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GREETINGS

This August, forty-nine years after the First World Congress of Psychiatry in Paris, the World Psychiatric Association celebrated its XI World Congress in Hamburg. And there was much to celebrate in this the most ecumenical encounter in our field, where, as preliminarily reported, 8,693 participants came together from 117 different countries. Recent findings and proposals were discussed in 583 scientific sessions, including a special track for young psychiatrists. A wide-ranging social and cultural program included a sensitive review of deep historical and ethical issues. Well received as well was a Fellowship Program. Special thanks are due to the Congress Committees and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Psychiatrie, Psychotherapie und Nervenheilkunde.

As highlights of the Congress, the Extraordinary and Ordinary General Assemblies, attended by 90 of our 112 Member Societies, affirmed WPA's institutional and democratic advances. Reflective of these were the presentation of the Manual of Procedures and the approval of the first-ever Triennial Strategic and Financial Plans. Our upgraded Statutes and By-Laws have strengthened WPA's work capacity through the new Operational Committees and enhanced roles for Zonal Representatives and Scientific Sections. Also of note, complementary ethical guidelines for psychiatric practice and a consensus statement on geriatric psychiatry were adopted. The new Executive Committee (photo below) and all WPA components face now the challenge of implementing the agreements made, striving for higher quality across our operations and affirming the presence of WPA in the globalized world in which we live. Let's enjoy the process!



RECENT ADVANCES IN WPA NORMATIVE INSTRUMENTS

The WPA's Statutes, By Laws, and the newly developed Manual of Procedures, are our basic normative instruments. The first two were upgraded by the 1999 Extraordinary General Assembly and the third, adopted by the Executive Committee one month before, was presented to the General Assembly for information and comments. These developments are briefly reviewed below.

Statutes Amendments Highlights:

- Inclusion of new WPA purposes related to ethical and quality standards in psychiatric care, teaching and research
- Inclusion of two new constitutional functions of WPA related to developing CME and raising funds and accepting donations
- Description of the characteristics of the WPA Logo
- The EC may suspend a member Society provisionally, following By-Laws specifications, until the next GA.
- Establishment within Individual Membership of Regular and Special Categories
- Establishment of the Accreditation Committee which validates the delegates of the Member Societies and other participants in the General Assembly and recommends to the General Assemblies the voting strength allocated to Member Societies.
- Additions to the functions of the General Assembly: setting of membership dues, approval of accounts, conferral of Honorary Membership and Honorary Fellowship, and dissolution of the Association.
- New roles for the Zone Representatives as WPA Board: considering and advising on the work of WPA, the plan of action of the Executive Committee (including its financial aspects) and WPA Accounts.
- Establishment of an impediment for EC members to be re-elected for more than one 6-year term of office with the exception of being elected as President Elect.
- Refinement and amplification of the terms of reference of the Review Committee
- Streamlining the size of the Standing Committees.
- Establishment of Operational Committees on Finances, Meetings, Publications, Education and Sections to enhance organizational capacity in the various areas of work of the EC.
- Establishment of the concept of Corporate Supporters

By-Laws Amendments Highlights

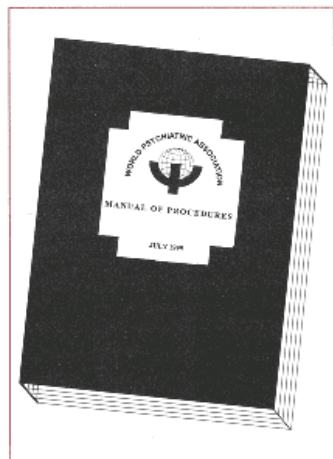
- Requirement for applicants to membership to adhere to the Madrid Declaration and specific ethical guidelines.
- The quorum requirements= for General Assemblies were adjusted.
- Expansion of the time specified for the EC to send the GA agenda draft to Member Societies and for the time allowed for responses from Member Societies.
- Reformulation of the WPA Zone 15 as Western and Central Asia
- Establishment of an impediment for the Zone Representatives to be reelected for an additional term.
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The Manual of Procedures (see photo on this page) articulates guidelines for the conduction of all regular activities of WPA, in harmony with the existing Statutes and By-Laws. Its aim is to enhance operational effectiveness, consistency and transparency as well as to facilitate the continuity of institutional work during leadership transitions. Its organization follows the structure of the Statutes and By-Laws, with twelve chapters covering all areas of WPA activity, as follows: WPA Secretariat, Membership, General Assembly, Board and Zone Representatives, Executive Committee, Standing Committees and Task Forces, Council, Finances, Sections, Scientific Meetings, Educational Activities, and Publications. A set of Appendices contain referential and complementary documents. The recent amendments in the Statutes and By Laws will be reflected in a forthcoming new edition of the Manual.

RENOVATED STRUCTURES OF THE WPA

In addition to the Executive Committee, presented in full on the first page , the 1999 General Assembly renovated the membership of important institutional structures, as shown on this page. The membership of the Standing and Operational Committees is expected to be decided later this year.

New List of Zonal Representatives

1. Canada Zone	Warner Pankratz	
2. United States Zone	Harold Eist	(til 2005)*
3. Mexico, Central America & the Caribbean Zone	Carlos Berganza	(til 2002)
4. Northern South America Zone	Antonio Pacheco	(til 2002)
5. Southern South America Zone	Miguel R. Jorge	(til 2002)
6. Western Europe Zone	Brian Martindale	(til 2005)*
7. Northern Europe Zone	Kari Pylkkänen	(til 2005)*
8. Southern Europe Zone	Salvador Cervera	(til 2002)
9. Central Europe Zone	Istvan Bitter	(til 2005)*
10. Eastern Europe Zone	Valery Krasnov	(til 2002)*
11. Northern Africa Zone	Said Avdel Azim	(til 2002)
12. Middle East Zone	Fuad Antun	(til 2002)*
13. Western & Central Africa Zone	Michael Olatawura	(til 2002)*
14. Southern & Eastern Africa Zone	Clifford Allwood	(til 2002)
15. Western & Central Asia Zone	Ijaz Haider	(til 2002)
16. Southern Asia Zone	Parameshvara Deva	(til 2005)*
17. Eastern Asia Zone	Jiro Suzuki	(til 2005)*
18. South Pacific Zone	Noel Wilton	(til 2002)

** Elected or confirmed by the 1999 General Assembly*

New Council

New Member Societies

E. Peter Berner (France)
Jorge A. Costa e Silva (USA)
Felice Lih-Mak (China)
Pierre Pichot (France)
Norman Sartorius * (Switzerland)
Fini M. Schulsinger (Denmark)
Costas Stefanis (Greece)

Armenian Psychiatric Association
Azerbaijan Psychiatric Association
Bolivian Society of Psychiatry
Psychiatric Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Cuban Psychiatric Association
Cyprus Psychiatric Association
Iraqi Society of Psychiatrists
Kyrgyz Psychiatric Association

* *New member as of 1999*

New Sections

Affective Disorders
Immunology and Psychiatry
Informatics & Telecommunications in
Psychiatry
Interdisciplinary Collaboration
Mental Health Economics
Psychiatry and Human Sexuality
Genetics and Psychiatry
Mental Health and Urban Life

New Affiliated Associations

Danubian Psychiatric Association
Latin American Psychiatric Association
Francophone International Federation of Psychiatry
World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry
Society for the Settlement of the Physically and Mentally
Disabled of Ghana
Romanian League for Mental Health
International Association of Ethnopsychologists and
Ethnopsychiatrists

ON THE 1999-2002 STRATEGIC AND FINANCIAL PLANS

The preparation and then approval by the General Assembly of the Strategic and Financial Plans for the period 1999-2002 may be seen as an outstanding institutional advance and an expression of WPA's democratic maturity.

The Strategic Plan is organized in terms of the constitutional functions of the WPA to provide a blueprint for the next triennium based on the experiences of the past one. Its development was informed by the Plan of Action designed by the Executive Committee in response to the results of the 1997 WPA General Survey. For its preparation, the Executive Committee received input from various Standing Committees, in particular from the Committee on Planning. Major considerations in the design of the Strategic Plan included the need of WPA to maintain its successful core functioning as well as to undertake new important activities and Institutional Programs. The Strategic Plan is closely articulated with the Triennial Financial Plan which makes it feasible. The implementation of the Strategic Plan is the

responsibility not only of the Executive Committee, but of all other WPA components, particularly Member Societies and Zone Representatives.

The Triennial Financial Plan was constructed on the basis of a substantive evaluation of WPA finances in the past period. Fundamental during that period for the upgrading of the effectiveness and transparency of the financial management of WPA were the development of the Manual of Procedures Chapter on Finances, the centralization of all WPA accounts, their independent auditing, and the Guidelines Concerning Support from External Sources for WPA Activities. Helpful to strengthen and stabilize WPA core funding, on short and long term bases, are the recognition of the crucial financial role of the World Congresses of Psychiatry (in addition to their paramount scientific and social roles), the inclusion of 13% functional support for WPA in the budget of externally supported educational programs, as well as the new structure of membership dues (see chart below) that recognizes the diversity of economic realities across the world.

For a paced implementation of the increased range of WPA initiatives outlined in the Strategic Plan, it is expected that the Executive Committee, with the essential support of the Secretary for Finances and the corresponding Operational Committee, will take steps outlined in the Financial Plan to activate fund raising energetically and to monitor and manage resources and expenditures carefully. Also helpful concerning financial matters should be the new advisory and overseeing roles of the Zonal Representatives in the Board.

New Structure of Membership Dues

Country Group*	Dues as % of Full Rate	Member Societies		Affiliated Associations Dues	Special Individual Members Dues
		Current # of Member Societies	Rate per Member of Mem. Soc.		
Group A: High Income <i>GNP/pc: \$9,636 or more</i>	100%	38	\$2.50	\$125	\$125
Group B: Upper-Middle Income <i>GNP/pc: \$3,116 to \$9,635</i>	80%	21	\$2.00	\$100	\$100

Group C: Lower-Middle Income <i>GNP/pc:\$786 to \$3,115</i>	60%	38	\$1.50	\$75	\$75
Group C: Lower-Middle Income GNP/pc:less than \$786	40%	15	\$1.00	\$50	\$50

CURRENT AND UPCOMING WPA ACTIVITIES

Just after the XI World Congress of Psychiatry in Hamburg, while most WPA components are in the process of digesting the results of that event and starting their implementation, a number of focal activities are taking place. To illustrate, the WPA Northern European Zone, under the leadership of its Zonal Representative, Dr. Kari Pylkkänen, is making impressive gains on the challenging integration of Nordic (Scandinavian) and Baltic Member Societies. Reflective of this is their First Zonal Conference on Improving Quality of Psychiatric Practice held in Tallinn, Estonia. Also to note is that the WPA Zone for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, led by Prof. Carlos Berganza, is meeting in Tegucigalpa, Honduras to review the outcome of their several contributions to the General Assembly and plan further activities.

Interactions between the WPA Executive Committee and Member Societies have been quite active, as illustrated by the growing relations with the American Psychiatric Association, facilitated by the energetic offices of Zonal Representative, Dr. Harold Eist. Also constructively active have been Past President Dr. Rodrigo Muñoz concerning prospective joint meetings, and current President, Dr. Allan Tasman, under whose auspices special APA-WPA symposia have been recently organized to be held in New Orleans this October (Cultural Competence in Clinical Care) and in Chicago next May (Towards Integration in International Classification).

Concerning interactions with international organizations, we can note the World Congress of the World Federation for Mental Health held in Santiago de Chile this September and attended by the WPA Secretary General. An International Conference of NGO's is taking place in Seoul, Korea this October, where WPA will be represented by Prof. Jiro Suzuki, Zonal Representative for Eastern Asia.

WPA SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PSYCHIATRISTS

Aware that the future of our field is in the hands of young psychiatrists, the WPA organized for the XI World Congress of Psychiatry a

successful Fellowship Program. Through a systematic nomination and decision process, 121 outstanding young psychiatrists from 73 different countries (from developed and, particularly, developing regions) were selected for participation in the program. Specially appreciated by the lively group in Hamburg (see photograph below) were the Orientation and Farewell Sessions, a mentorship plan, the Fellows' Lounge as a meeting point, and participation in the richly informative Young Participants Track. A three month follow-up will complete the evaluation of this program, which shall much help the preparation of the next World Congress Fellowship, as well as of fellowship programs planned for WPA Regional Meetings.

Several opportunities are being open for the pointed participation of our younger colleagues in the life of WPA, such as the Educational Liaison Networks for Young Psychiatrists and for Psychiatrists-in-Training. Great interest exists, as well, on the prospective Institutional Program for the Professional Development of Young Psychiatrists, to be built on recent WPA experiences in Central Europe.



**XI WCP Fellows and Fellowship Committee Members,
Hamburg, 1999.**

UPCOMING WPA CONGRESSES AND MEETINGS

Secretary for Meetings, Professor Driss Moussaoui,
coordinates these events and welcomes initiatives for new ones.
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June 30, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland, Parity in Psychiatric Care for Mentally Handicapped Persons.

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July 15-19, 2000, WPA Thematic Conference, Second International Congress on Hormones, Brain, and Neuropsychopharmacology,

Rhodes, Greece.

Contact: Prof. U. Halbreich, Fax: (1-716) 892-0431. E-mail: urielh@acsu.buffalo.edu

September 13-16, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored IV World Congress on Depressive Disorders, Mendoza, Argentina.

Contact: Prof. Jorge Nazar. Fax: (54-261) 429-5662. E-mail: jnazar@fmed2.uncu.edu.ar

September 20-23, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored XXI Latin-American Congress of Psychiatry, Lima, Peru.

Contact: Profs R. Navarro & E. Gastelumendi, Fax: (51-1) 446- 6768, E-mail: app@colmedi.org.pe

September 26-29, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored Meeting of the Society of Psychiatrists in South Africa, Durban, South Africa.

Contact: Dr. C. Maud, Fax: (27-31) 265-0540, E-mail: mauddoc@iafrica.com

October 10-12, 2000, Meeting of the WPA Section on Mental Health Economics, Cairo, Egypt, Mental Health Policy and Economics in Arab Countries and Sub-Saharan Africa.

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October 20, 2000, Meeting of the WPA Section on Psychiatry and Religion, New York, USA.

Contact: Prof. J. English, Fax: (1-914) 493-1015. E-mail: jtevalley@aol.com

October 25-27, 2000, WPA Regional Meeting, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Psychiatry: Clinical Experience and Scientific Evidence.

Contact: Prof. M. Jorge, Fax: (55-11) 252-5994, E-mail: miguel.jorge@psiquiatria.epm.br

November 8-12, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored Meeting, Cairo, Egypt, The Globalization of Psychiatry: Perspective for the New Millenium.

Contact: Prof. F. Antun, Fax: (961-9) 211-734 or 899-218, E-mail: antun@cyberia.net.lb

November 17-19, 2000, Meeting of the WPA Section on Mass Media and Mental Health, New York, USA.

Contact: Prof. M. Materazzi. E-mail: cultura@geba.com.ar

November 30-December 2, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored Meeting, Lyon, France, Schizophrenia: From Prediction to Prevention.

Contact: Prof. J. Dalery, Fax: (33-4) 3791-5102. E-mail: jean.dalery@ch-le-vinatier.fr

March 13-17, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored 13th World Congress of the World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry, Munich, Germany.

Contact: Maria Ammon, Fax: (49-30) 313-6959.

May 31-June 2, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored VIII Pan Arab Congress of Psychiatry, Tunis, Tunisia, Women and Mental Health.

Contact: Prof. S. Douki, Fax: (216-1) 601-555 E-mail: saida.douki@gnet.tn

June 20-23, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored Meeting, Leipzig, Germany, Reducing the Stigma of Mental Illness.

Contact: Prof. M. C. Angermeyer, Fax: (49-341) 972-4539. E-mail: schb@medizin.uni-leipzig.de

June 27-30, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored IVth Congress of the European Family Therapy Association, Budapest, Hungary.

Contact: Prof. J. Füredi, Fax: (36-1) 393-0281, E-mail: furediprof@mail.mata.v.hu

July 7-13, 2001, WPA Regional Meeting, London, UK, A Mind Odyssey.

Contact: Royal College of Psychiatrists. E-mail: rllewellyn@rcpsych.ac.uk

July 22-27, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored Congress of the World Federation for Mental Health, Vancouver, Canada, Respecting Diversity and Participation in Mental Health in a Changing World.

Contact: Prof. J. Arboleda-Florez, Fax: (1-613) 547-1501 E-mail: ja9@post.queensu.ca

September 9-12, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored 3rd International Conference on the Synthesis between Psychopharmacotherapy and Psychotherapy, Tel Aviv, Israel.

Contact: Prof. S. Tyano, Fax: (972-3) 925-8361, E-mail: styano@post.tau.ac.il

September 30-October 3, 2001, WPA European Congress, Madrid, Spain, New Commitments for Psychiatrists.

Contact: Prof. J.J. Lopez-Ibor, Fax: (34-91) 316-2749 E-mail: tilesa@wpa.es

October 27-31, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored 17th World Congress of Social Psychiatry, Science, Psychiatry and Society, Agra, India.

Contact: Prof. S. Sharma, Fax: (91-11) 243-2170, E-mail: ihbas@giasdl01.vsnl.net.in

November 16-20, 2001, WPA Regional Meeting, Cancun, Mexico.

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

March 21-23, 2002, WPA Thematic Conference, Budapest, Hungary, Psychological and Psychiatric Consequences of Violence.
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August 24-29, 2002, XII World Congress of Psychiatry, Yokohama, Japan, Partnership for Mental Health.
Contact: Prof. J. Suzuki, Fax: (81-3) 3814-2991, E-mail: wpa_sec@c-linkage.co.jp
September 2005, XIII World Congress of Psychiatry, Cairo, Egypt.
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