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Greetings

July was a time for looking, like Janus, in two ways at once!

Backwards to the second quarter of the year with the highlight of a remarkable meeting in Geneva on person centered medicine (see page 4); an APA meeting in Washington D.C. that was not only big but impressive in its advocacy for international psychiatry; a WPA Thematic Conference in Granada (see page 4) on the key issue of Integration of Mental Health into Primary Care and a productive Executive Committee that was anticipating the General Assembly as well as the imminent change of officers.

and

Forwards to the World Congress in iconic Prague (which promises to be one of the best ever) and to

a General Assembly that will have a novel electronic voting system, but a more familiar routine for the accreditation of delegates (see page 9).

Please consider carefully the implications of the Executive Summary of the General Survey. Thank you for your cooperation with this internal audit.

Finally – the new interactive Website has gone live. Well done us all.



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Collaborating Organizations' Leaders, Speakers and Discussants of the Geneva Conference on Person-centered Medicine organized by the WPA Institutional Program on Psychiatry for the Person in collaboration with the World Medical Association, the World Organization of Family Doctors, the World Federation of Neurology, the World Federation for Medical Education, the Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences, the World Federation for Mental Health, the International Council of Nurses, and the International Alliance of Patients' Organizations on May 29-30, 2008.

+++ WPA-Related Events by Prof. JE Mezzich +++

■ CROATIAN PSYCHIATRIC CONGRESS AND WPA NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

On April 10-12, 2008, the Croatian Psychiatric Association celebrated a Congress in the legendary Opatija, attended as lecturers by the President and President-Elect of WPA. Prior to the Congress, Profs. JE Mezzich and Lyubomir Hotujac (Croatian Psychiatric Association President) were received at the Presidential Palace in Zagreb by the President of the Republic of Croatia, H.E. Mr. Stipe Mesic, in line with WPA efforts to promote communication between our national psychiatric societies and their



L to R: Profs. A. Besse, A. Javed, J.E. Mezzich and M. Maj, members of the WPA Nominations Committee meeting in Opatija, Croatia on April 11, 2008.

national governments. During the Opatija Congress, the WPA Nominations Committee

met to review the nominations received by the Secretariat for WPA elective office (see resulting list of candidates elsewhere in this issue) and to plan procedures for electronic voting (see statement on this issue).



L to R: President Stipe Mesic of Croatia, an official translator, and Profs. JE Mezzich and L. Hotujac at the Presidential Palace of the Republic of Croatia in Zagreb, April 10, 2008.

■ APSA CONGRESS IN MAR DEL PLATA

On April 17-20, 2008, the Association of Argentinean Psychiatrists (APSA) celebrated its Annual Congress in Mar del Plata, attended by over 4,000 psychiatrists and mental health professionals. Also participating in this event were leaders of several Latin American psychiat-

ric societies. One of the highlights was a well established meeting of Young Psychiatrist Fellows mainly from throughout Argentina, but also from bordering countries.



Argentinean, Latin American, and WPA leaders participating in the APSA Congress in Mar del Plata on April 18, 2008.



Young Psychiatrist Fellows and the WPA President at the APSA Congress in Mar del Plata, April 18, 2008.

■ WPA PRESENCE AT THE APA ANNUAL MEETING

On May 4-7, 2008, the American Psychiatric Association held its well attended Annual Meeting, which offered an opportunity for several significant WPA activities. One of these was the WPA Forum which followed meetings of the WPA Regions on the Americas, Europe, Africa and the Middle East, and Asia/Australasia. Another significant session was the WPA-APA leadership meeting. Among the other activities was a session of the WPA Institutional Program on Psychiatry for the Person and of the Global Network of National Classification and Diagnostic Groups.



L to R: Profs. A. Tasman, W. Narrow, C. Robinowitz, D. Regier, JE Mezzich, J.H. Scully, N. Stotland, M. Maj, H. Herrman, and P. Ruiz, at the WPA-APA Leadership Meeting in Washington, DC on May 6, 2008.



Standing L to R: Profs R.A. Kallivayalil, A. Jalili, F. Kigozi, N. El-Guebaly, I. Salloum, J.K. Trivedi, T. Akiyama, J. Raboch, P. Tyrer, J. McIntyre, L. Kuey, O. Gureje, and N. Loza; and seated L to R: Profs. U. Halbreich, G. Christodoulou, J. Cox, JE Mezzich, and S. Hollins at the WPA Forum during the APA Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. on May 5, 2008.

■ LONDON CONFERENCE ON MASS VIOLENCE

On May 12-13, 2008, an interesting conference on Mass Violence was held in London organized by the Institute of Psychiatry, the Royal College of Psychiatrists, and Dr. N Minton, with the participation of the WPA President, Secretary General, and other officers. It reviewed through lectures, symposia and roundtables some of the key issues underlying mass violence as a major public health problem and the roles that psychiatrists and other mental health professionals can perform to deal with their aftermath.



*L to R:
Drs. M. Ammon, L. Kuey,
J. Cox, S. Hollins,
JE Mezzich, R. Jenkins,
N. Minton and wife, at
the London Conference
on Mass Violence on May
12, 2008.*

■ HELLENIC NATIONAL CONGRESS CELEBRATED IN CRETE



*L to R: Profs. C. Stefanis,
T. Anagnostopoulos,
H.E. Mr. Karolos
Papoulias, N. Tzavaras,
JE Mezzich and
V. Kontaxakis at the
Opening of the Hellenic
Psychiatric Congress in
Crete on May 14, 2008.*



*Seated L to R: Profs. G. Ikos,
M. Riba, G. Christodoulou,
J.E. Mezzich, D. Lecic-Tosevski,
and S. Sharfstein and, among
those standing, Profs. N. Bouras,
R. Montenegro, A. Tasman,
P. Garrison, N. Shinfuku and
M. Abu-Saleh at the Hellenic
Psychiatric Congress in Crete on
May 14-18, 2008.*

The Hellenic Psychiatric Association held on May 14-18, 2008 its National Congress in Crete with WPA Co-sponsorship. The magnificent archeology of the island served as stimulating backdrop for this event, the rich program of which reviewed a broad array of issues in

psychiatry and mental health. H.E. Mr. Karolos Papoulias, President of the Hellenic Republic attended the Opening and discussed some key public health issues with the participants. A distinguished group of international lecturers enhanced its scientific program.

■ WHO ICD-11 MEETING WITH HEALTH STAKEHOLDERS

On May 28, 2008, the Classification Office of the World Health Organization held a meeting of professional health stakeholders concerning the emerging development of a new revision of the International Classification of Diseases. It was coordinated by Prof. Juan Mezzich at the request of WHO and included the participation of a broad array

of global professional bodies from the World Medical Association to the World Federation of Neurology to the World Psychiatric Association to representatives of dermatologists, surgeons, ophthalmologists, and laboratory medicine among others. It started with a presentation by the Director of the corresponding WHO Cluster and included

addresses by Drs. Bedirhan Ustun (with the overall plan for the design of ICD-11), Robert Jakob, and Juan Mezzich, plus interventions of all participants. Considerable interest emerged towards the organized contributions of the involved health stakeholders to the ICD-11 development process.



*Seated R to L: Drs. I Salloum,
R. Jakob, T.B. Ustun, and JE
Mezzich, among the representatives
of a broad array of health
professional stakeholders
interested in the development of
ICD-11 meeting at WHO Geneva
Headquarters on May 28, 2008.*

■ GENEVA CONFERENCE ON PERSON-CENTERED MEDICINE

A landmark Geneva Conference on Person-centered Medicine took place under the auspices and on the premises of the University Hospitals of Geneva on May 29-30, 2008, organized by the World Psychiatric Association (WPA) Institutional Program on Psychiatry for the Person (IPPP), in collaboration with the World Medical Association (WMA), the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA), the World Federation of Neurology (WFN), the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME), the Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences (CIOMS), the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH), the International Council of Nurses (ICN), the International Alliance of Patients' Organizations (IAPO), and the Paul Tournier Society.

The Conference was aimed at presenting and discussing the experience on person-centered principles and procedures gained under the IPPP as well as the conceptual bases of person-centered medicine, engaging interactively major international medical and health organizations, and identifying promising organizational steps for the further development of person-centered medical and health care.



Participants in the Special session in Honor of Paul Tournier and a group of his relatives at the Geneva Conference on Person-centered Medicine, May 29-30, 2008.

The Conference was presided by Juan Mezzich (IPPP Chair and WPA President), with Michel Botbol as Conference Coordinator, Ihsan Salloum and Tom Sensky as Rapporteurs, and with the organizational support of the IPPP leadership (J.E. Mezzich, G. Christodoulou, B. Fulford, I. Salloum, R. Montenegro, A. Tasman, T. Sensky, H. Herrman, M. Amering), Geneva Task Force (J. Cox, F. Ferrero, O. Kloiber, B. Ruedi, H-R Pfeifer, A. Engstrom, P. Atiase).

Anticipated collaborative next steps include the following: a) the publication of a monograph containing the Conference papers and of editorials and papers in international journals; illustratively, the current presidents of the WMA and WPA plan papers in their own journals but also a joint editorial in a broad international journal; b) Symposia

on Person-centered Medicine would be organized at major events of the collaborating organizations and other international forums; c) a second Conference on Person-centered Medicine is contemplated for 2009. Geneva is emerging again as a promising setting; and d) exploration of an Initiative on Person-centered Medicine in collaboration with interested global medical and health organizations.

During the weekend that followed some of the Conference participants visited the WPA Secretariat at the Geneva University Psychiatric Hospital. Also a workshop of the WPA Institutional Program on Psychiatry for the Person took place then and there, during which advances were made on the conceptual bases of the Program, the Person-centered Integrative Diagnosis model, Guidelines for and a Curriculum on Person-centered Clinical Care, and related public health projects.



A group of participants in the Geneva Conference on Person-centered Medicine visiting the WPA Secretariat at the Geneva University Psychiatric Hospital, May 31, 2008.

■ GRANADA THEMATIC CONFERENCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

On June 17 and 18, 2008, the WPA Executive Committee held a meeting in Granada during which progress was achieved on the preparations for the XIV World Congress of Psychiatry in Prague, advances and issues were reviewed on international classification and diagnosis, Nominations Committee



L to R: Profs. JE Mezzich, G. Christodoulou, G. Iybijaro, C. Van Weel, J. Cox, and M. Maj at the Opening of the WPA Thematic Conference in collaboration with the World Organization of Family Doctors in Granada, Spain on June 18, 2008.



L to R: Profs. J. Cox, E. Sukhanova, HO Thomashoff, Francisco Torres, and J.E. Mezzich at the Art Exhibit of the WPA Thematic Conference in Granada, June 18, 2008.

reports were presented on candidates for elective office and on plans for electronic voting (see pertinent charts elsewhere on this WPA News issue), and reviews were conducted on proposed amendments of Statutes and By-Laws and the prospective Action Plan 2005-2008.

The WPA Thematic Conference organized by Prof. Francisco Torres focused on mental disorders in primary care and was

carried out in collaboration with the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA). The Opening Ceremony included addresses from local authorities and leaders of the World Psychiatric Association and WONCA. The scientific program was remarkably rich and involved contributions from many research groups and health care specialties. A highlight was an evocative Art Exhibit. Furthermore, a WPA Forum took place which offered an opportunity to discuss ongoing WPA activities and projects.



L to R: A. Soghoian, T. Kallert, M. Amering, T. Akiyama, B. Vinsova, J. Raboch, G. Christodoulou, J. Cox, J.E. Mezzich, P. Ruiz, H. Herrman, and P. Tyrer at the WPA Forum, WPA Thematic Conference in Granada on June 19, 2008.

■ PAN CYPRUS PSYCHIATRIC CONGRESS

On June 21-22, 2008, the Cyprus Psychiatric Association organized its Pan-Cyprus Congress in Limassol. It offered an opportunity for discussing a broad range of scientific and professional issues of national and international significance. It was attended by the WPA President, the WPA Zonal Representative for

Western Europe, and leaders of the Hellenic Psychiatric Association and the Psychiatric Association of Eastern Europe and the Balkans.

Some of the lecturers and discussants at the Pan-Cyprus Psychiatric Congress in Limassol, June 21-22, 2008.



■ CANDIDATES FOR WPA ELECTIONS 2008 AND RELATED ELECTORAL PROCEDURES

The Nominations Committee reviewed carefully at its meeting on April 11, 2008 in Opatija, Croatia, the folders prepared by the Secretariat with nominations received for WPA Elections. For each nominee the Committee reviewed nominations received to determine if at least one was valid and complete and if the expected documentation from each nominee was satisfactory. Through this process, the Committee found the following nominees as valid candidates for elections:

For President-Elect: George Christodoulou (Greece), John Cox (UK), and Pedro Ruiz (USA).

For Secretary General: Julio Arboleda-Florez (Canada), Oye Gureje (Nigeria), and Levent Kuey (Turkey).

For Secretary for Finances: Tsuyoshi Akiyama (Japan), Edgard Belfort (Venezuela), and Jitendra Trivedi (India).

For Secretary for Meetings: Said Abdel Azim (Egypt), Michel Botbol (France), Tarek Okasha (Egypt), and Bruce Singh (Australia).

For Zone 1 (Canada) Representative: Raymond Tempier (Canada).

For Zone 2 (USA) Representative: Michelle Riba (USA).

For Zone 3 (Mexico, Central America & the Caribbean) Representative: Sara Murillo (Honduras) and Mauricio Sanchez (Nicaragua).

For Zone 4 (Northern South America) Representative: Rodrigo Cordoba (Colombia), Fabrizio Delgado (Ecuador), and Silvana Sarabia (Peru). The Nominations Committee will conduct preliminary elections among the Societies in the Zone to identify among these three nominees the two having the greatest sup-

port [By-Laws items 13 (c)] to be presented to the General Assembly.

For Zone 5 (Southern South America) Representative: Luis Risco (Chile).

For Zone 6 (Western Europe) Representative: Gisele Apter (France) and Linda Gask (UK).

For Zone 7 (Northern Europe) Representative: Henrik Wahlberg (Sweden).

For Zone 8 (Southern Europe) Representative: Miguel Roca (Spain) and Zvi Zemishlany (Israel).

For Zone 9 (Central Europe) Representative: Dusica Lecic-Tosevski (Serbia).

For Zone 10 (Eastern Europe) Representative: Valery Krasnov (Russia) and Armen Soghoyan (Armenia).

For Zone 11 (Northern Africa) Representative: Driss Moussaoui (Morocco).

For Zone 12 (Middle East) Representative: Charles Baddoura (Lebanon).

For Zone 13 (Central and Western Africa) Representative: Joseph Adeyemi (Nigeria).

For Zone 14 (Eastern and Southern Africa) Representative: Thabo Rangaka (South Africa) and Salomon Rataemane (South Africa).

For Zone 15 (Central and Western Asia) Representative: Haroon Chaudhry (Pakistan) and Ahmad Jalili (Iran).

For Zone 16 (Southern Asia) Representative: Roy Kallivayalil (India) and E. Mohandas (India).

For Zone 17 (Eastern Asia) Representative: Naotaka Shinfuku (Japan).

For Zone 18 (Australasia) Representative: Umadevi Ambihaipahar (Papua New Guinea) and Julian Freidin (Australia).

The following special circumstances are to be noted. For Zone 1, the nomination received was signed by the Member Society Administrator and therefore the signatures of the President and Secretary will be requested. For Zone 11, a nomination for Naser Loza (Egypt) was not considered valid as the nominating society (Libyan Association) has not been admitted yet by the General Assembly. For Zone 15, Haroon Chaudhry, who had served already six years but who had been first appointed by the EC and then elected once, was considered a valid candidate. For Zone 18, Russell D Souza was not found to be a valid candidate because he had been nominated only by a Member Society (Indian Psychiatric Society) outside his Zone and by a non-voting Affiliated Association (Indo-Australasian Psychiatric Association).

Concerning complementary electoral procedures, the issue of Member Society representation by colleagues who receive support from WPA or Congress funds, such as Fellows, was discussed by the Nominations Committee. Given that such support could potentially influence electoral behaviors, it was considered advisable to recommend to Member Societies not to appoint colleagues who receive support from WPA or Congress funds as their representatives at the elections. At the same time, the Committee felt that the prerogative of Member Societies, protected by the Statutes, to appoint their representatives must be respected.

It is anticipated that, in accordance with the Nomination and Electoral Guidelines, the Secretariat will inform nominees of the nominations they have received in a valid and completed form from full Member Societies, with the indication that this information cannot be used for promotional purposes unless explicit authorization from the corresponding Member Societies has been received, copied to the Nominations Committee through the Secretariat.

■ PROPOSED ELECTRONIC VOTING PROCEDURES FOR WPA ELECTIONS 2008

The proposed Electronic Voting Procedures for WPA Elections 2008 represent an effort to enhance the efficiency, transparency, and voting-secrecy of the democratic renewal of institutional leadership, developed by the WPA Nominations Committee and technically designed and supported by Guarant International (Prague World Congress PCO) and a local informatics company.

The proposed Electronic Voting Procedures involve the following steps:

1. Each Member Society delegate obtains from the Electronic Voting Process Committee (elected by the General Assembly) electronic ballots/passwords representing 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, and 20 votes which add to the Society's official voting strength. This step is identical to that in the previous manual voting procedure.

2. The delegate votes by using privacy-protected computer screens, each representing an electronic ballot and displaying the 22 elective posi-

tions (four EC and 18 ZRs) and the candidates for each. The delegate clicks on the candidate of choice for each position. To complete this electronic ballot, the delegate clicks at the end on a 'confirm' button. The same process will be followed by the delegate for each received electronic ballot/password.

3. After all delegates have voted, the chair of the Voting Process Committee activates the electronic computation of the total voting results ready for display to the General Assembly.

■ REPORT ON THE GENERAL SURVEY OF WPA COMPONENTS FOR THE TRIENNIUM 2005-2008

The Executive Summary

This WPA General Survey (a form of internal audit) represents a substantial effort from WPA components and the Secretariat. Pamela Atiase has directed this process from Geneva; Mr Eduardo Ausejo conducted the analysis and drafted this report under my supervision.

The response rate is comparable to the previous triennium and issues of language and length may need to be reconsidered in future. It does however provide good evidence that WPA is growing and vibrant, that many of the Zones and Regions are very active but limited by resource constraints, and that we must now make greater use of modern interactive communication systems.

It is suggested that the full survey report (which can be down loaded from the web) should be carefully considered by all WPA components and that any recommendations that emerge reviewed by the Executive Committee, Board, and Advisory Council, and then presented at an International Congress.

John Cox, WPA Secretary General

The present Report of the General Survey of the World Psychiatric Association, for the 2005-2008 period, responds to the normative requirements established in the Manual of Procedures and to the objective of advancing the institutional strength of WPA through a

democratic process of consultation that looks for critical and constructive viewpoints and suggestions from all components of our Association. It was built on the institutional experience obtained through preceding general and sectorial surveys.

The 2005-2008 General Survey questionnaire covers the principal areas of WPA works, as follow: WPA purposes, needs of WPA components, Secretariat activities, zonal structure and activities, WPA external visibility, educational activities, Sections, meetings, publications, consensus statements, finances and ethics. The similarity in structure between the present questionnaire and those of the 1996-1999, 1999-2002, and 2002-2005 Surveys allows the evaluation of WPA performance across these four periods of institutional governance.

This Report has been elaborated on the basis of all 156 questionnaires received by April 2008. These 156 questionnaires included 68 from Member Societies, 48 from Sections, and 40 from other components (EC, Council, ZRs, and Standing and Operational Committee members). For an individual holding more than one position, his/her response was considered for only one WPA component, in the following priority order: 1) Member Society, 2) Section, 3) Executive Committee, 4) Zonal Representatives, 5) Council, and 6) Standing and Operational Committees.

The raw baseline number of survey questionnaires distributed has been 282 (135 Member Societies, 65 Sections, 8 EC members, 18 ZRs, 11 Council members, 20 Standing Committee members and 25 Operational Committee members). After eliminating duplications derived from the fact that some officers hold

more than one position, 253 questionnaires became the reference base for the determination of overall response rate.

The results of the analyses of the questionnaires received are presented through a set of statistical tables prepared from semi-quantitative check-off evaluative ratings and from categorizable textual suggestions produced by all respondents. The tables also present, whenever data was available for comparative purposes, the corresponding figures obtained in the WPA Surveys completed in 2004, 2000, and 1997.

With respect to the **fulfillment of WPA purposes**, almost all of them received substantial ratings similar to the 2004 Survey. Furthermore, the new figures were consistently higher than those of the 2000 Survey and these were in turn consistently higher than those of the 1997 Survey. The purposes with the highest fulfillment rates were "to increase knowledge and skills for mental health care" (91%), "to promote the highest ethical standards" (86%), and "to preserve the rights of the mentally ill" (84%). At the other end of the spectrum, the purposes receiving the lowest perceptions of fulfillment were "to promote non-discrimination (parity) in the provision of care of the mentally ill" (73%) and "to protect the rights of psychiatrists" (67%). The priorities assigned to WPA Purposes tended to decrease in the order of their listing in the Statutes.

The principal suggestions among the many offered to **improve purposes not adequately fulfilled**, were "to upgrade ethics, human rights and legislation in psychiatric care", "to promote education in psychiatry and mental health", and "to improve psychiatric services

and to promote prevention for mental illness". Their reflect an emphasis on crucial aspects of our institutional mission.

Among the **needs of Member Societies and other components**, "financial, strategic, and logistic support", "quality educational materials and training activities" and "improved communication within each society and with WPA" were the most frequent needs reported. As in the preceding general surveys, this item received the largest number of specific remarks.

The performance of the new **WPA Secretariat** received impressive and realistic ratings; 23% of the respondents perceived it as "excellent" and 80% as either "excellent" or "good". The usefulness of *WPA News* was rated as "very" or "moderately useful" by 87% of the respondents. The quality of WPA Website was rated as "good" or "excellent" by 79% of the respondents. The principal suggestion to **improve Secretariat activities** was "greater support to WPA components", followed by "more frequent use of modern technology (internet: e-mail, website)" and "supportive interaction with zonal and national entities". These suggestions may be regarded as indicative of continuous interest on further services of the Secretariat to the various WPA components and committees.

Regarding **current WPA Zonal structure and activities** the majority of the perceptions were either "good" or "fair". With respect to **improve Zonal activities**, most frequently mentioned suggestions were "improve information on Zone activities and plans, and zonal newsletters", "improve organizational contacts and zonal meetings", and "provide financial and organizational support". These findings are quite consistent with the preceding survey.

The **external visibility and impact of WPA**, was rated as "good" or "excellent" by 58% of the respondents, and similar to the corresponding figures in 2004. The most frequent recommendations to **improve the external visibility of WPA** were "improve communications and activities with Member Societies, zones and regions", "greater use of mass media, psychiatric journals, and the internet", and "improve editorial and publishing capacity".

Within **WPA educational activities**, the majority of the individual educational programs tended to be perceived similarly to the preceding survey concerning knowledge about them, their use, their evaluation, and interest in using them. The perceived overall quality of WPA educational programs, 75% as "excel-

lent" or "good", was higher than in the previous three trienniums. Interest for WPA educational activities, in addition to educational programs, was also substantial, especially with regard to "public education" and "CME courses and credits". Suggestions offered for **improving and developing educational programs**, were focused on "specialized programs in the Sections' domains", "more comprehensive, innovative and well documented programs", "greater distribution of programs through Member Societies, Zones and other psychiatric institutions" and "greater accessibility to educational programs".

WPA Section activities have received similar ratings as in the preceding governance period, the best of which either "good or excellent" corresponded to the meetings organized by the Sections (59%) and publications produced by individual Sections (58%). Comparative ratings across time for overall Sections performance (59% excellent or good), were similar to the immediately preceding triennium, and showed clear improvement over earlier surveys (45% in 2000 and 38% in 1997). The most frequent recommendations to **improve the WPA Section Activities** were "rigorous planning and quality control of WPA Section activities", "improve information and reports from WPA Sections", and "promote inter-Section collaboration".

Regarding **WPA Scientific Meetings**, the ratings for the latest World Congress of Psychiatry (e.g., 60% good or excellent for its scientific program) were similar to the preceding survey. The quality of International Congresses received an impressive 72% (good or excellent). The perception of the overall quality of recent WPA Scientific Meetings (69% good or excellent) was consistently higher than those of the previous periods. The main recommendations to **improve WPA congresses and other scientific meetings**, were "enrich the scientific programs (with recent research, courses, debates & CME)", "improve the professional organization and promotion of the meetings", and "more rigorous selection of presentation proposals".

With respect to suggestions to **improve attendance at WPA Scientific Meetings**, the most frequent recommendation was "financial support" by 94% of the respondents.

With respect to **WPA publications**, the various components of the WPA publications program, particularly *World Psychiatry* (86%), received substantial ratings. The perceived contribution of WPA publications to the dissemination of scientific knowledge, 65% as either "excellent or good", was very stimulating.

The suggestions to **improve WPA publications** were focused on "improve distribution and accessibility of *World Psychiatry*", "more promotion to reach wide audiences", and "upgrade the WPA program of publications".

In regard to perceptions of **WPA consensus statements**, 64% were either "good" or "excellent", which compared favorably with corresponding figures in previous Surveys. The most prominent topics proposed for Consensus Statements were related to social and public psychiatry, specific psychiatric disorders, and ethical issues and problematic situations.

Concerning **WPA finances**, having information on the financial situation of WPA (28% "good" or "excellent") was similar to that in the preceding survey (27%). Fund raising activities were perceived as 24% good or excellent and somewhat lower than in the preceding survey. The allocation and use of WPA financial resources (37% good or excellent) was also rated somewhat lower than previously. The most frequent suggestions to **improve fund raising activities and use of WPA financial resources**, were "seek funds from international agencies and other fund raising innovative plans", "distribute financial reports regularly", and "allocate resources for Section, educational, and publication activities".

With respect to **ethical standards and activities**, the quality of the WPA Declaration of Madrid and its additional guidelines obtained one of the highest ratings (33% for excellent and 81% for good or excellent). The percentage of Member Societies with local ethics committees was equal to the preceding survey (64%). Regarding information on WPA activities on Review of Abuse of Psychiatry substantial ratings (60% as good or excellent) were obtained. The most frequent recommendations to **advance ethical standards and activities** included "extend high quality ethics activities throughout WPA programs, media and consumers", "joint ethics efforts with international organizations and national governments", and "adoption of Madrid Declaration and establishment of national ethics committees".

In closing, the results highlighted above reveal the increasing progress achieved by WPA in the fulfillment of its statutory purposes over the course of four trienniums. Also remarkable are the advances obtained in a whole range of institutional activities, including areas that earlier exhibited some limitations.

■ Tables Extracted from the Report on the General Survey

WPA Secretariat Activities

Items	2008 Survey % N= 156	2004 Survey % N= 146	2000 Survey, % N= 184	1997 Survey, % N= 186
Performance of WPA Secretariat				
poor	1.9	1.4	2.2	8.1
fair	16.0	12.3	10.3	23.7
good	57.1	52.1	38.6	45.7
excellent	23.1	30.8	42.4	18.8
unrated	1.9	3.4	6.5	3.8
Usefulness of "WPA News"				
Not at all	1.9	0.0		
Not much	10.3	6.8		
Moderately useful	55.1	55.6		
Very useful	32.1	34.9		
unrated	0.6	2.7		
Quality of WPA Website www.wpanet.org				
poor	1.9			
fair	16.0			
good	54.5			
excellent	24.4			
unrated	3.2			

Suggestions to Improve Secretariat Activities

Items	2008 Survey %	2004 Survey %	2000 Survey %	1997 Survey %
1. More frequent use of modern technology (internet: e-mail, website)	19.6	18.8	22.4	15.1
2. Improve the dissemination of WPA Newsletters and Publications	15.8	14.1	9.4	17.8
3. Supportive interaction with zonal and national entities	17.8	14.1	12.9	23.0
4. Greater support to WPA Components	20.3	22.4	15.3	
5. Increase financial and logistic conditions	14.5	15.3	15.3	
6. Keep up the good work	7.6	9.4	15.3	2.6
7. Increase organizational capabilities	2.8	4.7	8.2	
8. Others	1.6	1.2	1.2	
Total	100	100	100	

WPA Zonal Structure and Activities

Performance of Zonal Structure and Activities	2008 Survey % N= 156	2004 Survey % N= 146	2000 Survey, % N= 184
poor	9.6	8.9	15.8
fair	30.2	32.2	34.2
good	48.7	45.2	32.1
excellent	9.6	7.5	10.3
unrated	1.9	6.2	7.6

■ From the WPA Secretariat to Member Societies delegates and other attendees of the General Assembly

Extract from the WPA Manual of Procedures on the General Assembly (Prague, September 2008)

3.6 Accreditation of Delegates and Accreditation Committee

The process of accreditation of Member Society delegates and other attendees of the General Assembly will be regulated by the Accreditation Committee. The composition and functions of the Accreditation Committee and the specific procedures involved are described below.

3.6.1 Composition of the Accreditation Committee

The Accreditation Committee (AC) will consist of the Secretary General (who will chair it), the Secretary for Finances, and two more members appointed by the President upon recommendation of the Executive Committee. Legal counsel should be available. The Secretariat Administrator will provide logistic support.

In case the Secretary General or Secretary for Finances were running for an Executive Committee or Zonal Representative elective post they will act in the Accreditation Committee only as consultants and the chair of the Accreditation Committee will be an Executive Committee Member not participating as candidate in the election process and appointed by the WPA President in consultation with the Executive Committee.

3.6.2 Functions and Procedures of the Accreditation Committee

3.6.2.1 The first key function of the Accreditation Committee is to review the

accreditation of delegates of Member Societies and other attendees of the General Assembly. The corresponding procedures follow:

a) All Member Society delegates and other attendees of the General Assembly are expected to register themselves with their credentials at the WPA Secretariat Office on the Congress premises before the day of the General Assembly. At that time, badges for admission to the Assembly room and pertinent Assembly documents will be distributed.

b) The Secretariat prepares a report on the registered delegates of Member Societies. The AC reviews this report and resolves any controversies.

c) The report on registered Member Society delegates will serve as a reference for the preparation of the Record of Attendance and Statement of Quorum at the beginning of the General Assembly. Any remaining controversies and claims will be resolved by the General Assembly.

3.6.2.2 The second key function of the AC is to review the patterns of dues payments of Member Societies, on the basis of which voting strength will be determined. The corresponding procedures follow:

a) The WPA Secretariat, in anticipation of the General Assembly, will prepare and circulate letters to all Member Societies specifying the number of members of each Society known to the Secretariat and the status of received dues payments.

b) The Secretariat under the supervision of the Secretary for Finances, will prepare a chart containing the following information for every Member Society:

- Number of members known for each of the years of the ending triennium
- Dues payments received for each of these years
- The computed average of yearly dues paid for the triennium, on the basis of which

the voting strength of each Member Society will be ascertained by consulting the look-up table presented in section 3.8 of the Manual of Procedures (By-Laws, item 9b)

This chart will be updated with any late payments received on site due to exceptional circumstances. Promissory payment letters will not be accepted.

c) The AC will review the above Secretariat report on dues paid and corresponding voting strength and will resolve any controversies.

d) On the basis of the above report, prepared by the AC, the proposed voting strength of each Member Society will be presented to the General Assembly. Any outstanding controversies and claims will be resolved by the General Assembly.

The WPA Secretariat Office at the World Congress will be situated in the Convention Centre. The staff will distribute General Assembly documents, issue distinctive name badges, and confirm dues received to fully credentialed delegates between **2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. on Saturday, 20th September and Sunday, 21st September.**

Please note that the deadline for any down payment of dues, in Prague, is 4.00 p.m. on Sunday, 21 September. Delegates and other General Assembly attendees are therefore strongly urged to arrive in Prague on Sunday morning (21st September) **at the latest.** Later, registration for the General Assembly will only be possible by arrangement or **under exceptional circumstances.**

Voting Delegates should bring with them a letter (or other written communication) from their Member Society indicating that they are the official voting delegate. **This letter must be signed by both the President and the Secretary of the National Association of the voting delegate.**

■ Professor Ahmed Okasha Honoured

On 19 June 2008, the Egyptian Academy for Science and Technology awarded me the “*State Merit Prize of Medical Sciences*” which is the highest medical prize in Egypt.

This is the first time that this prize has been awarded to the specialty of neuropsychiatry or psychiatry and the first time to be given to a psychiatrist.



Prof. Ahmed Okasha

■ The Day the Mountains Moved: International Perspectives on Handling Psycho Trauma

Editor Uniaza Niaz. Sama Editorial and Publishing, Karachi, Pakistan in collaboration with Sama Books Canada and Institute of Psycho Trauma Pakistan (IPTP) 2007



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On 8 October 2005 a major earthquake in North-West province of Pakistan, Pakistan-Administered Kashmir and Indian-Administered Kashmir caused immense damage, physical and

psychosocial. It was the worst disaster to hit the region in over a century. This valuable book records the experiences and perspectives of Pakistani psychiatrists, including a small group of volunteers associated with IPTP, who worked with vulnerable women and children. It blends humanitarian and scientific concern for the short and long-term needs of the survivors. It includes contributions by international disaster and trauma experts, noting the importance of recording these experiences, the outstanding need for research to inform future responses, and the ethical, methodological and logistic challenges to the conduct of high quality and systematic research following disasters. Dr. Niaz is appointed a member of the WPA Kashmir Earthquake Task Force and introduced IPTP's Protocol for Women and Children. Her other contributions to the work of WPA include founder member, Secretary and Co-Chair of the Section on Women's Mental Health. She is to be congratulated for editing and producing this book, an important record for psy-

chiatrists, psychologists and other mental health and health care professionals concerned with responding to disasters.

The book cites and is usefully read in conjunction with WPA's volume *Disasters and Mental Health* (edited by Lopez-Ibor JJ, Christodoulou G, Maj M, Sartorius N, London, Wiley 2005), and the *Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Guidelines on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings* (Geneva: IASC 2007), as well as the *WPA-WHO Joint Statement on the Role of Psychiatrists in Disasters Response* (Mezzich J, Saraceno B: *World Psychiatry* 2007; 6: 1–2).

Prof. Helen Herrman, WPA Secretary for Publications

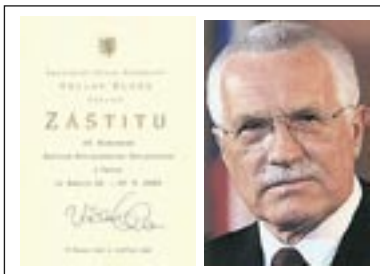
Upcoming Events

September 2008

■ XIV World Congress of Psychiatry 20 – 25 September 2008 Prague, Czech Republic

XIV World Congress of Psychiatry: Auspices

The XIV World Congress of Psychiatry will be held under the auspices of the President of the Czech Republic, Václav Klaus.



XIV World Congress of Psychiatry: Registration highlights

On-line Accommodation and Registration forms are available at Congress website: www.wpa-prague2008.cz.

Competition test winner



It is our great pleasure to congratulate Ms. **Anita Chauvin**, who answered the competition test correctly (which was drawn by Prof. MUDr. Jiří Raboch, Organising Committee chair) and won free registration to the XIV World Congress of Psychiatry!

XIV World Congress of Psychiatry: Scientific Programme highlights

Detailed Scientific Programme

It is our great pleasure to inform you that the detailed Scientific Programme has been scheduled and you can find it at the Congress website: www.wpa-prague2008.cz.

Jean Delay Prize Winner



Hans-Jürgen Möller, Professor of Psychiatry and Chairman of the Psychiatric Department at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich, Germany becomes the fourth Jean Delay Prize Winner.

He will be awarded in Prague during the XIV World Congress of Psychiatry by Professor Mezzich, President of the WPA. Professor Hans-Jürgen Möller will deliver a Plenary lecture at the World Congress of Psychiatry on September 24, 2008 in Prague.

XIV World Congress of Psychiatry: Social Programme highlights

ESTATES THEATRE – DON GIOVANNI OPERA



Date: September 21
Admission: 54 EUR per person. The admission includes ticket and a glass of wine. The tickets will be sold on first come, first serve basis.

Don Giovanni (complete title: Il dissoluto punito, ossia il Don Giovanni, literally "The Rake Punished, or Don Giovanni") is an opera in two acts with music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and libretto by Lorenzo da Ponte. This staging is conceived as a replica of the legendary production that opened in the Estates Theatre on 7 February 1969, which was the work of two outstanding Czech operatic artists: stage director Václav Kašík and set designer Josef Svoboda. The Theatre of the Estates is one of the most beautiful historic theatre buildings in Europe.

ART EXHIBITION – OLD TOWN HALL



Date: September 17 – September 29, 2008
Admission: free for all participants

You are invited to come and enjoy the Art exhibition in

The Town Hall where you can see the works of patients from Czech as well as foreign mental treatments. The Old Town Hall was established in 1338 as the seat of the Old Town authorities. The oldest gothic part of the complex which includes a tower and an oriel chapel is richly decorated with coats of arms. It was built in the latter half of the 14th century. In the top part of the astronomical clock (early 15th century) the 12 apostles appear every hour between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. The bottom part was supplemented with a round calendarium including the signs of the zodiac painted by Josef Manes (1865). The eastern pseudo-gothic wing of the Town Hall was destroyed on May 8, 1945, and has not been rebuilt yet.

RUNNING FOR MENTAL HEALTH



Date: September 24, 2008
Admission: free for all participants, registration on site

There is evidence that physical activity can improve mental health. To further promote the beneficial effect of physical exercise, Czech Young Psychiatrists are going to organize Running for Mental Health. This activity will take place on Vysehrad premises – 5 minutes walking distance from Prague Congress Centre. The running track will have 1,5 km and there will be possibility for light refreshments. The winner's price is 1meter of lager beer, and the last runner will receive consolation price 1meter of dark beer. Everybody is welcome.

More information can be found at:

www.wpa-prague2008.cz

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The WPA International Congress “Treatments in Psychiatry: A New Update” 1-4 April 2009, Florence, Italy

The WPA International Congress “Treatments in Psychiatry: A New Update” will take place in Florence, Italy, from 1 to 4 April 2009. It will be the follow-up to the 2004 WPA International Congress “Treatments in Psychiatry: An Update”, which was the second most attended psychiatric congress worldwide in that year, with almost 7,000 participants. This time, more than 8,000 participants are expected.

The Congress aims to provide a high-quality, comprehensive overview of all evidence-based treatments currently available for all mental disorders. Many of the most renowned experts in the various treatment areas will be among the speakers.

One component of the Congress will be represented by the ESISM Top-Cited Scientist Lectures, which will be delivered by the scientists who attracted the highest total citations to their papers in indexed journals of psychiatry and psychology over the past 10 years (according to the Essential Science IndicatorsSM). Other components will be Update Lectures, Update Symposia, Advanced Courses, Regular Symposia, Section and Zonal Symposia, Workshops, New Research Sessions, Poster Sessions, Satellite Symposia and other Sponsored Events.

For further information, please visit the **Website** of the Congress (www.wpa2009florence.org) or contact the **Organizing Secretariat** (Prof. Mario Maj; secretariat@wpa2009florence.org).

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INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS
Treatments in Psychiatry:
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www.wpa2009florence.org

II Thematic Conference on Legal and Forensic Psychiatry 16-20 June 2009, Madrid, Spain

Organizer: Spanish Society of Legal Psychiatry
Contact: Dr. Alfredo Calcedo Barba
E-mail: forensicpsychiatry2009@gmail.com

WPA Regional Meeting 24-26 September 2009, Abuja, Nigeria

Scaling up and reaching down....



Abuja International Conference Center – African Hall

The goal of making mental health service available to those in need is a challenge for every country in the world. Increasing demand, partly based on the ageing of populations and the ever increasing demand of other social services, puts a strain on national

resources. This challenge is of more urgent nature in developing countries where resources are grossly limited and other health needs, such as those due to communicable diseases, often appear to policy makers to be more pressing. Mental health problems are a major source of disease burden for societies and an impediment to national economic growth and development. In expanding mental health service to address these problems, there is also a need to recognize the segments of the society that are most disadvantaged and therefore with greater unmet need for service. These vulnerable segments are more likely to be at the lower social rungs of the society.

The theme of the WPA Regional Meeting holding in Abuja, Nigeria, in September 24 – 26, 2009 is a recognition of what should constitute the two imperatives of mental health service provision: scaling up of service to reach more

of those in need and reaching down to the more vulnerable segments of the society. The meeting will draw together participants who wish to share their experience on how to set realistic goals as well as policy makers who wish to take home the important message of how the goals can be achieved. Taking place in the most populous nation in Sub-Saharan Africa where one in six of every black person resides, the venue provides a poignant reminder of what needs to be done in every country wishing to meet one of the most compelling challenges of our time.

Professor Oye Gureje
President
Association of Psychiatrists in Nigeria

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Future WPA Scientific Meetings

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June 2008

23-26 June 2008: "Annual Conference of the African Association of Psychiatrists and Allied Professions: Mental Health and Social Changes", Ibadan, Nigeria. Organizer: African Association of Psychiatrists and Allied Professions. Contact: Dr. Oye Gureje. E-mail: ogureje@comui.edu.ng

August 2008

21-23 August 2008: "8th Pan Arab Conference of Psychiatry: Psychological Consequences of Violence-Evidence Based Mental Health", Damascus, Syria. Organizer: Syrian Arab Association of Psychiatrists. Contact: Dr. Adib Essali. E-mail: adib-essali@hotmail.com Website: www.ebm-syria.com

29-31 August 2008: "XX Congreso Peruano de Psiquiatria", Lima, Peru. Organizer: Peruvian Psiquiatria Association. Contact: Dr. Julio Acha. E-mail: jacha@terra.com.pe

September 2008

20-25 September 2008: "XIV World Congress of Psychiatry", Prague, Czech Republic. Organizer: Czech Psychiatric Association. Collaboration: World Psychiatric Association. Contact: Dr. Jiri Raboch. E-mail: jiri.raboch@lf1cuni.cz

September-October 2008

29 September–2 October 2008: "XV International Congress of Psychiatry", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organizer: Argentinean Association of Psychiatrists (AAP). Contact: Dr. Nestor F. Marchant. E-mail: lcecchin@aap.org.ar Website: www.aap.org.ar

October 2008

15-18 October 2008: "XXVI Congresso Brasileiro de Psiquiatria", Brasilia – DF, Brazil. Organizer: Brazilian Association of Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Joao Alberto Carvalho. E-mail: congresso@abpbrasil.org.br

16-17 October 2008: "International Pathways of Investigation in Psychiatry: Psychotherapies, Pharmacotherapies, Combined Treatment", Rome, Italy. Organizer: Psychiatric Sciences Academy. Collaboration: Italian Psychiatric Association. Contact: Deborah Finamore. E-mail: info@mgacongressi.it

16-19 October 2008: "Third Dual Congress on Psychiatry and Neurosciences", Athens, Greece. Organizer: Hellenic Society for the Advancement of Psychiatry and Related Sciences. Collaboration: a) International Neuropsychiatric Association; b) World Federation Societies of Biological Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Constantine Soldatos. E-mail: egslelabath@hol.gr

17-19 October 2008: "Third International Conference on Schizophrenia", Chennai, India. Organizer: Schizophrenia Research Foundation (SCARF). Contact: Dr. R. Thara. E-mail: SCARF@vsnl.com Website: www.icons-scarf.org

19-22 October 2008: "Psychiatry for the Person and Social Transition", Belgrade, Serbia. Organizer: Serbian Psychiatric Association. Contacts: a) Prof. Miroslava Jasovic Gasic; b) Prof. Dusica Lecic Tosevski. E-mails: a) profmjg@eunet.yu b) dusica.lecictosevski@eunet.yu Website: www.application.ups-spa.org

October - November 2008

30 October-1 November 2008: "XII International Conference", Vina del Mar, Chile. Organizer: Society of Neurology, Psychiatry and Neurosurgery of Chile (SONEPSYN). Contact: Dr. Juan Maass. E-mail: jumavi@terra.cl Website: www.sonepsyn.cl

30 October-2 November 2008: "13th Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists", Tokyo, Japan. Organizer: Japanese Society of Transcultural Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Tsuyoshi Akiyama. E-mail: akiyama@east.ntt.co.jp

November 2008

1-3 November 2008: "Fourth SPF International Conference", Dhaka, Bangladesh. Organizer: Bangladesh Association of Psychiatrists. Contact: Dr. A.H. Mohammad Firoz. E-mail: bap@agni.com

5-7 November 2008: "5th International Alexandria Psychiatric Congress: Addressing Patient Needs", Alexandria, Egypt. Organizer: Egyptian Psychiatric Association. Collaboration: Alexandria University. Contacts: a) Dr. Tarek Molokhia; b) Dr. Tarek Okasha. E-mails: a) molokhiatarek@yahoo.com b) tokasha@internetegypt.com Website: www.lexipc2008.com

6-8 November 2008: “Second International Conference on Intellectual Disability/Mental Retardation”, Bangkok, Thailand. Organizer: World Health Organization (WHO). Collaboration: WPA Section on Mental Disability/Mental Retardation. Contact: Dr. Shekhar Saxena. E-mail: bangkokconference2007@ssss.gouv.qc.ca Website: www.bangkok-id-conference.org

17-20 November 2008: “Annual Meeting, International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM)”, Capetown, South Africa. Organizer: WPA Section on Addiction Psychiatry. Collaboration: International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM). Contacts: a) Marilyn D’Ozorio; b) Dr. Nady El-Guebaly. E-mails: a) office@isamweb.com b) nady.el-guebaly@calgaryhealthregion.ca Website: www.ISAM2008.com

19-22 November 2008: “XXV Congreso de la Asociacion Psiquiatrica de America Latina (APAL)”, Isla Margarita, Venezuela. Organizer: Latin American Psychiatric Association (APAL). Contact: Dr. Edgard Belfort. E-mail: belfort.ed@excite.com Website: www.apal.2008.org

26-29 November 2008: “Annual Congress of the German Society of Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Nervous Diseases”, Berlin, Germany. Organizer: German Society of Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Nervous Diseases. Contact: Dr. Juerguen Zielaske. E-mail: juergen.zielasek@ivr.de Website: www.dgppn-kongress.de

28-30 November 2008: “Annual Conference of the Indian Association for Social Psychiatry”, Delhi, India. Organizer: Indian Association for Social Psychiatry. Contacts: a) Dr. Roy Abraham Kallivayalil; b) Dr. Rakesh K. Chadda. E-mails: a) roykallivayalil@dataone.in b) drrakeshchadda@hotmail.com

February 2009

2-6 February 2009: “Cultura y Salud Mental” Congress, Havana (Convention Palace), Cuba. Organizer: World Psychiatric Association. Collaboration: Cuban Society of Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Cristobal Martinez. E-mail: crisma@infomed.sld.cu

March 2009

27-29 March 2009: “Ninth Workshop on Costs and Assessment in Psychiatry – Quality and Outcomes in Mental Health Policy and Economics”, Venice, Italy. Organizer: WPA Section on Mental Health Economics. Contact: Dr. Massimo Moscarelli. E-mail: moscarelli@icmpe.org

28-29 March 2009: “Third Italian International Workshop of Franciacorta on Mood Disorder”, Iseo, Italy. Organizer: Centro Studi Psichiatrici. Collaboration: WPA Private Practice Section. Contact: Dr. Giuseppe Tavormina. E-mail: dr.tavormina.g@libero.it Website: www.censtupsi.org

April 2009

1-4 April 2009: WPA International Congress “Treatments in Psychiatry: A New Update”, Florence, Italy. Organizer: Italian Psychiatric Association. Contact: Dr. Mario Maj. E-mail: majmario@tin.it Website: www.wpa2009Florence.org

May 2009

27-31 May 2009: “IV Macedonian Psychiatric Congress and International Meeting”, Ohrid, Macedonia. Organizer: The Psychiatric Association of Macedonia (FYROM). Contact: Dr. Antoni Novotni. E-mail: anovotni@yahoo.com Website: www.mpaohrid2009.com.mk

June 2009

3-6 June 2009: “XXIV Congreso de la Asociacion Española de Neuropsiquiatria”, Cadiz, Spain. Organizer: Spanish Society of Neuropsychiatry. Contact: Dr. Fermin Perez. E-mail: presidente@ann.org.es Website: www.24congresoan.com

15-19 June 2009: “16th ISPA Congress Differentiation Integration and Development”, Copenhagen, Denmark. Organizer: International Society for the Psychological Treatment of Schizophrenias and Other Psychosis (ISPS). Collaboration: WPA Section on Personality Disorders. Contact: Dr. Erik Simonsen. E-mail: es@regionsjaelland.dk Website: www.ISPS2009.ics.dk

16-20 June 2009: “II Thematic Conference on Legal and Forensic Psychiatry”, Madrid, Spain. Organizer: Spanish Society of Legal Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Alfredo Calcedo Barba. E-mail: forensicpsychiatry2009@gmail.com

July 2009

5 July 2009: “Interdisciplina – Mass Media and Salud Mental”, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organizer: WPA Section on Mass Media and Mental Health. Collaboration: FINTECO. Contact: Dr. Miguel A. Materazzi. E-mail: materazzi@arnet.com.ar

23-25 July 2009: “III Congreso Latinoamericano de Adicciones”, Santiago, Chile. Organizer: Asociacion Latinoamericana de Adiccionologia (ALAD). Contacts: a) Claudia Bravo Riquelme; b) Dra. Elvia Velazquez. E-mail: congresoalad2009@gmail.com

September 2009

2-6 September 2009: "World Federation of Mental Health World Congress", Athens, Greece. Organizer: World Federation of Mental Health. Contact: Dr. George Christodoulou. E-mail: gchristodoulou@ath.forthnet.gr

11 September 2009: "FINTECO Annual Meeting: Truma, Social y Salud Mental", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organizer: WPA Section on Mass Media and Mental Health. Collaboration: FINTECO. Contact: Dr. Miguel A. Materazzi. E-mail: materazzi@arnet.com.ar

23-25 September 2009: "Second European Conference on Schizophrenia Research (ECSR)", Dusseldorf, Germany. Organizer: German Research Network on Schizophrenia. Contact: Dr. Wolfgang Gaebel. E-mail: wolfgang.gaebel@uni-dusseldorf.de Website: www.kompetenznetz-schizophrenia.de

23-27 September 2009: "Annual Meeting of the International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM)", Calgary, Canada. Organizer: International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM). Contact: Nady El-Guebaly, M.D. E-mail: office@isamweb.com Website: www.isamweb.org

24-26 September 2009: "VII World Congress of Depressive Disorders and International Symposium on Posttraumatic Stress Disorder", Mendoza, Argentina. Organizer: University of Cuyo. Contact: Dr. Jorge Nazar. E-mail: jorge_nazar@hotmail.com

24-26 September 2009: "WPA Sponsored Regional Meeting", Abuja, Nigeria. Organizer: African Association of Psychiatrists and Allied Professions. Collaboration: Association of Psychiatrists in Nigeria. Contact: Dr. Oye Gureje. E-mail: ogureje@comui.edu.ng

October 2009

6-9 October 2009: "16th World Congress of the World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry (WADP)", Munich, Germany. Organizer: World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Sabine Funk. E-mail: sa.funk@t-online.de Website: www.wadp-congress.de

November 2009

12-15 November 2009: "10th World Congress of the World Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation", Bangalore, India. Organizer: World Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation. Contacts: a) Dr. Afzal Javed; b) T. Murali. E-mails: a) afzal@afzaljaved.co.uk b) muralithyloth@gmail.com Website: www.wapr.info

January 2010

21-23 January 2010: "WPA Regional Meeting", Dhaka, Bangladesh. Organizer: Bangladesh Association of Psychiatry. Contact: Prof. A.H. Mohammad Firoz. E-mail: bap@agni.com

June 2010

17-19 June 2010: "WPA Regional Meeting", St. Petersburg, Russia. Organizer: Russian Society of Psychiatrists. Contact: Dr. Valery Krasnov. E-mail: krasnov@mtu-net.ru

July 2010

10 July 2010: "Arte, Salud y Comunidad", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organizer: WPA Section on Mass Media and Mental Health. Collaboration: FINTECO. Contact: Dr. Miguel A. Materazzi. E-mail: materazzi@arnet.com.ar

September 2010

1-5 September 2010: "WPA Regional Meeting", Beijing, China. Organizer: Chinese Society of Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Yizhuang Zou. E-mail: yzouy@263.net Website: www.psychiatryonline.cn

18 September 2010: "Sociedad, Multitud Y Salud Mental", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organizer: WPA Section on Mass Media and Mental Health. Collaboration: FINTECO. Contact: Dr. Miguel A. Materazzi. E-mail: materazzi@arnet.com.ar

January 2011

26-28 January 2011: "WPA Regional Meeting", Cairo, Egypt. Organizer: Egyptian Psychiatric Association. Contact: Dr. Tarek A. Okasha. E-mail: tokasha@internetegypt.com

April 2011

14-17 April 2011: "WPA Regional Meeting", Yerevan, Armenia. Organizer: Armenian Association of Psychiatrists. Contact: Dr. Armen Soghoyan. E-mail: soghoyan@yahoo.com

June 2011

9-12 June 2011: "WPA Thematic Conference: Rethinking Quality in Psychiatry: Education, Research, Prevention, Diagnosis & Treatment", Istanbul, Turkey. Organizers: a) Psychiatric Association of Turkey; b) Turkish Neuropsychiatric Association. Contact: Dr. Levent Kuey. E-mail: kuey1@superonline.com

September 2011

18-22 September 2011: "XV World Congress of Psychiatry", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organizers: a) Argentina Association of Psychiatrists (AAP); b) Association of Argentinean Psychiatrists (APSA); c) Foundation for Interdisciplinary Investigation of Communication (FINTECO). Contact: Mariano R. Castex. E-mail: mcastex@congresosint.com.ar Website: www.congresosint.com.ar

November 2011

12-13 November 2011: "WPA Regional Meeting", Taipei, Taiwan. Organizer: Taiwanese Society of Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Chiao-Chicy Chen. E-mail: twpsyc@ms61.hinet.net



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