



3rd Quarter 2004

GREETINGS FROM LAHORE

The Regional and Inter-Zonal WPA meeting held recently in Lahore was a landmark in the history of WPA and perhaps of its Member Societies in that region. Professor Khalid Mufti, as Chair of the Organising Committee, and Professor Haroon Rashid Chaudhry, the Zonal Representative for Western & Central Asia, together with so many of their committed colleagues are to be congratulated on this step forward. Pakistan Psychiatric Society and the Asian Division/Forum within the Royal College of Psychiatrists were local hosts and the WPA paid tribute to the late Professor Muhammad Rashid Chaudhry and, in particular, the remarkable work that continues at Fountain House.

The President gave a keynote speech, which outlined succinctly all the scientific, educational and ethical issues currently active within the WPA.

At the Executive Committee we welcomed two new Societies, the Sri Lankan College of Psychiatry and the Algerian Psychiatric Association and can anticipate the Palestine Psychiatric Association, the Irish College of Psychiatrists, and the Moldova Psychiatric Association becoming full members when statutory consultations are complete.

The total number of societies in WPA has now risen to 126. There were two new sections also agreed upon, which brings the total number of scientific sections to 60. The Executive Committee had carefully considered the preliminary arrangements for the establishment of the Permanent Secretariat in Geneva in January 2005 and, in particular, the interim staffing until the General Assembly in Cairo.

The Secretary General accompanied the President for the signing of the agreement between the World Psychiatric Association and the Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève (University Hospitals of Geneva) on terms that were favourable to both parties. The EC also carefully reviewed progress with regard to its procedures concerning the alleged political abuse of psychiatry in China.

There were still about 30% of Member Societies and Section officers who have not as yet completed the General Survey. If your Section or Society is in this category, then we would be very pleased to receive the Survey so that I can present a comprehensive report to the next meeting of the Executive Committee in Florence.

We look forward to seeing as many WPA members as possible at the International Congress in Florence which is set for being one of the most successful meetings of its kind. Please note also the Regional Inter-Sectional Congress being held in Athens in March of next year

and of course make sure that the World Congress of Psychiatry in Cairo, September, is firmly in your diary. You are reminded of the dates for submission of proposals for symposia, new research and posters.

Prof. John Cox
Secretary General WPA



Geneva Contract Signing Ceremony (in order from left to right): WPA Secretary General Prof. John Cox, WPA President Prof. Ahmed Okasha, Secretary General of Les Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève (HUG) Mr. Y. Grandjean, and Head of the Psychiatry Department of HUG Prof. François Ferrero.

ON THE CHINA ISSUE

Further to the document produced in New York by the WPA and the Chinese Society of Psychiatry (CSP) and the misunderstanding of our message by many, I found that it is my duty to clarify certain points. The New York document is a step forward in our further investigations, and a step towards the courses on ethics, human rights, forensic psychiatry and diagnosis.

It is a way to open the door to further clarification.

It was never the intention of WPA that this would be a final agreement. That the CSP agreed that "misdiagnosis and mistreatment" of Falun Gong practitioners had occurred did not necessarily mean that there was no political abuse of psychiatry. The WPA will persevere in its efforts to implement a fact-finding visit to China, as requested by the General Assembly in Yokohama, in the hope of being able to clarify this issue.

The workshop that will take place in China in February 2005 will not only deal with diagnostic and treatment issues, but also with ethical ones. We are going to cover also the issue of external pressures that psychiatrists may receive in their activity, and the way they can resist them. We need a lot of patience, wisdom and resilience to circumvent the obstacles and ambiguities, which exist, and in pursuing the mandate of the WPA, to enhance professional and ethical standards in psychiatric practice. The WPA Review Committee has thoroughly examined 300 cases of alleged abuse of Falun Gong practitioners presented to them, as well as the two reports of the CSP.

The WPA is currently dealing with many issues of alleged human rights violations of psychiatric patients in different regions in the world,

but they are not the main focus of the mass media and are not as visible as the China issue.

Finally, I should repeat that the WPA can only deal with complaints about the violation of the human rights of mental patients, or of political abuse of psychiatry. This work is carried out by the WPA Review Committee in collaboration with the national member society; a full report with recommendations from the Review Committee and Executive Committee will be presented to the General Assembly when the opinions of Member Societies will be obtained about the recommendations themselves and the most appropriate way forward. We have no mandate to deal directly with governments.

A detailed review of the China issue will be in the Editorial of the October 2004 issue of World Psychiatry, the official journal of the WPA.

Prof. Ahmed Okasha
WPA President

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT SECRETARIAT



A view of Geneva, the future site of the Permanent Secretariat.

An unprecedented event occurred on the 6th September 2004, when the leadership of the WPA signed the contract of the Collaborative agreement for the establishment of the first Permanent Secretariat of the World Psychiatric Association in Geneva. The agreement was signed by Mr. Y. Grandjean, Secretary General of Les Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève (HUG) on behalf of Mr. Bernard Gruson, Managing Director of HUG, along with Prof. Ahmed Okasha, President of the World Psychiatric Association. Also present was Prof. John Cox, Secretary General of WPA. Under this agreement, the HUG provides premises on the Belle-Idée site for the WPA Permanent Secretariat in Geneva for the next 20 years.

This location in Switzerland, for our Secretariat, will facilitate increased collaboration with other international organizations, such as the World Health Organization, which also have headquarters in Geneva.

The WPA welcomed the cooperation from the psychiatric department of the University Hospitals in Geneva, as well as the proximity of the Swiss Society of Psychiatry.

This was a historical moment for the WPA – and the sun shone brightly.

Prof. Ahmed Okasha
President WPA

WPA MOTTO

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

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

“Bringing together psychiatrists across the world.”

“Promoting science, care and human rights in psychiatry.”

Please send your suggestions to the WPA Secretariat.

PROF. OKASHA HONORED IN BERLIN



During the International Congress (IACAPAP) in Berlin, August 2004, Professor Ahmed Okasha, President of the WPA, was awarded the Honorary Fellowship and the Golden Medal of IACAPAP. The award was given in appreciation of his efforts and international leadership in support of the advancement of child and adolescent mental health.

***WPA President Prof. Ahmed Okasha
receives his award from President
of IACAPAP Prof. Helmut Remschmidt.***

IN MEMORIAM W. LINFORD REES

The international psychiatric community has lost a protagonistic figure in British psychiatry. A leader of international psychiatry, but most of all a dedicated man endowed with warmth, generosity and personal integrity, who honoured our profession and made all of us proud.

I met Linford Rees in the late sixties when the Dean of the Institute at Maudsley Hospital where I worked, suggested that I obtain a Senior Registrar job at St. Bartholomew's where Linford was the Professor. I called at Bart's very early next morning and was very warmly received and introduced to my desk by Linford's smiling secretary. As expected, I was very anxious about being introduced to the Professor about whom I had heard but, whom I did not know personally. In a few minutes a kind, smiling, rather shy and soft-spoken man came into my



office, stood by the door and introduced himself.

The Professor introduced himself to his Senior Registrar! I realized later that this was typical of Prof. Rees' behavior and, due to a "radiation effect", of all his collaborators: humbleness, respect and attention to the needs of others (patients and colleagues alike). He created a warm working atmosphere where all of us could collaborate without undue antagonisms and tensions.

Linford was always available to give advice or just to chat.

Linford Rees was appreciated for these qualities and for his professional expertise not only within our specialty but more broadly. In addition to becoming the President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (1975-1978), he obtained key positions in Medicine as a whole (General Medical Council, World Health Organization) and I think he was the first psychiatrist to become President of the British Medical Association (1978-1979).

Professor Rees was born and trained in Wales. The warmth of his character and the musical tone of his voice reflected his Welsh origin. He later trained at the Maudsley Hospital, obtaining his diploma in psychological medicine in 1940.

After a period in Wales he joined the Maudsley, where he worked for 12 years and later obtained the chair at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. After retirement he organized, very successfully, the psychiatric services of the Charter clinic.

His research work ranges from the treatment of hysteria with intravenous barbiturates (his first published paper), to novel psychiatric medications, a field in which he developed internationally acknowledged expertise. Additionally he dealt extensively with psychosomatic research and was an advocate of the holistic approach in psychiatry. He was an excellent teacher and his expertise was reflected in his textbook which was greatly appreciated by students for its clarity, simplicity and comprehensiveness.

Linford Rees was honoured with many distinctions by his country, his colleagues and the International Psychiatric and Medical Community. He was awarded the CBE and held honorary membership of professional societies in many countries. He had many friends and was a good family man. He was surrounded by his wife Catherine Thomas whom he married in 1940 (until her death in 1993) and his four children who often helped when Linford organized conferences and social events. Many of his children distinguished themselves in British society.

Unfortunately, the last days of Linford were not happy: his sight failed, he lost his wife, as well as a son and grandson (who was named after him). Linford Rees passed away on the 29th of July 2004.

The World Psychiatric Association was honoured by Professor Rees' presence when he served as a member of the Executive Committee and contributed with his wisdom to the shaping of the Organization during the early days of its development. We are particularly grateful for his immense contribution.

He will be remembered by all of us, his students, his colleagues, his patients and his friends, with fondness and gratitude.

Prof. George Christodoulou

MEETING

More than a dozen European National Psychiatric Societies' Presidents from the UK to Russia, Scandinavia, Central and Southeast Europe as well as several current and past WPA EC members participated in the thematic dinner meeting "Positive Medical Leadership" organized by Eliot Sorel, M.D., D.F.A.P.A. Founder and Chairman of the WPA Conflict Management & Resolution Section and European Group convener of the APA Council on Global Psychiatry. The event took place at the elegant Lotos Club in New York, on Tuesday May 4th, co-hosted by Professor Saida Douki, Co-Chair Section of Conflict Management and Dr. Rodrigo Munoz, Chairman APA Council on Global Psychiatry. Enhanced European-American Psychiatric Medicine cooperation was the primary goal of the meeting. The possibility of a joint project on the "Global Index of Fear" was discussed to be followed at the WPA International meeting in Florence, organized by Professor Mario Maj this November.

Nearly 500 African colleagues participated in the First African Congress on "Brain, Behavior and Molecules in Social Contexts", convened by Professor Solly Rataemane and Scientific Committee Chair Eliot Sorel, M.D., D.F.A.P.A., Founder Chairman of the WPA Conflict Management & Resolution Section. Pedro Ruiz, M.D., D.F.A.P.A., WPA Secretary for Meetings joined this historic Congress while leading a "Spirit of Africa" delegation of colleagues from the Americas.

The Congress took place in Johannesburg, South Africa in late March of this year.

Several new educational and research collaboratives have been stimulated by this scientific event as well as an enhanced scientific collaboration in the Southern tier of Africa with a focus on comorbid conditions.

Prof. Eliot Sorel

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SPOTLIGHT ON ZONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Prof. Edgard Belfort
WPA Zonal Representative for
Northern South America
(Zone 4)



Professor Belfort's plans are listed as follows:

Establishing Latin American consensus jointly with Zone 3, on Schizophrenia.

Promotion and implementation of the WPA/PTD Educational Program on Depressive Disorders.

The Spanish translation of such Educational Programs as "Depressive Disorders in Older Persons" and "Teaching and Learning about Schizophrenia".

Distribution of the new Spanish edition of World Psychiatry, to Zone 4.

Research into social-demographic information on the infantile population, derived from the WHO offices, in order to plan activities in the areas of childhood.

Professor Belfort's vision as a Zonal Representative of the WPA is based and focused on building a strong link throughout the WPA. This includes insuring an intensified interaction between the Member Societies included in Zone 4 (the Bolivian Society of Psychiatry, the Colombian Association of Psychiatry, the Ecuadorian Association of Psychiatry, the Peruvian Psychiatric Association, and the Venezuelan Society of Psychiatry), jointly with the Executive Committee and the other Zones. He further hopes to insure their collaboration in order to consolidate the Zonal structure and to assist the Executive Committee in ascertaining the needs of societies and the ways in which these needs can be met.

The promotion of Symposia, Lectures, and Educational Meetings within the Zone.

Evaluation, in the various Zones, of their programs of continuous medical education, in order to look for weaknesses and opportunities for improvement.

The promotion of guidelines of approach and treatments of mental disorders, adapted to the realities of the Zone.

The development of alliances with Member Societies in the Zone and governmental and non-governmental organizations.

Preparation for the Thematic International Lecture, "Partnership for Child and Adolescent Mental Health", scheduled for February 2005, in Puerto la Cruz, Venezuela.

Professor Belfort endeavours to promote these and others activities by ensuring that the Zone becomes more efficient in the life of the WPA.

Dr. Fred Kigozi
WPA Zonal Representative for
Eastern & Southern Africa
(Zone 14)



Dr. Fred Kigozi's main thrust has been in promoting educational and anti-stigma activities, encouraging continuing professional development among the professionals of member societies, as well as strengthening

First National Psychosocial Congress in Africa was hosted by the South African Society of Psychiatrists (SASOP) and took place in March in Johannesburg; the WPA/Eastern Africa Psychiatry Meeting took place in Arusha, Tanzania in April 2004; and the SASOP Thirteenth National Psychiatry Congress was held in Drakensberg. As Zonal Representative, Dr. Kigozi contributed to plenary talks at all the meetings.

Contributing to the welfare of the mentally ill in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, networking has been established with "Basic Needs", a non-governmental organization.

Young psychiatrists in the Eastern Africa Sub-Zone have been encouraged to form an association and their first scientific meeting is expected to take place soon.

To further share in the wealth of WPA educational materials, members with access to e-mail were regularly forwarded relevant materials and those with no such technologies were provided with the downloaded materials.

A program to educate the public about mental health and psychiatric problems was initiated in regular print columns in newspapers, television programs and radio talks. In a joint venture with the African Association of Psychiatrists and Allied

collaboration with NGOs and "User/Carer" Organizations working in the mental health field.

During the recent quarter, WPA Co-Sponsorship was secured for a number of meetings, among them the

Professions (AAPAP), the Zone was able to run a series of discussions on the BBC, on the topic of "Mental Health Problems in Africa", a program which proved very popular.

Some of the member countries without psychiatric associations are being assisted in order to develop them. It is Dr. Kigozi's hope that Tanzania will soon be forming its own such association.

XIII WORLD CONGRESS OF PSYCHIATRY Cairo, Egypt. September 10-15, 2005



Important Deadlines:

October 31st, 2004: Submission of proposals for Symposia, Workshops and Courses

October 31st, 2004: Submission of proposals for Lectures, Papers and Posters

December 31st, 2004: Fellowship Program and Award Application

March 31st, 2005: Reduced Registration Fee March 31st, 2005: Notification of acceptance of Abstracts and Posters

March 31st, 2005: Submission of proposals for New Research Findings

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**UPCOMING WPA REGIONAL CONGRESS "ADVANCES IN PSYCHIATRY"
ATHENS, GREECE, MARCH 12-15, 2005
www.era.gr/wpa2005athens.htm**



This Regional and Intersectional Congress will be the first time that all 55 Scientific Sections of the WPA will be meeting to exchange ideas on scientific and policy issues. Papers presented by the individual sections are expected to be published in the second volume of Advances in Psychiatry. Another draw is the city of Athens, comprised of a rich archaeological past of art, history, and architecture.

For further information, please contact the Organizing Secretariat (info@era.gr).

Important Dates:

November 30th, 2004: Deadline for Abstract Submission
January 10th, 2005: Acceptance and Notification of Abstracts
January 30th, 2005: Deadline for Reduced Registration Fees

UPCOMING WPA SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

**Secretary for Meetings, Professor Pedro Ruiz
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**MAJOR UPCOMING WPA MEETINGS
2004**

**November 10-13, 2004, WPA International Congress, hosted by the Italian Psychiatric Association, Florence, Italy, Treatments in Psychiatry: an Update. Contact: Prof. Mario Maj, Fax: (390-81) 566-6523, E-mail: info@wpa2004florence.org, secretariat@wpa2004florence.org, Website: www.wpa2004florence.org
December 2-5, 2004, WPA Regional Meeting on Eastern Europe and the Balkans, hosted by the Romanian Psychiatric**

Association, Craiova, Romania. Contact: Dr. Tudor Udristoiu, E-mail: psy@umfcv.ro

2005

March 12-15, 2005, WPA Regional and Intersectional Congress, hosted by the Hellenic Psychiatric Association, Athens, Greece, Advances in Psychiatry: State of the Art. Contact: Prof. George Christodoulou, Fax: (30-210) 724-2032, E-mail: gchristodoulou@ath.forthnet.gr, info@era.gr, Website: www.era.gr/wpa2005athens.htm

April 21-24, 2005, WPA Regional Meeting, hosted by the Association of Argentinean Psychiatrists (APSA), Mar del Plata, Argentina. Contact: Dr. Graciela Lucatelli, E-mail: apsa@apsa.org.ar, Website: www.apsa.org.ar

June 17-20, 2005, WPA Thematic Conference, hosted by the Spanish Foundation of Psychiatry and Mental Health, Valencia, Spain, Quality and Outcome Research in Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Carmen Leal, E-mail: carmen.leal@uv.es

September 10-15, 2005, XIII World Congress of Psychiatry, hosted by the Egyptian Psychiatric Association, Cairo, Egypt, Five Thousand Years of Science and Care, Building the Future of Psychiatry. Contact: Prof. Ahmed Okasha, Fax: (34-91) 3559208, E-mail: secretariat@wpacairo2005.com, aokasha@internetegypt.com. Website: www.wpa-cairo2005.com

October 30-November 2, 2005, WPA Regional Meeting, hosted by the Mexican Psychiatric Association, Los Cabos, Mexico. Contact: Dr. Luis E. Rivero Almanzor, E-mail: aspsiqm@prodigy.net.mx

2006

April 19-21, 2006, WPA Thematic Conference, hosted by the Lopez Ibor Foundation, Madrid, Spain. Contact: Prof. Juan J. Lopez-Ibor, Jr., E-mail: jli@lopez-ibor.com

July 12-16, 2006, WPA International Congress, hosted by the Psychiatric Association of Turkey and the Turkish Neuropsychiatric Society, Istanbul, Turkey. Contact: Prof. Levent Kuey, E-mail: kuey1@superonline.com., Website: www.wpa2006istanbul.org

November 23-25, 2006, WPA Regional Meeting, hosted by the Peruvian Psychiatric Association, Lima, Peru. Contact: Dr. Elard Sanchez Tejada, E-mail: app@amauta.rcp.net.pe

2007

June, 2007, WPA Thematic Conference, hosted by the Eunomia Study Group, Prague, Czech Republic, Coercive Treatment in Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Thomas Kellert, E-mail: thomas.keller@mailbox.tu-dresden.de, Website: eunomia-study.net

October, 2007, WPA Regional Meeting, hosted by the Argentinean Association of Psychiatrists (AAP), Buenos Aires, Argentina, XIV Congress of the Argentinean Association of Psychiatrists. Contact: Dr. Nestor F. Marchant, E-mail: aap@aap.org.ar, Website: www.aap.org.ar

2008

September 19-25, 2008, XIV World Congress of Psychiatry, hosted by the Czech Psychiatric Association, Prague, Czech Republic. Contact: Dr. Jiri Raboch, E-mail: raboch@mbox.cesnet.cz

UPCOMING WPA SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

2004

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

November 24-27, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored Annual Meeting of the German Society of Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Nervous Diseases, Berlin, Germany Contact: Dr. Mathias Berger, E-mail: dgppn@uni-freiburg.de, mathias_berger@psyallg.ukl.uni-freiburg.de

November 26-27, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored Conference, organized by the Indo-Australian Psychiatric Association, Melbourne, Australia, Cultural Psychiatry-the Moral Case for International Mental Health. Contact: Dr. Russell D'Souza, E-mail: rdsouzal@bigpond.net.au

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

2005

February 1-28, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored 6th Virtual Congress of Psychiatry, Interpsiquis 2005, Spain. Contact: Dr. Pedro Moreno, E-mail: pmoreno@psiquiatria.com, Website: interpsiquis.com

February 3-5, 2005, WPA Section Meeting of Section on Mass Media & Mental Health, Tuxtla, Mexico. Contact: Dr. Miguel A. Materazzi, E-mail: materazzi@arnet.com.ar

February 9-13, 2005, WPA Section Meeting of Section on Art and Psychiatry, Djerba, Tunisia, Psyche and Art Seminar. Contact: Dr. Hans Otto Thomashoff, E-mail: thomashoff@utanet.at

March 15-18, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored IV National Psychiatric Congress and XIX Central American Psychiatric Congress, organized by the Costa Rica Psychiatric Association, San Jose, Costa Rica. Contact: Dr. Rigoberto Castro Rojas, E-mail: rcastror@racsa.co.cr, Website: www.asocopsicr.com

March 16-19, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored 14th World Congress of the World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry, Cracow, Poland, Trauma-Attachment-Personality. Contact: Dr. Maria Ammon, E-mail: dapberlin@aol.com, Website: www.dapberlin.de

March 18-20, 2005, WPA Section Meeting of the Section on Mental Health Economics, Venice, Italy, Financing Mental and Addictive Disorders. Contact: Dr. Massimo Moscarelli, E-mail: moscarelli@icmpe.org, Website: www.icmpe.org

April 19, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored IX International Congress of Personality Disorders, organized by the Association of Argentinean Psychiatrists, Mar del Plata, Argentina. Contact: Dr. Nestor Koldobsky, E-mail: koldobsky@speedy.com.ar, luminar@infovia.com.ar, Website: www.apsa.org.ar, www.iaepd.com.ar

April 20-23, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored Regional Meeting of the Collegium Internationale Neuro-Psychopharmacologicum, Cape Town, South Africa. Contact: Dr. Robin Emsley, E-mail: rae@sun.ac.za, Website: www.cinp.org

June 22-24, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored Congreso Iberoamericano de Anseidad, organized by Psiquis Asesoría y Investigación en Salud Mental, Quito, Ecuador. Contact: Dr. Carlos Leon, E-mail: carleon@hoy.net

July 5-7, 2005, WPA Section Meeting of Section on Epidemiology and Public Health, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, Meeting Mental Health Needs: The evidence from Epidemiology, Economics and Evaluation. Contact: Dr. Philip Burgess,

E-mail: ephm2005@icms.com.au, Website: www.icms.com/ephm2005

July 11-12, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored Second International Conference on Conflict-Culture and Mental Health, organized by the Andrew Sims Centre, Trust Leeds Mental Health, London, England. Contact: Lynne Christopher, E-mail: lynne.christopher@leedsmh.nhs.uk

September 7-9, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored Third Latin American Congress on Neuropsychiatry, 7th Argentinean Congress of Neuropsychiatry and 8th Meeting of Alzheimer's Disease, organized by Asociacion Neuropsiquiatrica Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Contact: Dr. Leandro Tortora, E-mail: info@stpweb.com.ar, Website: neuropsiquiatria.org.ar

September 12-15, 2005, WPA Section meeting of the WPA Section on Suicidology, Durban, South Africa, XXIII World Congress: International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP). Contact: Dr. Lourens Schlebusch, E-mail: iasp2005@nu.ac.za, Website: interaction.nu.ac.za/iasp2005

2006

September 13-16, 2006, WPA Co-sponsored VI World Congress of Depressive Disorders and International Symposium on Addictive Disorders, Mendoza, Argentina. Contact: Dr. Jorge Nazar, E-mail: jorge_nazar@hotmail.com, Website: www.mendoza2006.org

September 25-28, 2006, WPA Co-sponsored XIX World Congress of the International Federation for Psychotherapy, organized by the Japanese Federation of Psychotherapy, Tokyo, Japan. Contact: Dr. Tsutomu Sakuta, E-mail: sakuta-nakayama@cb.wakwak.com