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## 3rd Quarter 2003

### Greetings

Remaining hopeful in times of difficulty some might regard as a virtue and others as being unrealistic. What are the grounds for real hope within the WPA psychiatric community despite the political turbulence that affects us all?

I will list them:

The Zonal Representatives' work plans show that in various parts of the world there is a slow but steady growing together of psychiatric societies, e.g., initiatives in East Asia, Eastern and Southern Africa, South America, and Europe. The two Board meetings in Caracas and Florence are likely to be amongst the best attended in the history of the WPA.

The number of WPA-linked scientific meetings has increased very substantially recently.

Firm evidence that the large (and small) societies are re-examining what they can put into the WPA global effort on behalf of patients and in support of colleagues who work in very isolated regions.

The Internet is bringing the WPA together fast and facilitating improved communications.

Above all perhaps there are signs that the financial infrastructure is in the process of being placed on a much firmer footing – the Corporate Supporters Programme is off to a good start.

Finally, if you agree or disagree with the sentiments expressed in this "Greetings"; you will have your chance to let us know what you think very soon. The General Survey of WPA Components will arrive on your desk early next year – so be warned! It will be similar to the last survey to allow comparison and will influence future WPA policy considerably.

I will endeavour to repeat the performance of my esteemed predecessor who as Secretary General obtained a 96% response rate. I hope you will help me!

As always, we look forward to your visits to both the Secretariat in New York City and the Secretary General's office in the United Kingdom. We hope you take the opportunity soon!

John Cox  
WPA Secretary General



WPA President Prof. Ahmed Okasha, (center, fifth from left), surrounded by the WPA Executive Committee and WPA Zonal Representatives at the WPA Forum held in Vienna, Austria, June 19, 2003.

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## **WPA AND WHO LAUNCH EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE**

An inter-country meeting on mental health and rehabilitation of psychiatric services in post-conflict and complex emergency countries was held at EMRO, Cairo, Egypt from the 28th to the 30th of July 2003. The meeting was inaugurated by Dr. Hussein A. Gezairy (Regional Director of WHO/EMRO) and Dr. Ahmed Mohit the Regional Mental Health advisor and chaired by the President of the WPA, Prof. Ahmed Okasha. Participants included WPA Zonal Representatives of the Middle East and North Africa in addition to representatives of 15 WPA member societies, the Arab Federation of Psychiatrists and the largest two WPA member societies, the APA and the Royal College of Psychiatrists. Thanks to this initiative by the WHO organized under the leadership of WPA, discussion of mental health in these regions is spearheading other health issues. Funding of mental health issues in Iraq was discussed in this meeting for implementation during the next two months.



The WHO consultant group on psychiatric services in post-conflict and complex-emergency countries of the Eastern Mediterranean region gather for a picture at its recent meeting in Cairo. WPA President Ahmed Okasha, M.D., and APA President Marcia Goin, M.D., are, respectively, third and fourth from the left in the front row.

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## PRESIDENTIAL PROGRAMME ON GLOBAL CHILD MENTAL HEALTH



The WPA Presidential Programme on Child Mental Health. First meeting of the Steering Committee with task forces, July 7th, 2003, Geneva, Switzerland. WPA President Ahmed Okasha (Programme Chair) is seated at center.

The first meeting of the Steering Committee and the members of three taskforces of the Presidential Program on Global Child Mental Health (Awareness, Primary Prevention and Mental Health Services, Management and Treatment) was held in Geneva from July 6th to the 8th, 2003. Details of all activities and timetables were discussed. It was decided to meet again in early November of 2003 to start upon our 2004 activities.

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## ETHICS IN PSYCHOSOMATICS

In August this year, in Hawaii, the World Congress of Psychosomatic Medicine was held. The event was co-sponsored by the WPA and was a big success. The Congress coincided with the beginning of my term as President of the International College of Psychosomatic Medicine and in that capacity I was authorized to deliver my presidential lecture on "Ethics in Psychosomatics".

I had the opportunity to remind my audience that the prevailing assumption some years ago was that ethics consists of some guidelines on how to keep out of trouble and that all the rest is absorbed by some kind of socio-professional osmosis. Fortunately this is not the case anymore because ethics (the right or wrong in human behavior) and medical ethics (the right or wrong in the professional behavior of physicians) have to be taught. It is not enough to be talented in order to become a musician. One must also learn how to read notes.

Hippocrates plays a major role in Ethics. The Hippocratic ethical concepts are not described, as many believe, only in the Oath but also in other chapters of Corpus Hippocraticum, namely Ancient Medicine, the Physician, the Law, Precepts, Airs-Waters-Places, Medical Decorum. Although Hippocrates represents Rational Medicine, yet he accepted Religious (Asclepian) Medicine. There was no competition or enmity between Hippocratic Medicine and Religious Medicine, and Hippocrates himself taught that rationalism without humanities decreases the potential of science.

Aristotle taught that "the essence of inequality is to treat in an equal manner those that are unequal". Under this light, Psychosomatic Medicine is ethical in that it covers the needs of people who need psychosocial help more than others. In this context we must keep in mind, paraphrasing George Orwell, that all illnesses are psychosomatic but some illnesses are more psychosomatic than others.

The Codes of Ethics that are relevant to Psychosomatics are as follows: the Hippocratic Oath, the Declaration of Geneva (WMA 1948, amended 1968) the Principles of Medical Ethics (AMA, 1980) the Declaration of Helsinki (WMA 1964, revised 1975), the Physician's Oath of the Soviet Union (1971) the Declaration of Hawaii (WPA, 1977) and the Declaration of Madrid (WPA, 1996) and its specific guidelines

(WPA Ethics Committee, Madrid 1996 and Hamburg 1999).

The next World Congress of Psychosomatic Medicine will be held in Kobe, Japan from 21 to 26 August 2005 (Information: [icpm2005@the-convention.co.jp](mailto:icpm2005@the-convention.co.jp) ).

By Professor GEORGE CHRISTODOULOU  
WPA Secretary for Sections  
President, International College of Psychosomatic Medicine

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## **WPA YOUNG PSYCHIATRISTS COUNCIL IS ESTABLISHED**

The Executive Committee (EC) of the World Psychiatric Association (WPA), at its meeting in Vienna, June 2003, has established a WPA Young Psychiatrists Council (WPA-YPC), within the framework of the WPA Institutional Program to Promote the Professional Development of Young Psychiatrists (WPAIPYP). Young psychiatrists in this context are defined as either psychiatrists in training or those less than 40 years of age or less than five years elapsed since completion of residency training.

### Background

In August 1999 the WPA General Assembly established the WPA-IPYP as an expression of top institutional commitment to the future of our field. Since then, the WPA-IPYP has undertaken activities such as the organization of Fellowships at WPA World and International Congresses and of awards to stimulate scientific contributions from young psychiatrists. Moreover, WPA already has two networks involving young psychiatrists: The Educational Liaison Network of Young Psychiatrists and Psychiatrists in Training (since 1996) and the WPA Congress Fellows Network (since the World Congress in Hamburg in 1999). Together, these networks incorporate over 350 young colleagues.

Fellows have consistently attributed high value to their interconnections and expressed their wish to maintain close relations with WPA. Besides this, many WPA Member Societies have declared interest in promoting the professional development of their young members and in being centrally involved in WPA initiatives concerning young psychiatrists.

### The WPA Young Psychiatrists Council (WPAYPC)

This body is composed of young psychiatrists representatives appointed for a non-renewable period of up to three years (a WPA triennium between World Congresses of Psychiatry) by Member Societies (one per Society). This reflects the importance of building this new development on the structure of Member Societies (currently 126) which are the main bases of WPA. The appointment of a representative will be made by a Member Society's executive committee in consultation with available committees on training and young psychiatrists. A form to facilitate the appointment process is available and is being distributed widely.

Members Societies have been asked to appoint their corresponding representatives as soon as possible. The inaugural period of the WPAYPC will be 2003-2005 and its composition will be renovated after the Cairo World Congress.

The WPA-YPC will enjoy autonomy to carry out its functions and develop initiatives, within the supportive framework of the WPA-IPYP and in accordance to the Statutes, By-Laws, Manual of Procedures and ethical standards of WPA.

The objectives of the YPC include the following:

To improve communication between the WPA Member Societies and WPA governance concerning young psychiatrists.

To identify and address problems and opportunities involving young psychiatrists.

To promote the participation of young psychiatrists in the various sectorial activities of WPA.

To encourage Member Societies (in collaboration with WPA leadership) to recognize and address the needs of young psychiatrists, develop special activities for them and incorporate them into pertinent structures such as training and executive committees.

The leadership of the WPA-YPC will be shared, involving one elected leader from each of the four WPA Regions (Americas, Europe, Africa & Middle East and Asia & Australasia). Each regional leader will be elected by the Council representatives appointed by the Member Societies in the Region. The WPAYPC leadership will be invited to participate as observers in WPA General Assemblies, for which mechanisms of institutional support will be explored.

Meetings of the WPA-YPC will be organized periodically at WPA International and World Congresses.

WPA-IPYP Networks, Communicational Mechanisms and Linkages.

WPA is supporting existing networks that involve WPA-related young psychiatrists and fellows and will establish an "intranet" in order to foster communication among WPA-related young psychiatrists. It will consider collaborative linkages with other organizations having goals and activities consistent with those of WPA.



Seated (L to R): M.I. Zapata (Peru/USA); J.E. Mezzich (USA); K. Wapenyi (Uganda).

Standing (L to R): K. Traichel (Germany); R. Montenegro (Argentina); S.A. Azim (Egypt); C.E. Berganza (Guatemala); L. Kuey (Turkey); J. Cox (UK); at a Forum of the WPA Institutional Program on Young Psychiatrists, San Francisco, May 20, 2003, where the Young Psychiatrists Council initiative was outlined.

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## **PRESIDENT-ELECT RECEIVES DOCTORAT HONORIS CAUSA**

On August 14, 2003, Professor Juan Mezzich, WPA President-Elect, received a Doctorate Honoris Causa from the University of Córdoba in Argentina for his contributions to diagnostic systems and international psychiatry. Córdoba is one of the oldest universities in the Americas, renown for institutional innovations as exemplified by the internationally influential principles of the University Reform of 1919.



Prof. J. E. Mezzich (left) and J. H. González (right),  
President, University of Córdoba

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## SPOTLIGHT ON ZONAL REPRESENTATIVES

### **Tarek Okasha**

#### **WPA Zonal Representative for Northern Africa (Zone 11)**

Africa is considered by many as a poor continent with limited facilities; however there is a marked difference between Sub-Saharan Africa and Northern Africa. Northern Africa is very much influenced by the Middle East, the Mediterranean region and Europe. Zone 11 consists of several associations; the oldest are from Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia. Recently Ethiopia and Algeria have joined the WPA, and we are trying at the moment to initiate two associations--one in Libya and the other in Mauritania. The Egyptian Psychiatric Association is the largest psychiatric association in Africa and the Middle East.

The North African Region is relatively advanced in psychiatric services as compared to other countries in the region. Most of the countries believe that proper psychiatric and mental health care will improve through improving primary health care physicians' knowledge rather than community care as most people in the region believe that it is both their social and religious duty to take care of family members with mental disorders.



Prof. Tarek Okasha

I believe that the potential in the North African region to add to world psychiatry is tremendous; however, it needs the proper channeling and the opportunity to be shown mainly in the psychotherapeutic and social context in psychiatry as well as the psychopharmacology and ethnicity. I am currently working on better coordination and integration between the different societies in the region as some countries are influenced by French psychiatry and others by Anglo-Saxon psychiatry as well as having their own identity and pioneers.

The most important event for the WPA taking place in North Africa is the XIII World Congress of Psychiatry in Cairo, Egypt (10-15 September, 2005) which carries the title 5000 Years of Science and Care. So we hope we can all join to make this congress a success, and please mark your calendar for this event which will be scientific, touristic, historical and pleasurable. You

are welcome to Egypt to be partners in the ancient and the modern of the science and care of our patients.

**Miguel R. Jorge**  
**WPA Zonal Representative for Southern South America (Zone 5)**

Latin American (LA) countries are very well represented at WPA by 24 Member Societies and 1 Affiliated Association, their 3 Zonal Representatives (E.Camarena, E.Belfort, M.Jorge) and R.Montenegro at the Executive Committee. Two other EC Members (J.Mezzich and P.Ruiz) are from the LA region but were elected from North America. Aware of common mental health needs and difficulties shared by their home countries, LA psychiatric leaders have been working together in defining strategies to respond to these needs and represent the region in WPA and other international organizations.

Miguel R. Jorge is one of these leaders concerned with the health of their LA people. He is the WPA Zone 5 Representative for Southern South America (Argentina, Brasil, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay), the World Federation of Mental Health (WFMH) Regional Vice-President for all South America, and a Member of the World Health Organization (WHO) Panel of Experts. He is past President of the Brazilian Association of Psychiatry and an Associate Professor and Head of the Clinical Psychiatry Section at the Federal University of São Paulo, Brazil.

His main area of interest in psychiatry is diagnosis and classification, particularly applied to different cultures. He has a large number of publications and presentations at national and international congresses. In addition, he is a recognized clinician at his mood and anxiety disorders private clinic in São Paulo.



Prof. Miguel R. Jorge

Miguel Jorge has a long experience working for APAL (Latin America Psychiatric Association) and WPA. He served as Chair of the APAL Diagnostic and Classification Section (1998-2002). In the WPA, he served as Co-Chair of the WPA Classification, Diagnostic Assessment and Nomenclature Section (1993-1996), a Member of the WPA Nominations Committee (1999-2002), and is currently a Member of both the WPA Educational Committee (2002-2005) and the WPA Core Professional Congress Organizer (PCO) Task Force.

As a WPA Zonal Representative, Miguel Jorge is particularly keen on initiatives that could improve the well-being of people in his zone as well as in all LA and worldwide. This could include programs to better inform local population on issues regarding mental health, to fight against stigma and discrimination, to ensure adequate training in mental health for general practitioners, to enhance psychiatric training and continuous education on diagnosis and treatment interventions. Future projects could also include disseminating materials produced by different WPA components, improving communication among WPA member societies and other WPA components, collaborating with regional NGOs, to participate in joint WPA/WHO/PAHO initiatives (such as the ATLAS project and the development of a culturally sensitive ICD-11), and providing technical advice to governmental bodies on building or improving mental health service delivery and other policy issues.

**WPA INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS: "TREATMENTS IN PSYCHIATRY: AN UPDATE"**  
**Florence, Italy, November 10-13, 2004**  
**[www.wpa2004florence.org](http://www.wpa2004florence.org)**



The International Congress of the World Psychiatric Association for the year 2004 will take place in Florence (Italy) from November 10 to 13. This is expected to be one of the main psychiatric events of the year, with the number of expected participants exceeding 5,000. The Congress is aimed to provide a comprehensive and high-quality update on all evidence-based treatments available today for the various mental disorders. The ingredients of the Congress will be as follows: a) 14 plenary update lectures (see below); b) 36 interactive symposia; c) 12 advanced courses; d) 6 forums; e) section and zonal symposia (organized by WPA sections and zones); f) workshops; g) new research sessions; h) poster sessions; i) sponsored events.

Abstracts (no longer than 250 words) may be submitted via e-mail to the Scientific Secretariat ([secretariat@wpa2004florence.org](mailto:secretariat@wpa2004florence.org)). A very attractive programme 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)).

**Plenary Update Lectures**

The context of treatment in psychiatry (N. Sartorius)  
Building up therapeutic alliance in psychiatric practice (A. Tasman)  
The comprehensive management of schizophrenia (N. Schooler)  
Early psychosis: detection and interventions (P. McGorry)



The comprehensive management of recurrent and chronic major depression (G.A. Fava)  
Comprehensive long-term management of bipolar disorder (M. Thase)  
Understanding and managing the consequences of violence and trauma (A. McFarlane)  
Integrating pharmacotherapy and psychotherapy in the management of anxiety disorders (J. Gorman)  
New views in the management of dementias (A. Burns)  
The multimodal treatment of eating disorders (K. Halmi)  
The principles and practice of cognitivebehavioural psychotherapy (P. Salkovskis)  
Psychodynamic psychotherapies: evidencebased and clinical wisdom (P. Fonagy)  
Integration of services in community mental health care (G. Thornicroft)  
The challenge of primary prevention in psychiatry (S. Saxena)

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## **UPCOMING WPA SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS**

Secretary for Meetings, Professor Pedro Ruiz  
coordinates these events and welcomes initiatives for new ones.  
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## **MAJOR UPCOMING WPA MEETINGS**

September 17-19, 2004, WPA Regional Symposium, Lahore, Pakistan. Contact: Dr. Haroon Rashid Chaudry, Fax: (92-42) 757-2488, E-mail: pprc@wol.net.pk  
November 10-13, 2004, WPA International Congress, Florence, Italy, Treatments in Psychiatry: an Update. Contact: Prof. Mario Maj, Fax: (390-81) 566-6523, E-mail: info@wpa2004florence.org, Website: www.wpa2004florence.org  
March 12-15, 2005, WPA Regional Meeting, Athens, Greece, Advances in Psychiatry: State of the Art. Contact: Prof. Georgios Christodoulou, E-mail: gnchrist@compulink.gr  
September 10-15, 2005, XIII World Congress of Psychiatry, Cairo, Egypt, Five Thousand Years of Science and Care. Contact: Prof. A. Okasha, Fax: (20-2) 748-1786, E-mail: aokasha@internetegypt.com, secretariat@wpa-cairo2005.com, Website: www.wpa-cairo2005.com  
November 16-20, 2005, WPA Regional Meeting, Los Cabos, Mexico. Contact: Dr. Luis E. Rivero Almanzor, E-mail: aspsiqm@prodigy.net.mx  
June, 2006, WPA International Congress, hosted by the Psychiatric Association of Turkey and the Turkish Neuropsychiatric Society, Istanbul, Turkey. Contact: Prof. Levent Kueyl, E-mail: kueyl@superonline.com  
November, 2006, WPA Regional Meeting, hosted by the Peruvian Psychiatric Association, Lima, Peru. Contact: Dr. Elard Sanchez Tejada, E-mail: app@amauta.rcp.net.pe

## **UPCOMING WPA SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS**

## 2003

November 9-13, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored Conference, St. Julians, Malta, Psychiatric Care Across Cultures: A Conference Week in Malta. Contact: Dr. Charles Pace, E-mail: charles.pace@um.edu.mt, Cpace\_malta@hotmail.com  
November 27-30, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored XI Congress of the Dominican Society of Psychiatry, Melia Caribe Tropical Hotel, Dominican Republic. Contact: Dr. Daisy Acosta, E-mail: daisyacosta@codetel.net.co  
December 12-13, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored of the Tunisian Society of Psychiatry, Sousse, Tunisia. Contact: Dr. Zouhair El-Hechmi, E-mail: hachmi.zouhair@urns.tn

## 2004

January 15, 2004, WPA Section Meeting of Section on Religion, Spirituality and Psychiatry, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, Conference on Religious Psychopathology. Contact: Dr. Herman V. Van Praag, E-mail: h.m.van.praag@vanpraag.com  
January 29-February 2, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored International Conference on Schizophrenia of the Schizophrenia Research Foundation (in collaboration with WHO), Chennai (old Madras), India. Contact: Dr. R. Thara, E-mail: scarf@vsnl.com, Website: www.scarfindia.org  
February 2004, WPA Section Meeting of Section on Art and Psychiatry, Djerba, Tunisia. Contact: Dr. Hans Otto Thomashoff, E-mail: thomashoff@utanet.at  
February 1-28, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored Fifth Virtual Congress of Psychiatry (Interpsiquis 2004), Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Contact: Dr. Pedro Moreno, E-mail: secretaria@psiquiatria.com, Website: www.interpsiquis.com/2004  
February 12-14, 2004, WPA Section Meeting of the Section on Mass Media and Mental Health, Havana, Cuba. Contact: Dr. Miguel A. Materazzi, E-mail: materazzi@arnet.com.ar  
March 5-10, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored Second Biennial Conference of the International Society for Affective Disorders, Cancun, Mexico. Contact: David Beck, E-mail: d.k.beck@soton.ac.uk, Website: www.isad.org.uk  
March 17-20, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored Second World Congress on Women's Mental Health, Washington, D.C., USA. Contact: Dr. Donna Stewart, E-mail: donna.stewart@uhn.on.ca, Dr. Uriel Halbreich, E-mail: urielh@acsu.buffalo.edu, Website: www.womenmentalhealth.com  
March 17-20, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored Conference of the National Association of Dually Diagnosed, Boston, USA, NADD International Congress-V. Contact: Dr. L. Salvador Carulla, E-mail: l.salvador@telefonica.net  
March 22-26, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored First Regional Congress of Social Psychiatry in Africa, organized by the South African Society of Psychiatrists (SASOP), Gauteng, South Africa. Contact: Dr. Solly J. Rataemane, E-mail: rataemast@medunsa.ac.za  
March 23-25, 2004, WPA Section Meeting - First International Conference on Psychiatry, Law and Ethics, Eilat, Israel. Contact: Helen Goldmunz or Aryeh Lewis, E-mail: seminars@isas.co.il, Website: www.isas.co.il/psychiatrylaw2004  
March 29-April 2, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored Pan-American Congress of Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Havana, Cuba. Contact: Dr. Cristobal Martinez Gomez, E-mail: crisma@informed.sld.cu, Website: www.sld.cu/eventos/psiquiatria/felices, www.loseventos.cu/saludmental2004  
April 5-7, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored 6th Eastern Africa Psychiatric Congress, organized by the Tanzania Psychiatric Association, AICC Arusha, Tanzania, Contact: Dr. Joseph Mbatia, E-mail: jmbatia@muchs.ac.tz

April 22-25, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored XX APSA (Association of Argentinean Psychiatrists) Congress, Mar del Plata, Argentina. Contact: Dr. Graciela A. Lucatelli, E-mail: [apsa@apsa.org.ar](mailto:apsa@apsa.org.ar), Website: [www.apsa.org.ar](http://www.apsa.org.ar)

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

June 10, 2004, WPA Section Meeting of the Section on Mass Media and Mental Health, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Contact: Dr. Miguel A. Materazzi, E-mail: [materazzi@arnet.com.ar](mailto:materazzi@arnet.com.ar)

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

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)

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 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)

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

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)

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

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

October 24-27, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored XVIII World Congress of Social Psychiatry, Kobe, Japan, Globalization and Diversity: Challenges for Social Psychiatry. Contact: Prof. Yoshibumi Nakane, Fax: (81-95) 849-7296, E-mail: [yonakane@net.nagasaki-u.ac.jp](mailto:yonakane@net.nagasaki-u.ac.jp), Website: [www.congre.co.jp/18wasp](http://www.congre.co.jp/18wasp)