi (TF Secretary, Secretary of WPA RC) (Canada); Prof. John Cox (WPA Secretary General, Member of WPA RC (UK)); Prof. Julio Arboleda-Florez (Prof. Forensic Psychiatry and Law) (Canada); Prof. Alan Stone (Prof. Forensic Psychiatry and Law) (USA); Prof. Driss Moussaoui (Chair of WPA Ethics Committee) (Morocco); Prof. Eng-Seong Tan (Prof. of Forensic Psychiatry) (Australia). This delegation was to be a technical, independent, unbiased task force with sole financial support from the WPA central funds.

On March 26, 2004, Prof. Zhou, the President of the CSP, replied to a letter from Prof. Otto Steinfeldt Foss which outlined certain logistics for the visit. The letter from Dr. Zhou reflected misunderstandings regarding the agreement made during the Okasha Mission to Beijing in January 2004, and in particular indicated that face-to-face meeting with Falun Gong practitioners with mental disorders would not be permitted by the Chinese authorities. Under these circumstances the EC and the Task Force agreed that these terms of reference for the visit could not be accepted, and that it was prudent, therefore, to postpone the WPA Task Force visit scheduled for April 2004 until WPA and CSP can agree upon a plan of action that would allow us to fulfill the mandate of the WPA General Assembly.

I sent a letter to Prof. Zhou explaining this situation and said we will look forward to the CSP response, and the opportunity to continue to work toward resolving this matter in a satisfactory manner. The President of the CSP replied promptly regretting the postponement of the delegation and promised to speak further with the Chinese authorities at the Ministry of Health.

We continue to believe that it is in the best interest of the Chinese psychiatrists and their patients— as well as the WPA— that this problem is resolved as soon as possible.

During an unprecedented meeting between the WPA EC, RC, TF and Profs. Zhou (CSP President) and Chen (CSP Vice President) under the Chairmanship of Prof. Okasha during the APA meeting in New York City (May 4, 2004), it was agreed that a statement by WPA and CSP will be issued after our Chinese colleagues sign it.

The statement mentions that the CSP found instances in which some Chinese psychiatrists failed to distinguish between spiritual/cultural beliefs and delusions as a result of which persons were misdiagnosed and mistreated. This pattern of misdiagnosis and mistreatment took place because of a lack of training in the professional skills of some psychiatrists rather than as result of a systematic abuse of psychiatry.

The WPA's RC and the Task Force on China reviewed the CSP's reports and independently confirmed the failure of some Chinese psychiatric colleagues to distinguish between cultural beliefs and delusions. The CSP also recognized the existence of these mistakes and have undertaken steps to educate their members and are looking forward to WPA's assistance in correcting this situation, as they are themselves committed to improve the quality of psychiatric diagnosis and treatment in the People's Republic of China.

The CSP's representatives acknowledged that the areas in which they would specially welcome assistance are Forensic Psychiatry, Medical Ethics, Patients' Rights, Mental Health Legislation, Diagnosis and Classification.

The President of the WPA and the CSP President and President-Elect have signed the statement agreed to in New York. The WPA will start planning for the CSP educational symposium in the last months of this year.

**Prof. Ahmed Okasha**  
**WPA President**

---

## **WPA PRESIDENT MEETS WITH WHO DIRECTOR**

A meeting was held between WHO Director General Dr. Jong Wood Lee and WPA President Prof. Ahmed Okasha in Geneva on April 15, 2004. Also present was Dr. Benedetto Saraceno, WHO Director of Mental Health and Substance Abuse division. Prof. Okasha stated that never in the history of the WPA or WHO has the cooperation between the two organizations reached so high a level.

WPA-WHO collaborative work and various programs were evaluated, with particular emphasis placed upon the updating of the WPA-WHO's Atlas for Mental Health Services and the Atlas for the Training of Psychiatrists. Another important discussion centered upon the issues surrounding the human rights of mental health patients world-wide. An appraisal of Dr. Saraceno's initiative for the establishment of a global mental health council was highlighted.

Prof. Okasha concluded the discussions with an invitation to the WHO Director General to attend the opening ceremonies of the WPA XII World Congress of Psychiatry to be held in Cairo, Egypt, in September of 2005.

---

## **WPA MOTTO**

The Secretariat is announcing an informal competition for the best WPA motto! We are not sure what the prize will be, but we are considering a dinner invitation or a WPA scientific publication.

To stimulate your ideas, two suggestions have already been received:

"Bringing together psychiatrists across the world."

"Promoting science, care and human rights in psychiatry."

Please send your suggestions to the WPA Secretariat (postal and e-mail addresses and the fax number are located at bottom home page).

---

## **WPA CONFERENCE ON PSYCHIATRY AND ITS CONTEMPORARY CONTEXT**

From April 30th to May 2nd, 2004 an innovative WPA Conference on Psychiatry and its Contemporary Context was held at the Metropolitan Hospital Center, located in Manhattan, where the WPA Secretariat is currently hosted. Speakers representing 26 countries and the WHO as well as a total number of over one hundred participants from across the world took part in a program that included a full-day Symposium on Comprehensive Health and Integration of Services: New York and International Perspectives, a full-day Workshop Towards a Blueprint for the Development of the ICD-11 Mental Health Component, and seven Inter-Sectional Symposia on a wide range of topics.

The scientific program was complemented with an exciting Exhibit on Art in Psychiatry and a joyous WPA Leadership Dinner at the legendary 21 Club.

The WPA-Metropolitan Hospital-New York Medical College Symposium on Comprehensive Health and Integration of Services: New York and International Perspectives, counted as speakers a group of New York academic, hospital, and public health experts, international experts from WHO and WPA Executive Committee and Zonal Representatives, and included as well moving presentations from a psychiatric patient and his mental health advocate-mother.

Lively interactions took place among the speakers and the participating audience, which led to conclusions on the value and intricacies of a comprehensive conceptualization of health as a basis for the integration of mental health, general health, and social services in the culturally diverse world in which we live (a microcosm of which is offered by the community surrounding Metropolitan Hospital.) This symposium will be published as a special issue of the International Journal of Mental Health.

The Classification Sections of WHO and WPA carried out on Sunday May 2nd a Workshop Towards a Blueprint for the Development of the ICD-11 Mental Health Component. It reviewed critical limitations of current diagnostic systems, the concept and classification of mental disorders (including definitional issues, broad diagnostic categories, comorbidity, and categorical vs. dimensional measurement), the etiological bases of mental disorders, diagnostic domains and their structural integration (including standardized multi-axial and idiographic personalized components that may be useful for mental health as well as for general health diagnosis), and strategies for ICD revision (including engagement of worldwide research groups and stakeholders; gathering, evaluation, and integration of information; guidelines on workgroup structure and procedures; funding sources and mechanisms; and a developmental timeline).

This momentous workshop, inscribed within a growing WHO-WPA collaboration reflects an unprecedented role of WPA (including prospectively its Sections and Member Societies) in the construction of the main international reference on classification and diagnosis. The journal *Psychopathology*, organ of the WPA Classification and Clinical Psychopathology Sections, is publishing a May 2003 WPA-WHO Symposium on the Philosophical Bases of Mental Disorders and is being considered for the publication of the ICD-11 Blueprint Workshop. The final version of the ICD-11 blueprint is scheduled for presentation at the WHO Meeting of the Family of International Classifications in Iceland, October 2004.

Seven inter-sectional symposia took place on April 30th and May 2nd. They covered international perspectives on the Cultural Formulation (which may lead to the publication of a casebook); a follow-up on the WPA Statement on Globalization and Mental Health; substance use comorbidity classification; women's mental health (probably leading to the development of a new consensus statement); conceptual bases, comprehensive diagnosis, and comprehensive treatment on sexual health (including the presentation of the prefinal copy of a WPA Educational Program volume on Psychiatry and Sexual Health); an international approach and implementation on psychosomatics; and art and psychiatry. The fact that each of the above symposia and related sessions was typically organized by two or three WPA Sections, attests to the flourishing of our institutional policies promoting inter-sectional collaboration.

This WPA Conference has been unprecedented at several levels. It didn't charge participants for registration or CME credits. More importantly, it yielded a high density of emerging publications and consensus statements. Furthermore, it offered an unusual opportunity for pleasant and enriching discussions among local and international visiting colleagues on a number of fundamental topics, including the development of ICD-11. This enthusiastic appraisal was widely voiced by the participants in this WPA Conference, who expressed the hope for new editions in future years.



L to R: Prof. R. Swift (Metropolitan Hospital Asst. Dir. of Psychiatry), Mr. J. Sanchez (Sr. Vice- President, Northern Manhattan, NYC Health & Hospitals Corp.), and Profs. A. Okasha (WPA President), J.E. Mezzich (WPA President-Elect), and John Cox (WPA Secretary-General) at the opening of the Symposium on Comprehensive Health and Integration of Services.

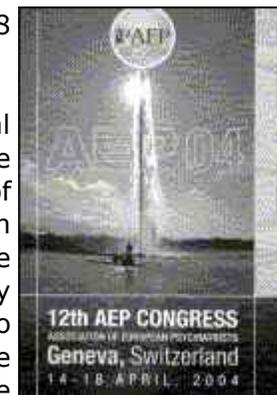
---

## **REPORT ON THE 12TH CONGRESS OF THE AEP By Prof. Mario Maj, WPA Secretary for Publications**

The 12th Congress of the European Psychiatric Association (AEP) took place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 14 to 18 April, 2004.

The scientific programme included 7 plenary sessions, 87 symposia, 30 CME courses, 19 workshops, and several special events, poster sessions, sessions of oral communications and satellite symposia. A special feature of the Congress was represented by the three main interactive sessions ("Conflicts of interests in psychiatry", "The role of psychodynamic psychotherapy in psychiatric training and practice" and "Community psychiatry: myth or reality"), in which the audience was asked to vote on several controversial issues, using an electronic system. Other innovative ingredients were a series of meet-the-expert sessions in which some leading figures of European psychiatry interacted freely with an audience mostly consisting of young psychiatrists, some sessions specifically devoted to patients and family associations, and a special "human rights symposium" organized under the auspices of the Council of Europe. The AEP/WPA/UEMS/WHO Task Force (a body recently created to coordinate the efforts of the main international associations/ organizations active in Europe in the field of psychiatry) organized within the Congress a one-day symposium on "Psychiatric services focused on a community: challenges for the training of future psychiatrists", attended by the Presidents of national psychiatric societies in Europe and the WHO national counterparts in European countries.

During the Congress, the current President of the AEP, Mario Maj, presented the Association's Programme of Itinerant CME Courses, now ongoing in collaboration with 22 national psychiatric societies in Europe.



---

## **SPOTLIGHT ON ZONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

Levent Küey  
WPA Zonal Representative for Southern Europe  
(Zone 8)

A WPA Symposium: Harmonizing Perspectives and Experiences in Psychiatric Training

A WPA sponsored symposium, "Harmonizing Perspectives and Experiences in Psychiatric Training", was held October 15, 2003, during the 39th National Psychiatry Congress of Turkey in Antalya. This one day symposium was organized by Prof. Levent Küey (WPA Zonal Representative for Southern Europe) in collaboration with the Turkish Medical Association (TMA), Psychiatric Association of Turkey (PAT), Association of European Psychiatrists (AEP), Union Européenne Médecins Spécialistes (UEMS) Section of Psychiatry, and the European Federation of Psychiatric Trainees (EFPT). It created an opportunity for the WPA European Zonal Representatives to share their ideas.

Participants expressed their views and suggestions on improving the quality of psychiatric training and education, and thereby psychiatric services, worldwide.

During the sessions— chaired by Prof. Küey, Juan E. Mezzich (WPA, President-elect), Rasit Tükel (Turkish Neuropsychiatric Society, President), and Savas Kültür (PAT, President)-- twelve papers were presented and discussed.

Presenters and participants were Prof. Mezzich, Prof. Mario Maj (WPA Secretary for Publications), Anne Lindhardt (Past President, UEMS Section of Psychiatry), M. Orhan Öztürk (PAT, Past President), Prof. Marianne Kastrup (WPA Zonal Representative for Northern Europe), Prof. Valery Krasnov (WPA Zonal Representative for Eastern Europe), Prof. Petr Smolik (WPA Zonal Representative for Central Europe), Dominique Mathis (EFPT, Past-president), Dr. Hamdullah Aydın (Commission for Psychiatric Training and Curriculum of Turkey, President), Dr. Iskender Sayek (TMA, Chair of the Section of Training and CME/CPD Accreditation, previous representative of the Turkish Medical Association in UEMS, and the Dean of Hacettepe Medical School), Prof. Rasit Tükel (PAT, Chair of the Section on Psychiatric Training; Turkish Neuropsychiatric Society, President), Dr. Defne Turhan, (a Turkish resident of psychiatry and also EFPT President-elect and the representative of the Section of Trainees of PAT).

Some of the key issues raised by the participants were the importance of the experienced residents' role in the so-called vertical training activities, inequalities between the training centers and the value of rotation to overcome these problems, the organizational and financial problems related to the psychotherapy training of residents, the cultural competency of the psychiatrist, and reaching universal standards while caring for the local needs. The symposium was closed by the chairs underlining the significance of an integrative approach to undergraduate, graduate and post graduate education in psychiatry, and expressed their wish of improved psychiatric training helping the psychiatrists to gain a higher level of scientific, ethical and humanistic standards.



The symposium presenters were from left to right Defne Turhan, Petr Smolik, Dominique Mathis, Levent Küey, Juan E. Mezzich, Valery Krasnov, Anne Lindhardt, Marianne Kastrup, Rasit Tükel, Hamdullah Aydın, Iskender Sayek, Savas Kültür, and not seen in the photo, Mario Maj, and M. Orhan Öztürk.

---

Michael Olatawura  
WPA Zonal Representative for Western & Central Africa  
(Zone 13)



Two main features distinguish Zone 13 from most of the remaining seventeen Zones of the WPA. First, the membership is large and still somewhat fluid.

West Africa is currently seen as the countries lying South of the Sahara starting from Nigeria in the East and running westward to Senegal in the North West. The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), established in 1975, consists of sixteen states: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo. The Central African States comprise Cameroon, the Central African Republic and Chad. Because the objectives of the treaty setting up ECOWAS include promotion of trade, cooperation and self-reliance, more states are angling to join the community. Sao Tome, Principe and Chad may join in the future. After all, Mauritania (which is clearly in the Sahara, lying immediately east of Senegal) is a founding member of ECOWAS. Cape Verde joined in 1977.

The second distinguishing feature is the constraint of poor communication within and between the states in the Zone. The region is plagued by the political instability, insecurity, etc. that accompany inter-ethnic wars. This second factor has caused major dislocation of administrative, educational and health programs. We have a large African population in Zone 13 yearning for the impact of the WPA. At the best of times, mental health is given a low priority in our countries' health programs.

It must be stated at this juncture that the African populations immediately north of the Zone are quite different from those in West and Central Africa. They are decidedly European in their self conception, outlook, etc. For historical and colonial experiences, East and West African populations are quite different in several respects, particularly culturally.

For us in Zone 13, all hope is not lost. While we had sought to improve our communication strategies by sending mails through diplomatic pouches from Nigeria to the countries where Nigeria has diplomatic representations with rather indifferent results, two socio-political organizations in the region hold out great promise as the political cauldron simmers down.

These are the ECOWAS and the West African Health Community, both with headquarters in Lagos, Nigeria.

In the meantime, the WPA should avail itself of the opportunity created by its collaboration with the WHO to meet with psychiatrists from the countries in the Zone. Despite all of the aforementioned difficulties, WHO/AFRO does manage to get mental health leaders and administrators to meetings in its office. For ease of air travel to and from Africa, security concerns, linguistic logistics, etc., the Executive Committee of the WPA should consider meeting psychiatrists of the member countries in the Zone in South Africa. This will give the EC members an opportunity to come up with a realistic plan for impacting mental health in the Zone after hearing their situation "from the horse's mouth". In the long run, it will be money well spent.

---

**UPCOMING WPA INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS  
"TREATMENTS IN PSYCHIATRY: AN UPDATE"  
FLORENCE, ITALY, NOVEMBER 10-13, 2004  
[www.wpa2004florence.org](http://www.wpa2004florence.org)**



The aim of this Congress is to provide a comprehensive and high-quality update on all evidence-based treatments available today for the various mental disorders. It is expected to be one of the main psychiatric events of the year 2004, with a number of participants of more than 5,000. Also, a very attractive program of tours for participants and accompanying persons has been arranged. For further information, please contact the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, Prof. Mario Maj, WPA Secretary for Publications ([majmario@tin.it](mailto:majmario@tin.it)).

---

**UPCOMING WPA SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS**

Secretary for Meetings, Professor Pedro Ruiz  
coordinates these events and welcomes initiatives for new ones.  
Fax: (1-713) 500-2727, E-mail: [pedro.ruiz@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:pedro.ruiz@uth.tmc.edu)

**MAJOR UPCOMING WPA MEETINGS  
2004**

September 17-19, 2004, WPA Regional Meeting, hosted by Pakistan Psychiatric Society in collaboration with the Mental Health Resource Center (MHRC), Lahore, Pakistan.

Contact: Dr. Haroon Rashid Chaudry, Fax: (92-42) 757-2488, E-mail: [pprc@wol.net.pk](mailto:pprc@wol.net.pk)

November 10-13, 2004, WPA International Congress, hosted by the Italian Psychiatric Association, Florence, Italy, Treatments in Psychiatry: an Update.

Contact: Prof. Mario Maj, Fax: (390-81) 566-6523, E-mail: [info@wpa2004florence.org](mailto:info@wpa2004florence.org), [secretariat@wpa2004florence.org](mailto:secretariat@wpa2004florence.org), Website: [www.wpa2004florence.org](http://www.wpa2004florence.org)

December 2-5, 2004, WPA Regional Meeting on Eastern Europe and the Balkans, hosted by the Romanian Psychiatric Association, Craiova, Romania.

Contact: Dr. Tudor Udristoiu, E-mail: [psy@umfcv.ro](mailto:psy@umfcv.ro)

## **2005**

March 12-15, 2005,WPA Regional Congress, hosted by the Hellenic Psychiatric Association, Athens, Greece, Advances in Psychiatry: State of the Art.

Contact: Prof. George Christodoulou, Fax: (30-210) 363-1690, E-mail: psych@psych.gr, info@era.gr,Website: www.era.gr/wpa2005athens.htm

April 21-24, 2005,WPA Regional Meeting, hosted by the Association of Argentinean Psychiatrists (APSA), Mar del Plata, Argentina.

Contact: Dr. Graciela Lucatelli, E-mail: apsa@apsa.org.ar,Website: www.apsa.org.ar

June 17-20, 2005,WPA Thematic Conference, hosted by the Spanish Foundation of Psychiatry and Mental Health,Valencia, Spain, Quality and Outcome Research in Psychiatry.

Contact: Dr. Carmen Leal, E-mail: carmen-leal@uv.es

September 10-15, 2005, XIII World Congress of Psychiatry, hosted by the Egyptian Psychiatric Association, Cairo, Egypt, Five Thousand Years of Science and Care.

Contact: Prof. Ahmed Okasha, Fax: (20-2) 748-1786, E-mail: aokasha@internetegypt.com, secretariat@wpa-cairo2005.com, Website: www.wpa-cairo2005.com

October 30-November 2, 2005,WPA Regional Meeting, hosted by the Mexican Psychiatric Association, Los Cabos, Mexico.

Contact: Dr. Luis E. Rivero Almanzor, E-mail: aspsiqm@prodigy.net.mx

## **2006**

April 20-23, 2006,WPA Thematic Conference, hosted by the Lopez Ibor Foundation, Madrid, Spain.

Contact: Prof. Juan J. Lopez-Ibor, Jr., E-mail: jli@lopez-ibor.com

July 12-16, 2006 WPA International Congress, hosted by the Psychiatric Association of Turkey and the Turkish Neuropsychiatric Society, Istanbul, Turkey.

Contact: Prof. Levent Kuey, E-mail: kuey1@superonline.com,Website: www.wpa2006istanbul.org

November 23-25, 2006,WPA Regional Meeting, hosted by the Peruvian Psychiatric Association, Lima, Peru.

Contact: Dr. Elard Sanchez Tejada, E-mail: app@amauta.rcp.net.pe

## **2007**

October, 2007,WPA Regional Meeting, hosted by the Argentinean Association of Psychiatrists (AAP), Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Contact: Dr. Nestor F. Marchant, E-mail: aap@aap.org.ar,Website: www.aap.org.ar

## **UPCOMING WPA SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS**

### **2004**

June 10-11, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored Conference, organized by the Midlands Psychiatric Research Group, Coventry, UK, Updates in Rehabilitation and Community. Contact: Dr. Afzal Javed, E-mail: afzal.javed@ntlworld.com

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

June 11-12, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored Conference, organized by Comunidad Autonoma de Madrid, Madrid, Spain. Contact: Dr. Juan

Jose Lopez Ibor, Jr., E-mail: [jli@lopez-ibor.com](mailto:jli@lopez-ibor.com)

June 14-18, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored V International Symposium on Biological and Pharmacotherapeutic Aspects of Mental Disorders, organized by Colegio Cubano de Neuropsicofarmacologia, Havana, Cuba. Contact: Maria de Jesus Sanchez Perez, E-mail: [ccunp@infomed.sld.cu](mailto:ccunp@infomed.sld.cu), Website: [cencomed.sld.cu/neuropsicofarm/index.htm](http://cencomed.sld.cu/neuropsicofarm/index.htm), [www.ciren.ws](http://www.ciren.ws)

June 25-27, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored XVIII Peruvian Psychiatric Congress and III Regional Meeting of APAL, organized by the Peruvian Psychiatric Association, Lima, Peru. Contact: Dr. Elard Sanchez Tejada, E-mail: [app@amauta.rcp.net.pe](mailto:app@amauta.rcp.net.pe)

August 22-26, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored 16th World Congress of the International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (IACAPAP), Berlin, Germany. Contact: Dr. Helmut Remschmidt, E-mail: [remschm@post.med.uni-marburg.de](mailto:remschm@post.med.uni-marburg.de), Website: [www.iacapap-berlin.de](http://www.iacapap-berlin.de)

August 26-28, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored XIII Jornada de Psiquiatria de APERJ and Latin American CINP Regional Meeting, organized by the Psychiatric Association of Rio de Janeiro State, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Contact: Dr. Vera Lemgruber, E-mail: [aperj@aperj.com.br](mailto:aperj@aperj.com.br), Website: [www.aperj.com.br](http://www.aperj.com.br)

September 1-3, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored Second Latin American Neuropsychiatric Congress and VI Argentinean Neuropsychiatric Congress, organized by the Argentinean Neuropsychiatric Association, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Contact: Dr. Miguel Marquez, E-mail: [info@stpweb.com.ar](mailto:info@stpweb.com.ar), Website: [neuropsiquiatria.org.ar](http://neuropsiquiatria.org.ar)

September 8-10, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored 16th International Congress on Addiction, organized by the WPA Section on Addiction Psychiatry, Vienna, Austria. Contact: Dr. Alexander Friedman, E-mail: [information@addiction.at](mailto:information@addiction.at)

September 20-21, 2004, WPA Section Meeting of the Section on Mass Media and Mental Health, Boston, USA. Contact: Dr. Miguel A. Materazzi, E-mail: [materazzi@arnet.com.ar](mailto:materazzi@arnet.com.ar)

September 20-23, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored XIII National Psychiatric Congress of South African Society of Psychiatrists, Drakensberg, South Africa. Contact: Dr. Ian Westmore, E-mail: [westmore@shisas.com](mailto:westmore@shisas.com), Website: [www.sasop.co.za](http://www.sasop.co.za)

September 23-26, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored Marce Society International Biennial Scientific Meeting, Oxford University, UK. Contact: Donna Webb, E-mail: [info@marcesociety.com](mailto:info@marcesociety.com), Website: [www.marcesociety.com](http://www.marcesociety.com)

September 29-October 2, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored V European Congress for Family Therapy and Systemic Practice, organized by the European Family Therapy Association, Berlin, Germany. Contact: Dr. Kurt Ludewik, E-mail: [ludewik@uni-muenster.de](mailto:ludewik@uni-muenster.de), Website: [www.EFTA2004.de](http://www.EFTA2004.de)

September 30-October 2, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored National Conference of the Romanian Psychiatric Association, Craiova, Romania. Contact: Dr. Tudor Udristoiu, E-mail: [psy@umfcv.ro](mailto:psy@umfcv.ro)

September 30-October 3, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored XIII Annual Scientific Conference of the Bulgarian Psychiatric Association, Kurdjali, Bulgaria, Psychiatry, Medicine, Society: Integration, Roles and Responsibilities. Contact: Dr. Vladimir Velinov, E-mail: [v.velinov@bpa-bg.org](mailto:v.velinov@bpa-bg.org), Website: [www.bpa-bg.org](http://www.bpa-bg.org)

October 5-7, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored Conference on Modern Tendencies in the Organization of Psychiatric Care: Clinical and Social Aspects, organized by the Russian Society of Psychiatrists, Moscow, Russia. Contact: Dr. Valery Krasnov, E-mail: [krasnov@mtu-net.ru](mailto:krasnov@mtu-net.ru)

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, organized by the Armenian Association of Psychiatrists and Narcologists, Yerevan, Armenia. Contact: Dr. Armen Soghoyan, E-mail: [majoria@arminco.com](mailto:majoria@arminco.com)

October 13-17, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored SSPC and WPA Section on Transcultural Psychiatry Meeting, Providence, Rhode Island, US. Contact: Dr. Ronald M. Wintrob, E-mail: [rwintrob@earthlink.net](mailto:rwintrob@earthlink.net)

October 24-27, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored XVIII World Congress of Social Psychiatry, organized by the Japanese Society 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)

October 26-29, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored XI Congress of the Argentinean Association of Psychiatrists (AAP), Buenos Aires, Argentina. Contact: Dr. Nestor F. Marchant, E-mail: [aap@aap.org.ar](mailto:aap@aap.org.ar), Website: [www.aap.org.ar](http://www.aap.org.ar)

October 26-30, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored VIII National Psychiatric Congress, organized by the Spanish Society of Psychiatry and the Spanish Society of Biological Psychiatry, Bilbao, Spain. Contact: Dr. Enrique Baca, E-mail: [fespm@wanadoo.es](mailto:fespm@wanadoo.es), Website: [www.intersep.org](http://www.intersep.org)

November 17-20, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored XXIII Latin American Psychiatric Association (APAL) Congress and VIII Uruguayan Congress of Psychiatry, Punta del Este, Uruguay. Contact: Dr. Angel Valmaggia, E-mail: [apal2004@montevideo.com.uy](mailto:apal2004@montevideo.com.uy)

December 13-17, 2004, WPA Section meeting of the WPA Section on Suicidology, Poitiers, France. Contact: Dr. Jean Jacques Chavagnat, E-mail: [prs.suicide@ch-poitiers.fr](mailto:prs.suicide@ch-poitiers.fr)