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## Greetings

World Mental Health Day has been and gone - congratulations to those societies who marked it and used it to promote mental health, and particularly give voice to the users of mental illness services.

The glossy folder produced by the World Federation for Mental Health (with whom we have renewed collaboration), rightly gave prominence to cultural issues and the need for cultural competence. But how many of our national societies have these specific mandatory training programmes? For many, the crucial legacy of trans-cultural psychiatry is its healthy critique of universal panaceas and the theoretical approach of social anthropology.

The Lancet launch of the 'movement' to scale up mental health services in Developing Countries is a huge opportunity for WPA to nail its colours to this mast. Yet as Parameshvara Deva has said, not only should we join with WHO to directly lobby ministers, but also actively ourselves train primary care doctors in psychiatry.


In the UK, for example, Obstetricians and Gynaecologists have almost no post-graduate

training in psychiatry. So what hope of optimal treatment for the third of women with co-morbid mental disorder. Physician heal thyself - or at least accept that medical stigma may spring from the reluctance of doctors to accept their own mental health needs; and then counter stigma with affirmative action.

The Executive Committee, Board and Advisory Council will, in Melbourne, actively consider these key matters.

October is the beginning of the WPA year and readers will note that in any creative organisation nothing stands still. The President's report is vivid and impressive, and the President-Elect's consultation about the future is timely.

Please check that you have returned the completed General Survey!



Prof. John Cox, WPA Secretary General



## WPA Shanghai Regional Conference Opening Ceremony

Opening ceremony of the 2007 WPA Shanghai Regional Meeting and CSP Annual Congress in Shanghai, China, 20-23 September. At the podium (far left) is Prof. Zeping Xiao, President of the Shanghai Mental Health Centre. Seated L to R are Profs. D-F Zhou, J Xu, JE Mezzich, H Zuo, J Zhang, L Kong and J Gao.

## ■ World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) celebrated its World Congress

On August 19-23, 2007, the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) celebrated its World Congress in Hong Kong. The program focused largely on Culture and Mental Health and included the participation of many members of WFMH constituents, i.e., service users, families, advocates, and mental health professionals. A number of WPA officers were present, reflecting the formal inter-institutional collaboration signed earlier this year. WPA President Juan E. Mezzich delivered the Mary Hemingway Rees Memorial Lecture.



L to R: Profs. Preston Garrison, Shona Sturgeon and Juan E. Mezzich at the WFMH World Congress in Hong Kong, August 2007.

## ■ Jubilee of the World Federation of Neurology in Brussels



L to R: Prof. Johan Aarli (WFN President) and Prof. Juan E. Mezzich (WPA President) at the Jubilee celebrations of the World Federation of Neurology in Brussels, August 27, 2007.

On August 27, 2007, the World Federation of Neurology (WFN) conducted a Jubilee Historical Session within the framework of the European Congress of Neurology in Brussels. WFN is the global organization in its field and represents 100 national neurologist societies. WFN President Johan Aarli invited the WPA President to speak on “Psychiatry and Neurology: Journey and Horizon” at this historical session. Prof. J. Hachinsky (WFN President Elect) joined Profs. Aarli and Mezzich in initiating a productive inter-institutional collaboration articulating science and humanism.

## ■ Czech-Slovak Psychiatric Congress was held in Brno

On September 12-15, 2007, the 13th Czech-Slovak Psychiatric Congress was held in Brno, Moravia, Czech Republic. It covered salient topics in psychopathology (from affective disorders to schizophrenia) and various approaches to psychiatric care. It also included institutional meetings attended by the WPA President, such as one to advance the preparation of the Prague World Congress of Psychiatry and encounters with young psychiatrist groups.



L to R: Profs. M. Abou-Saleh, P.G. Fedor-Freybergh, J. Raboch, E. Ceskova, J.E. Mezzich, and P. Baudis at the 13th Czech-Slovak Psychiatric Congress, Brno, September 12, 2007.

## ■ PsicoHabana and International Classification Conference in Cuba



A WPA flat with folk dancers participating in an arts festival at PsicoHabana International Conference, Havana, Cuba, September 7, 2007.

On September 3-7, 2007, the legendary Hospital Psiquiátrico de La Habana, the Cuban Ministry of Health, and the WPA Section on Classification and Diagnostic Assessment held a lively academic event in combination with an arts and sports festival. It involved the participation of patient groups from each of the provincial hospitals of Cuba. The scientific program encompassed a broad range of timely topics in psychiatry and mental health, from psychiatric rehabilitation to *psicoballet*. It also included recent developments on the Cuban Glossary of Psychiatry and the Latin America Guide for Psychiatric Diagnosis (GLADP) (involving the comprehensive diagnostic formulation of WPA’s International

Guidelines for Diagnostic Assessment and an annotation of the ICD-10 classification of mental disorders).



L to R: Profs. Angel Otero, Nelson Moreno, Ihsan Salloum and Juan Mezzich at the WPA-APAL Diagnosis and Classification Symposium at Havana, Cuba, September 6, 2007.

## ■ The Turkish-German Congress of Psychiatry in Istanbul

On September 12-15, 2007, a new edition of the Turkish-German Congress of Psychiatry took place in Istanbul. The main theme of this year's event was Identity. This was examined from numerous viewpoints, from diagnosis to psychotherapies to art. One of the highlights was a symposium on depression and old age chaired by Prof. Peykan Gokalp. Another was a session on identity and diagnosis with the participation of Profs. Levent Kuey, Andreas Heinz, and Juan Mezzich. The Bosphorous played a magnificent backdrop for this encounter.



L to R: Profs. D. Eraslan, R. Tükel, S. Yüksel, C. Cimilli, P. Gökalp, J.E. Mezzich, L. Küey, K. Kora, participants in the Turkish-German Congress of Psychiatry, Istanbul, September 14, 2007.

## ■ WPA Institutional Meetings at the Shanghai Regional Conference

Within the framework of the WPA Regional Conference in Shanghai, September 20-23, 2007, a number of institutional meetings took place. One of them was an informal meeting of the Executive Committee on September 19, 2007, which discussed, among other items, the publications program of WPA and the prospects for expanding our publishing capabilities as well as key issues in our education program. Another was a meeting to review progress in WPA Region IV (Asia/Australasia), which is part of the ongoing efforts to promote the continental regions of our Association.



L to R: Profs. Zeping Xiao (Organizing Committee Chair), Juan E. Mezzich (WPA and Conference President), and Dongfeng Zhou (Chinese Society President) at the WPA Regional Conference in Shanghai, September 20-23, 2007.



L to R: Profs. J.K. Trivedi, N. Shinfuku, J.E. Mezzich, H. Herrman, B. Singh, and H. Chaudhry at the WPA Region IV (Asia/Australasia) Session, WPA Regional Conference in Shanghai, September 21, 2007.

## ■ Second WHO Meeting on the Revision of the ICD Classification of Mental Disorders

On September 24 and 25, 2007, the Second Meeting of the WHO International Advisory Group for the Revision of the ICD Classification of Mental Disorders took place in Geneva. The meeting was attended by the regular members and spe-

cial invitees and reviewed progress since the first meeting this past January. Key issues were discussed on classification for mental health and primary care settings as well as on promising approaches for the practical organization of disorders and syndromes. Attention was also given to covering adequately the international literature and efforts to harmonize the classification with DSM and other relevant approaches. Engagement of health stakeholders from professional associations to user groups was also attended to.



L to R: O. Gureje, T. Maruta, G. Reed, L. Gask, R. Bock, G. Andrews, M.E. Medina-Mora, D. Goldberg, S. Saxena, X. Yu, N. Sartorius, B. Saraceno, J.E. Mezzich, S. Chatterji, P. Sharan, S. Hyman, B. Ustun, T. Dua, A. Coenen, M. First, H. Nakane, M. Klinkman, K. Saeed, G. Mellso, R. Blickle-Ritter, and H. Herrman at the Second Meeting of the WHO International Advisory Group for the Revision of the ICD Classification of Mental Disorders.

## ■ FINTECO Prize 2007 Awarded to WPA President



The President of the World Psychiatric Association, Professor Juan E. Mezzich, has been awarded the 2007 FINTECO Prize for long and lasting contributions to international psychiatry and mental health. The Prize is awarded by the Foundation for Interdisciplinary Investigation on Communication (FINTECO), Argentina. It was presented by the FINTECO President, Professor Miguel Angel Materazzi, in Buenos Aires on September 27, 2007.

## ■ WPA Regional Conference in Buenos Aires

On September 24-27, 2007, a WPA Regional Conference and 14th International Congress of the Argentinean Association of Psychiatrists (AAP) took place in Buenos Aires. As in previous editions, this AAP Congress was attended by over 5,000 psychiatrists and mental health professionals. The scientific program covered all important

areas of our field, with topics lively discussed in interactive sessions. Additionally, several institutional meetings took place, including one for WPA Zone 5 (Southern South America) which is summarized on page 8 in this issue of WPA News.



L to R: Profs. George Christodoulou, Nestor Marchant (AAP President), JE Mezzich, and Alberto Monchablón (Congress President) at the WPA Regional Conference and 14th International Congress of the Argentinean Association of Psychiatrists in Buenos Aires, September 24-27, 2007.



Some of the participants at the closing session of the WPA Regional Conference in Buenos Aires, September 24-27, 2007.

## ■ GLOBAL MENTAL HEALTH – A CALL TO ACTION



**Prof. Vikram Patel**

Professor of International Mental Health & Wellcome Trust Senior Clinical Research Fellow in Tropical Medicine, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

The Lancet medical journal recently published a major series of articles – 11 commentaries and 6 reviews – on global mental health, with a focus on mental disorders in low and middle income countries. The Series was formally launched in London on September 3rd, 2007 and further launches are taking place in Australia, Brazil, Chile, and at the forthcoming WPA International Congress in Melbourne.

In summary, the evidence collated in this Series, most of which was based on systematic reviews of recent scientific literature, in addition to some new analyses and primary data collection, points to these facts:

- Mental health is so inextricably linked with other health and social concerns that there can be no health without mental health.
- Mental disorders affect people in all societies, and disproportionately affect the poor, and those who are disadvantaged and vulnerable.

■ Mental disorders are, even in the poorest countries of the world, a leading cause of disability and loss of economic productivity.

■ There is evidence that low-cost treatments (both drug and psychosocial) are feasible, affordable and effective for many mental disorders in developing countries. These treatments can be delivered by community or general health workers with adequate training and supervision.

■ Despite this evidence, the treatment gap, i.e., the gap between those who need treatment and actually receive it, approaches 90% even for the most severe disorders.

■ This gross lack of access to affordable evidence-based care, and the continuing abuse of human rights of people with mental disorders is a stain on the conscience of the global health community.

■ Despite the overwhelming evidence of suffering, solutions and lack of access, most new global health initiatives completely ignore mental health.

In the light of this evidence, the Series calls for action to scale up an evidence based package of services for people with mental disorders combined with a commitment to protect the human rights of those affected by mental disorders – and provides information on the costs, indicators and research strategies to support this action. Richard Horton, the editor of the Lancet, proposes that we will need to achieve these ambitious goals through launching a new ‘movement for

mental health’. During the next two years, the Lancet will make mental health one of its ‘campaign focal points’ and urges partners to join this new social movement being launched with this Series.

The editors of the Series (Vikram Patel, Martin Prince and Shekhar Saxena) along with over 50 other members of the group which produced the Series are now planning to launch this movement for mental health. The movement seeks to draw inspiration from other campaigns which have focused on making evidence and rights based care available to all, such as the HIV/AIDS and maternal survival campaigns. The movement seeks to be broad-based, aiming to build a vibrant coalition of activists, academics, users, clinicians, donors and policy makers. The movement will be open to anyone who wishes to work towards the core strategies needed to achieve the call for action – these strategies may include advocacy, building capacity of stakeholders (including psychiatrists), carrying out the priority research identified in the Series, and monitoring progress in countries. The active engagement of global organisations representing mental health stakeholders such as the World Psychiatric Association is an essential component for achieving the ambitious goals set out in the call for action. The call for action specifies the critical roles that psychiatrists need to play in achieving mental health care for all. We urge WPA members to join the movement. You may find the full set of articles, including the press release materials at [http://www.thelancet.com/online/focus/mental\\_health](http://www.thelancet.com/online/focus/mental_health).

## BUILDING UP THE WPA ACTION PLAN 2008-2011



Prof. Mario Maj, WPA President-Elect

When I submitted to the General Assembly my candidacy to the position of WPA President Elect, in 2005, I presented a summary of my work intentions, which is representing now the basis for the development of the WPA Action Plan 2008-2011 by the WPA Planning Committee.

You will find below that summary. I would be grateful to all WPA Member Societies and Sections for their comments and suggestions about the items listed in the summary, but especially for their ideas about the implementation of those items, at the national and international level, during the triennium of my presidency.

I look forward to an active and continuous collaboration with all WPA Member Societies and Sections, on the basis of the priorities they will identify.

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### Work intentions of the incoming WPA President for the triennium 2008-2011

**1.** To upgrade the image of psychiatry in the society and within the field of medicine and public health across the world

(by giving visibility to high-quality programmes of psychiatric and mental health care implemented in the various areas of the world, including low and middle income countries; by enhancing the public awareness of the range of mental disorders and of the effectiveness of psychiatric treatments;

by identifying and combating the main sources of stigmatization of psychiatry and psychiatrists at the national and international level; by promoting the implementation of the principles of the Declaration of Madrid in all countries of the world).

**2.** To support Member Societies in their efforts to improve the quality of psychiatric care, education and research in their countries

(by assisting Member Societies in their interaction with national authorities, in the production and implementation of clinical guidelines and ethical codes, in the refinement of curricula for medical student and post-graduate psychiatric training as well as for training in other mental health professions, and in the development and implementation of programmes for continuing professional education).

**3.** To contribute to the enhancement of professional knowledge and skills of psychiatrists of all regions of the world

(by developing a vast programme of high-quality itinerant educational courses, in collaboration with Member Societies, following the model of the programme implemented by the European Psychiatric Association in collaboration with 23 national psychiatric societies in Europe; by promoting the dissemination of information on recent clinical, service and research developments in such a way that it can be assimilated by psychiatrists of all regions of the world).

**4.** To promote the professional development of young psychiatrists worldwide

(by facilitating the participation of young psychiatrists selected by Member Societies in WPA Congresses and other worthwhile international scientific meetings; by building up a network of centers of excellence in psychiatric research which accept to co-sponsor with the WPA periods of training of young psychiatrists from low income countries selected by the relevant Member Societies; by stimulating the participation of young psychiatrists in the activities of WPA Scientific Sections).

**5.** To foster the participation of psychiatrists from all regions of the world in the international debate on clinical, service and research issues

(by ensuring an adequate representation of all the regions in the WPA scientific meetings and publications and in the activities of all WPA Scientific Sections).

**6.** To promote and coordinate international collaborative research

(by facilitating the involvement of the most prominent scientists of the world in the activities of the WPA Scientific Sections; by fostering the establishment, within the Scientific Sections, of networks of centers and scientists carrying out collaborative research).

**7.** To strengthen partnership with other international organizations (with a special regard to the World Health Organization) and with international associations of users and relatives.

**8.** To build up a long-term, solid and transparent partnership with potential donors, including the industry as well as national and international foundations with an interest in the mental health field.

**9.** To foster the active participation of all Member Societies and Scientific Sections in the life of the Association and to promote the communication and collaboration among the various components of the Association.

**10.** To increase the visibility and credibility of the Association at the international level

(by ensuring that all its initiatives and products – from scientific meetings to publications to educational programmes to consensus and position statements to all the activities of the Scientific Sections – are of the highest possible quality level, with a fully effective utilization of the available human resources).

*Mario Maj*

## Three publications relevant to WPA work and output at present

### 1. THE MENTAL HEALTH OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS: AN AREA OF GLOBAL NEGLECT. 2007.

Editors: Remschmidt H, Nurcombe B, Belfer ML, Sartorius N, Okasha A. 2007. Wiley.

*A publication from the WPA Institutional programme.*

### 2. MASS VIOLENCE AND MENTAL HEALTH. 2007.

Editors: Cox J, Ghodse H. International Review of Psychiatry, Volume 19. No 3. June.

*Includes important papers by Ahmed Okasha and Arboleda-Florez. The Report of the WPA Task Force expected early 2008.*

### 3. LANCET SERIES ON GLOBAL MENTAL HEALTH

The recent Lancet Series on Global Mental Health (published in Volume 370 from 4 September to 6 October 2007) provides the evidence for the movement to scale up mental health services in the developing world. The Call for Action published 6 October and the papers and commentaries (see Panel on page 4 of the WPA News) include contributions from Mario Maj, Oye Gureje, Helen Herrman and our colleagues in WHO.

*A commentary of interest in the Series is: Helen Herrman, Leslie Swartz. Promotion of mental health in poorly resourced countries. Lancet 2007; 370: 1195-96.*

See also the earlier series of Lancet papers on the Global Challenge of Early Childhood Development and its effect on Adolescent Health, published in 2007, Vol. 369. A series particularly pertinent to the WPA Institutional Programme on Parent and Infant Mental Health.

## Real Persons: The recent 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Philosophy Psychiatry & Psychology in South Africa

Sun City, South Africa  
26-30 August 2007



Prof. CW (Werdie) Van Staden  
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South Africa

Real persons, including users and psychiatrists, are at the centre of psychiatry! So guided the theme, "Hypotheses, Neuro-science, & Real Persons", of the 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Philosophy, Psychiatry & Psychology held at Sun City in South Africa from the 26<sup>th</sup> to

the 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2007. Real persons at the centre is a theme that resonates well with the WPA Institutional Program for Psychiatry of the Person (WPA-IPPP). Prof Juan Mezzich (WPA President) and Prof John Cox (WPA Secretary-General) were two of real WPA persons who congruently made presentations titled respectively "Towards a person-centered integrative diagnosis" and "The birth of the person: towards an integrative psychiatry". In doing so, WPA-endorsement of the conference was profoundly tuned with thematic content.

Thematic resonance came also in the real persons of the hosts, being the International Network for Philosophy and Psychiatry (INPP) and the South African Society of Psychiatrists (SASOP), as well as the other endorsing associations, being the African Association of Psychiatrists and Allied Professions (AAPAP), the Philosophical Society of Southern Africa (PSSA) and the Psychological Society of South Africa (PsySSA). Also, a conference issue of the *South African Journal of Psychiatry* (<http://www.sajp.org.za>) featured the conference

abstracts as well as an international set of editorial papers on this theme including a WPA contribution by Professors Juan Mezzich and George Christodoulou.

About 400 delegates from 21 countries, including a few mental health care users, were mostly from Africa, which enriched the theme with African reverberations of cultural diversity and first hand experiences of the continent's people. These African reverberations in addition to conceptual-analytical and interpretative methodologies from other continents provided for new insights and challenges in the understanding of neuro-scientific advances and the ethics of psychiatric practice. From these insights and challenges, so much enthusiasm transpired that a special interest group for Philosophy and Psychiatry in the African Association of Psychiatrists and Allied Professions (AAPAP), the first special interest group of AAPAP, is now being erected.

Next year's conference, the eleventh, is scheduled for Dallas in Texas (USA) from 6-8 October 2008 on the theme *Psychiatry and Freedom* (<http://www.inpponline.org>).

## ■ Conference Report - 2007 WPA Shanghai Regional Conference and CSP Annual Congress

Shanghai, China, 20-23 September 2007

The 2007 WPA Shanghai Regional Conference/CSP Annual Congress took place at Shanghai International Convention Center in Shanghai, China, on 20-23 September 2007. The conference was sponsored by the World Psychiatric Association, co-sponsored by the Chinese Society of Psychiatry, and organized by the Shanghai Mental Health Center.

The conference brought together a total of 1,239 participants, including 305 international participants from 56 foreign countries and 934 Chinese participants. The international participants were mainly from the USA, Australia, England, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Israel, Mexico, etc. The officers from Shanghai Municipal Government and Chinese National Health Ministry, the President of Shanghai Jiaotong University joined the Congress opening ceremony, and addressed the participants.

The conference offered a total of 800 papers. The conference papers had an acceptance rate of 90%. It also included 4 keynote

speeches (Profs. Mezzich, Mingyuan Zhang, Pedro Ruiz, Jerrold Rosenbaum), 32 open lectures, 62 symposia and 20 workshops. The conference presentations gave an excellent overview on “globalization and Mental Health”. The main speeches (speakers) were: Prof. Juan Mezzich (President of the WPA) “Globalization and Psychiatry for the Person”; Prof. Mingyuan Zhang (Honorable President of CSP) “Globalization and Mental Health in China”; Prof. Pedro Ruiz (WPA Secretary for Meetings) “The Impact of Migration and Acculturation on Mental Health”; Prof. Jerrold Rosenbaum (Head, Psychiatric Department of MGH) “The MGH Longitudinal Study of Children at Risk for Anxiety and Depression”; Prof. Norman



From left to right are Profs. Char-Nie Chen, Helen Herrman, Naotaka Shinfuku, John Cox, and Levent Küey at the at the recent WPA Shanghai Regional Conference and CSP Annual Congress, Shanghai, September 2007.

Sartorius (Professor of Psychiatry at several universities, including Prague, London, Zagreb and New York) “Globalization and Mental Health in China”; Prof. Nora D. Volkow (President of NIDA) “The Neurobiology of Free Will in Addictive Disorders”; Prof. Nada L. Stotland (elected President of APA) “Tension Between Religion and Women’s Mental Health”; Prof. Sheila Hollins (President of the British Royal College of Psychiatrists) “Developing and Implementing Mental Health Legislation Across the World”; and et al. It showed a high level of scientific content which was highly welcomed by all participants.

The congress was a success as it increased exchange of information between psychiatrists in China and those coming from all over the world; improved educational activities in the region, by providing up-to-date information; boosted collaborative research by bringing together investigators from various parts of the world; strengthened the links among WPA’s Member Societies; made psychiatry more visible on the national and on the international levels; and improved the development of the psychiatry in China.

Grace Tang  
Zeping Xiao  
Shanghai Mental Health Center

## ■ Hallucination in Shanghai

**Prof. N. Shinfuku, Professor, Seinan  
Gakuin University, Fukuoka, Japan**

I first visited China in November 1981 as WHO Regional Adviser in Mental Health. Since then I have visited China more than 40 to 50 times to organize WHO workshops and seminars on various topics at different cities. In 1981, Chinese peoples were all wearing Mao suits in blue; all clothing was colorless. Cities were dark with hardly any lights. There were very few cars on the roads – only bicycles. Peoples were afraid of contact with foreigners. Research activities at major psychiatric institutes were primitive and limited to genetic studies. No one could have dreamed of the colorful, dynamic and glittering views of present-day Shanghai city. Also, no one could have dreamed of an

international Congress of psychiatry such as WPA Shanghai 2007 taking place in China. It is like a dream come true.

The WPA Regional Conference in Shanghai 2007 proved the fantastic development of Chinese psychiatry in the past years since the Culture Revolution. More than 1,200 participants from more than 50 countries were impressed by the high academic standard of the Congress attended by world leading psychiatrists. The organization was smooth and friendly. The Shanghai International Convention Center was magnificent with a beautiful view of the Yangtze River, the Oriental Pearl Tower, and Shanghai city.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and congratulation to all Chinese psychiatrists who worked hard for the preparation and organization of the Conference. My special thanks go to principle organizers of the

Congress, Prof Zou Dongfend, President of the Chinese Society of Psychiatry (CSP) and Prof Xiao Zeping, President of the Shanghai Mental Health Center for the success of the Conference.

My first counterpart in China was Prof Shen Yucun, well-known former Director of Beijing Institute of Mental health. She has played a key role to promote international collaboration in Chinese psychiatry. I would like to send my special eulogy to women psychiatrists in China who have supported the development of modern Chinese psychiatry.

Thanks for all the efforts and congratulations for the successful congress.

Prof N Shinfuku (see photo above) is WPA Zonal Representative for the Zone 17 and former Regional Adviser in Mental Health for the WHO Western Pacific Region.

## ■ Strong Presence of WPA in Southern South America

**Prof. Roger Montenegro, WPA Zonal Representative for Southern South America (Zone 5)**



Standing L to R: Miguel Adad, Roger Montenegro, Rogerio Aguiar, Jose Vera, Cesar Mella, Juan Enrique Mezzich, Angel Valmaggia, and Everth Montaña. Below, L to R: Hugo Lande, Hernan Olivera, Miguel Jorge, and Harry Rivera at the XXV Brazilian Congress of Psychiatry.

Two very important congresses took place in Zone 5, Southern South America, this year: the XIV International Congress of Psychiatry & WPA Regional Meeting (Argentina), and the XXV Brazilian Congress of Psychiatry (Brazil), attended by more than 5,000 participants, each. In this context, there were two WPA Zone 5 meetings, attended by the WPA President, Juan Enrique Mezzich, and other WPA components such as the Chair of the Committee on Ethics, the Secretary for Sections, the Zonal Representatives for Zones 1 and 5, officers of Member Societies and Sections, and the President of the Latin American Psychiatric Association, a WPA Affiliated Association.

The President gave an updated report of WPA affairs, including the IPPP, which was received with big interest in the zone. He then promoted participation in the Melbourne International Congress, the 1<sup>st</sup> WPA European Congress (Paris, February 2008), and the next World Congress of Psychiatry (Prague, September 2008). The

Chair of the Committee on Ethics expressed his interest in learning about the position of Member Societies as regards their relationship with the pharmaceutical industry, taking into account the growing concern about the conflict of interests between the goals of the WPA and its Member Societies (research and publications of scientific, ethical and educational interest) and those of the industry (marketing and sales). The Member Societies expressed their interest in the WPA helping towards the transparency of this relationship, so that the pharmaceutical industry supports Member Societies rather than individuals, as the former are more reliable regarding funds invested on specific tasks towards the improvement of the standard of professional development, to the benefit of the patients, their families and mental health services. A good example is the program ABP Community, with the exclusive sponsorship of ABP, to avoid any bias from the pharmaceutical industry, which makes their investments according to marketing criteria.

Moreover, as they do in every zone meeting, Member Societies expressed their concern about the growing tendency among governments in the zone to define policies and mental health programs without inviting Member Societies to participate. They expect the WPA Executive Committee to take a strong position in this matter and make it clear, for example, by writing letters to government officials in the zone, as well as discussing it with WHO and its regional branches.

A very important issue to be considered is that those mental health policies and programs tend to promote anti-psychiatric positions rather than solve Public Health priorities related to mental health. There is a tendency to discredit the profession and the professionals, in spite of the fact that – as we all know – they constantly improve their scientific knowledge, observe ethical standards, work in alliance with groups of relatives and those which defend the patients' rights. In the zone there is a big gap between those who may pay for private service and those who do not have the resources, so that they either become excluded from access to services or obtain low quality services in which the well-trained psychiatrist is the only valid resource.

In this context, the central themes of the Argentinean and Brazilian congresses were deemed of particular interest: “For a Mental Health in service of the dignity of the persons” and “Psychiatry and Person: Embracing plurality”.



## ■ The First Psychiatric Congress of Eastern Europe

**Prof. George Christodoulou, President, Psychiatric Association for Eastern Europe and the Balkans**

The Psychiatric Congress of Eastern Europe was a historic one as it was the first time that practically all Psychiatric Associations of the region assembled to discuss problems of crucial importance for the region. The Congress was organized by the WPA-affiliated Psychiatric Association for Eastern Europe and the Balkans ([www.paeeb.com](http://www.paeeb.com)) which developed from the WPA Institutional Program for Eastern Europe and the Balkans.

The Congress was held in Thessaloniki, Greece, from 21 to 23 September 2007. More than 700 psychiatrists from practically all Eastern European countries participated and the scientific presentations have drawn great interest. The main topics of the Congress were a) psychiatric reform, urgently needed in the area and b) suicide, in view of the fact that the top nine countries in number of deaths from suicide in Europe are Eastern European ones. There were panel discussions on achievements, problems and perspectives of Psychiatry in Eastern Europe, to which all representatives of National



Representatives of the Psychiatric Association for Eastern Europe and the Balkans during the Thessaloniki Congress, Sept. 21-23, 2007.

Associations participated, panels organized by families and relatives, courses by the European Division of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, presentations by the EFPT and Young Psychiatrists, a panel discussion on Violence in the Middle East, with the participation of the Iraqi, Israeli and Palestinian psychiatric society Presidents and many other topics that stimulated vigorous discussions.

During the General Assembly, to which representatives from 13 countries participated, the **Declaration of Thessaloniki** was voted upon.

**The Declaration runs as follows:**

### Thessaloniki Declaration

The representatives of the Psychiatric Associations of Eastern Europe and the Balkans, having convened in Thessaloniki, Greece, for the First East Europe Psychiatric Congress have decided to declare the following:

Taking into account

1. That the majority of the countries of Eastern Europe and the Balkans are suffering from severe economic difficulties.
2. That the population of many of the countries of the region have suffered severe stress due to wars, civil conflicts and other stressors.
3. That there are still in many countries, hundreds of thousands of refugees and internally displaced persons living in poor conditions.
4. That many psychosocial consequences such as PTSD, depression, anxiety, psychosomatic disorders, substance abuse, violence etc. have resulted or have been precipitated by stress and require treatment and prevention of further consequences.
5. That there is need for reconciliation in order to prevent transgenerational transmission of trauma and future repetition of the spiral of violence among the countries of the region.
6. That political leaders as well as the international scientific community can contribute substantially to the prevention of future mass violence and to the protection of mental health of the populations.

7. That the degree of communication and exchange of scientific information of psychiatrists in the area with their colleagues in other parts of the world face serious obstacles, financial and administrative, thus leading to isolation of the scientific communities of Eastern Europe and the Balkans.
8. That the scientific productivity of psychiatrists working in the area has been severely curtailed because of the above economic and other problems.
9. That there is great need for the upgrading of scientific knowledge in Eastern Europe and the Balkans, especially with reference to scientific areas like Psychiatric Reform, Community Psychiatry, Prevention, Promotion of Mental Health and Research.
10. That there is great need for scientific input from Eastern Europe and the Balkans to return to its previous level of excellence for the benefit of our patients, their relatives and society.

We draw the attention of the International Scientific Community, the World Psychiatric Association, the World Health Organization, the political leadership of the World, and all other relevant International political, non-governmental and scientific organizations to the above facts and urge them to contribute to the reconstruction and advancement of the countries of Eastern Europe and to the upgrading of productivity of their psychiatric communities, to the benefit of the patients, their relatives and the societies of Eastern Europe, the Balkans and the World.

Given on 20 September 2007 in Thessaloniki, Greece

The Second East European Congress of Psychiatry will be held in Moscow, Russia in 2009 under the leadership of Prof. Valery Krasnov with the collaboration of Prof. Yuri Savenko and Dr Liubov Vinogradova.

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**Hosts:** Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists and World Psychiatric Association

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**Website:** [www.wpa2007melbourne.com](http://www.wpa2007melbourne.com)

## WPA European Congress Paris, France 6-9 February 2008



*From left to right: Antoine Besse (President of the French Association of Psychiatrists of Private Practice), Yves Thoret (President of the Psychiatric Evolution), Nicole Garret (President of the Psychiatric Information Society), Michel Botbol (President of the Association of French Member Societies of WPA, and Secretary General of the French Association of Psychiatry), and Jean François Allilaire (Secretary General of the Medical Psychologic Society).*

Dear friends, dear colleagues,

On behalf of the organizing committee, the five French Member Societies of the WPA are very pleased to extend an invitation to you all to attend and actively participate in

the WPA European Congress which is under preparation in Paris from the 6th to the 9th of February 2008.

As you already know, we want this Congress to be a true sample of our continental psychiatric diversity and of our common commitment to the person of the patients we treat.

Famous lecturers will contribute to this scientific objective, and among them, Jeffrey Liberman, Paul Cozys, Paul Amaisen, Emir Kusturica, Matt Muijen, Georges Christodoulou, Juan Mezzich, Jorge Alberto Costa e Silva, John Cox, Bill Fulford, François Ansermet, Pierre Magistretti, Jean Garrabe, Philippe Gorwood, Bernard Gibello, A Barrios, Helen Herrman, Sam Tyano, Alain Braconnier, Guy Darcourt, Philippe Mazet, Armando Barriguete, Daniel Kipman, P Gianakopoulos, P Angst, Alan Tasman, Miguel Jorge, JF Allilaire, S Tordjman, JP Olié, W Gaebel, H Moller, K Ebineier, Pedro Ruiz, Mario Maj, JM Thurin, P Chessik, etc.

Together with Eufami and other Carers and Users European Associations, Michaela Amering will organise a thematic day on

Care to the Persons. The European Zonal Representatives (Levent Küey, Dusica Lecic Tosevski, Marianne Kastrop, and Armen Soghoyan) will hold a special European symposium presenting the current situations of mental health and mental health plans in the contrasted European context. The Special symposium will discuss how treatments and research methodology could adapt to psychiatry for the person approaches. New researches data will allow to discuss different genetic models and among them the gene environment model. Another Special symposium will be organised by WPA Sections with special contributions from Afzal Javed, Florence Quartier, Roger Montenegro, Steven Schutzer, Edgar Belfort, Edmond Pi, Aimé Charles Nicolas, JP Lepine, H O Thomassof, J P Soubrier, Marie Odile Krebs, Ihsam Salloum, Maurice Corcos, Bernard Golse, etc. A specific set of symposia will be organised by Cecile Hanon and the European association of trainees to allow young psychiatrists to present their main concern and point of view

We are waiting for you in Paris.

**Website:** [www.wpa2008paris.com](http://www.wpa2008paris.com)

June 2008

## WPA Thematic Conference on Depression and Other Common Mental Disorders in Primary Care, Granada, Spain, 18-21 June 2008

The Conference will take place in Granada, Spain, between 18th and 21st June 2008 and it is being organised in collaboration with WONCA-Europe. The event will be offering to the attendees the most updating scientific debate sessions on current dilemma such as:

- Biological factors in the detection and management of Mental Health Disorders.
- Developing and delivering mental health services across the world, where are we failing?
- Collaborative intervention between psychiatry and primary care: "working together".
- Development of a risk algorithm for onset of major depression: the PREDICT study.
- Psychoses in the Community: from early diagnosis to continuity of care.

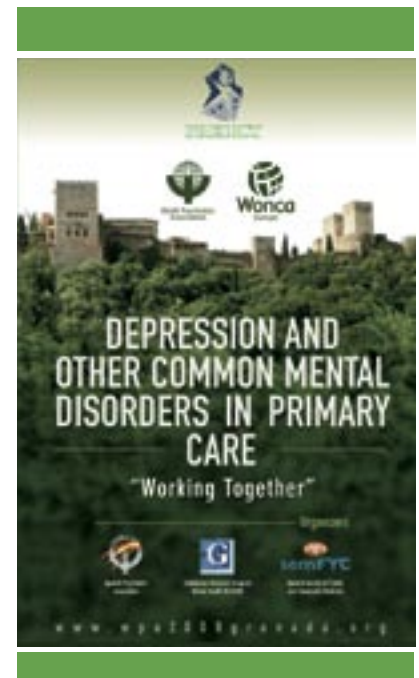
- Do antidepressants work in primary care?
- Primary Care Mental Health in lower and middle-income countries. What can the West learn?

Besides that, new proposals on related topics in a symposium format will be still most welcome. Free papers and posters will also be accepted. Even more, we are still inviting to submit proposals on short training courses and workshops on practical areas. Some of the already received proposals are concerned with topics such as "Psycho-social Interventions in Primary Care", "Pharmacological treatment of groups of special age" and "Deontology and legislation".

Look for more information at the Website of the Conference:

<http://www.wpa2008granada.org>

Prof. Francisco Torres-González  
President of the Organising Committee



September 2008

## XIV World Congress of Psychiatry: Science and Humanism – For a Person Centered Psychiatry Prague, Czech Republic, 20–25 September 2008



*President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists Sheila Hollins (on the left), and President of the American Psychiatric Association, Carolyn Robinowitz participating in Edinburgh at the 2007 annual meeting of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, already promised to come to Prague WPA next year.*



We would like to have in Prague really a comprehensive and representative scientific program from all fields of our discipline as well as from all parts of the world. We therefore invite also member national and affiliated societies to propose their own symposia stressing some typical regional topics and problems which could be of interest and importance also for other parts of the world. For instance, to get to know more about the

successful program of treatment of drug addicts in Thailand, about the new mental health program in China, about the use of coercive measures in psychiatric facilities in Europe, or about health insurance plans in the USA, could be of great interest to many participants. We have already some preliminary promises of participation from several societies, namely, APAL, Royal College of Psychiatrists, American Psychiatric

Association, Chinese Society of Psychiatry, and from the North Africa region.

At the same time we are pleased to announce that on-line registration and abstract submission forms have been opened at [www.wpa-prague2008.cz](http://www.wpa-prague2008.cz). We are looking forward to your active participation at XIV World Congress of Psychiatry, Prague 2008!

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

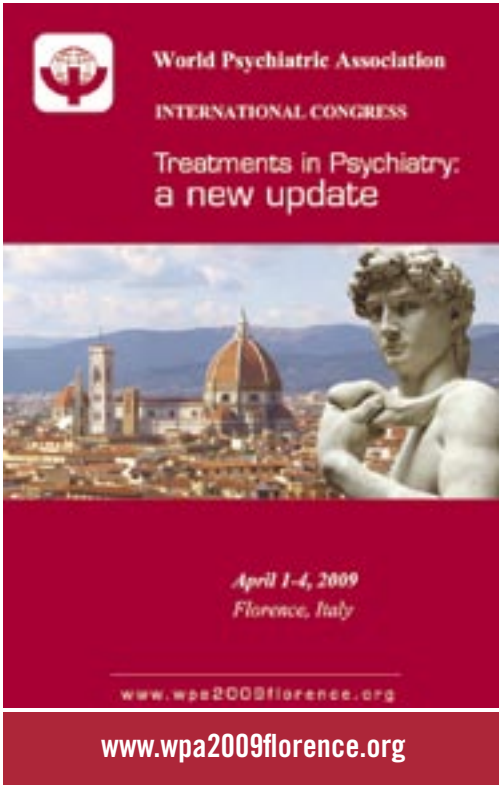
The WPA International Congress “Treatments in Psychiatry: A New Update” will take place in Florence, Italy, from 1 to 4 April 2009. It will be the follow-up to the 2004 WPA International Congress “Treatments in Psychiatry: An Update”, which was the second most attended psychiatric congress worldwide 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 ESI<sup>SM</sup> 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 Indicators<sup>SM</sup>). 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](http://www.wpa2009florence.org)) or contact the **Organizing Secretariat** (Prof. Mario Maj; [secretariat@wpa2009florence.org](mailto:secretariat@wpa2009florence.org)).



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## Future WPA Scientific Meetings

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### October 2007

21-25 October 2007: “XIX World Association for Social Psychiatry Congress”, Prague, Czech Republic. Organizer: World Association for Social Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Shridhar Sharma.  
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23-28 October 2007: “Annual Meeting of the International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM)”, Cairo, Egypt.  
Organizer: International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM).  
Collaboration: WPA Section on Addiction Psychiatry.  
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27 October 2007: “Couple Harmony and Disharmony”, Beirut, Lebanon. Organizer: Lebanese Psychiatry Society.  
Contact: Dr. Charles Baddoura. E-mail: [charlesb@dm.net.lb](mailto:charlesb@dm.net.lb)

### November 2007

1-3 November 2007: “62nd Congress of the Chilean Society of Neurology, Psychiatry and Neurosurgery”, Temuco, Chile.  
Organizer: Chilean Society of Neurology, Psychiatry & Neurosurgery. Contact: Fanny Rapaport.  
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2-4 November 2007: “Third International Conference of SAARC Psychiatric Federation”, Colombo, Sri Lanka. Organizer: South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Psychiatric Federation. Collaboration: Sri Lanka College of Psychiatrists.  
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6-8 November 2007: “X Pan Arab Congress”, Algiers, Algeria.  
Organizers: a) Arab Federation of Psychiatrists;  
b) Algerian Psychiatric Society. Contacts: a) Dr. Saida Douki;  
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b) [F.Kacha@caramail.com](mailto:F.Kacha@caramail.com)

14-16 November 2007: “III National Congress of the Portuguese Society of Psychiatry and Mental Health”, Lisbon, Portugal.  
Organizer: Portuguese Society of Psychiatry and Mental Health.  
Contact: Dr. Luisa Figueira. E-mail: [canessa@mail.telepac.pt](mailto:canessa@mail.telepac.pt)

21-24 November 2007: “Annual Congress of the German Society for Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Nervous Diseases”, Berlin, Germany.  
Organizer: German Society for Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Nervous Diseases. Contact: Dr. Juergen Zielasek. E-mail: [juergen.zielasek@lvr.de](mailto:juergen.zielasek@lvr.de)  
Website: [www.dgppn-kongress.de](http://www.dgppn-kongress.de)

**23-25 November 2007: "XVI International Symposium Sexuality: Pleasures", Caracas, Venezuela. Organizer: WPA Section on Psychiatry and Human Sexuality. Contact: Dr. Ruben Hernandez. E-mail: rubenhernandez@cantv.net**

**28 November-2 December 2007: "WPA International Congress", Melbourne, Australia. Organizer: Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP). Contact: Sharon Brownie. E-mail: Sharon.brownie@ranzcp.org Website: www.ranzcp.org**

**28 November-2 December 2007: "Third International Congress on Brain and Behavior", Thessaloniki, Greece. Organizer: International Society on Brain and Behavior. Collaboration: WPA Section on Private Practice. Contact: Dr. Kostas N. Fountoulakis. E-mail: Kfount@otenet.gr Website: www.psychiatry.org**

#### February 2008

**1-5 February 2008: "5th National Congress, National Institute of Social Security & II Regional WPA Zone 3 Conference", Mexico City, Mexico. Organizer: Instituto Mexicano de Seguro Social. Collaboration: a) WPA Zone 3; b) Latin American Psychiatric Association (APAL). Contact: Dr. Enrique Camarena Robles. E-mail: camarena@avantel.net**

**1-29 February 2008: "9th Edition of the Virtual Congress Interpsiquis 2008", Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Organizer: Interpsiquis 2008. Contact: Dr. Pedro Moreno. E-mail: pedro.moreno@telefonica.net Website: www.interpsiquis.com**

**6-9 February 2008: "WPA European & Regional Congress", Paris, France. Organizer: Association of the French Member Societies of WPA. Contact: Dr. Michel Botbol. E-mails: michel.botbol@wanadoo.fr and Michel.Botbol@justice.gouv.fr Website: www.wpa2008paris.com**

**7-9 February 2008: "Third Conference of Psychiatry: Psychiatry in General Psychiatry", Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Organizer: Health Authority of Abu, Dhabi, UAE. Contact: Dr. Zane Omara. E-mail: zanomara@eim.ae Website: www.ICANUAE.com**

**14-16 February 2008: "II Congreso Internacional Medicina y Salud Mental de la Mujer: Asimilando la Diferencia Para su Abordaje", Medellin, Colombia. Organizer: CES Faculty of Medicine. Contact: Dr. Silvia Gaviria. E-mail: sgaviria1@une.net.co Website: www.ces.edu.co**

#### March 2008

**14-17 March 2008: "ISAD 4th Biennial Conference", Cape Town, South Africa. Organizer: International Society for Affective Disorders (ISAD). Collaboration: WPA Section on Affective Disorders. Contact: Caroline Holebrook. E-mail: caroline.holebrook@iop.kcl.ac.uk Website: www.isad.org.uk**

**16-20 March 2008: "Third World Congress on Women's Mental Health", Melbourne, Australia. Organizer: International Association of Women's Mental Health. Collaboration: WPA Section on Women's Mental Health. Contact: Dr. Donna Stewart, E-mail: Donna.Stewart@uhn.on.ca Website: www.IAWMHCongress2008.com.au**

**17-19 March 2008: "Religious Psychopathology: Explorations at the Interface of Psychiatry and Religion", Leiden, The Netherlands. Organizer: Dutch Foundation on Religion and Psychiatry. Collaboration: WPA Section on Religion, Spirituality and Psychiatry. Contact: Peter J. Verhagen. E-mail: verhagen.p@wxs.nl Website: www.religionandpsychiatry.com/congress2008**

**24-28 March 2008: "III Congreso Panamericano de Salud Mental Infante Juvenil", Havana, Cuba. Organizer: WPA Section on Classification, Diagnostic Assessment and Nomenclature. Collaboration: Cuban Society of Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Tania A. Peon Valdes. E-mail: felices@infomed.sld.cu Website: www.cpalco.com**

**28-29 March 2008: "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 2008

**13-17 April 2008: "9th Congress of the European Federation of Sexology", Rome, Italy. Organizer: European Federation of Sexology. Contact: Dr. Rosi Romagnolo. E-mail: r.romagnolo@aimgroup.it Website: www.aimgroup.it/2008/efs**

**15-17 April 2008: "4th International Conference on Psychiatry: Globalization, Psychiatry and Mental Health", Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Organizer: Saudi Psychiatric Association. Collaboration: German Hospital-Jeddah. Contact: Dr. Mohamed Khaled. E-mail: moh.khaled@gmail.com**

**16-20 April 2008: "Reflections and Ideas for an Innovation Psychiatry Conference", Fiuggi, Italy. Organizer: WPA Section on Ecology, Psychiatry & Mental Health. Contact: Dr. Giuseppe Spinetti. E-mail: gspinetti@libero.it**

**17-19 April 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**

**17-20 April 2008: "Psychiatry, Nature and Culture: From Singular to Universal", Guadalajara, Mexico. Organizer: WPA Transcultural Psychiatry Section. Contact: Dr. Ronald Wintrob. E-mail: informes@gladet.org.mx Website: www.gladet.org.mx**

#### May 2008

**11-14 May 2008: "WPA Epidemiology & Public Health Section Conference", Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. Organizer: WPA Section on Epidemiology & Public Health. Contact: Karen Mosier. E-mail: karen.mosier@usask.ca**

29-31 May 2008: "International Congress of Dual Pathology", Madrid, Spain. Organizer: Spanish Society of Dual Pathology. Contact: Carolina Garcia Sicilia. E-mail: secretariat@cipd2008.com Website: www.cipd2008.com

#### June 2008

18-21 June 2008: "WPA Thematic Conference on Depression and Relevant Psychiatric Condition in Primary Care", Granada, Spain. Organizers: a) World Psychiatric Association; b) Wonca-Europe; c) Spanish Psychiatric Association; d) Spanish Society of Family and Community Medicine (SEMFYC). Collaboration: Grupo Andaluz de Investigacion en Salud Mental (GAISAM). Contacts: a) Dr. Francisco Torres-Gonzalez; b) Patricia Serrano (PCO). E-mails: a) ftorres@ugr.es b) patricia@fase20.com Website: www.WPA2008granada.org

#### August 2008

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

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

#### October 2008

15-19 October 2008: "Annual Meeting of the Serbian Psychiatric Association", Novi Sad, Serbia. Organizer: Serbian Psychiatric Association. Contact: Dr. Dusica Lecic-Tosevski. E-mail: dusica.lecictosevski@eunet.yu

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

#### October - November 2008

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

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

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

#### February 2009

2-6 February 2009: "Cultura y Salud Mental" Congress, Havana, Cuba. Organizer: Cuban Society of Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Cristobal Martinez. E-mail: crisma@infomed.sld.cu

#### 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

#### June 2009

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

#### September 2009

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

24-26 September 2009: "WPA 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

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**April 2010**

15-18 April 2010: "WPA Regional Meeting", Yerevan, Armenia.  
Organizer: Armenian Association of Psychiatrists.  
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**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](mailto:krasnov@mtu-net.ru)

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**September 2010**

1-5 September 2010: "WPA Regional Meeting", Beijing, China.  
Organizer: Chinese Society of Psychiatry.  
Contact: Dr. Yizhuang Zou.  
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**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](mailto:tokasha@internetegypt.com)

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**October 2011**

11-15 October 2011: "XV World Congress of Psychiatry", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organizers: a) Argentina Association of Psychiatrist (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](mailto:mcastex@congresosint.com.ar) Website: [www.congresosint.com.ar](http://www.congresosint.com.ar)



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