



4th Quarter 2004

GREETINGS

The WPA is in top gear! An excellent International Congress in Florence was characterised by strong science and attended by over 6,500 psychiatrists from over 120 countries.

A full gamut of committees was convened including the Board, Council and Executive Committee. As important, perhaps, was the ample opportunity for networking, inspired by Renaissance Florence.

The Board and Council confirmed the EC's recommendation about the site for the Permanent Secretariat and the selection of Buenos Aires as the host city for the World Congress in 2011.

Four Professional Congress Organizers (PCOs), shortlisted as Core PCOs, were interviewed and a final decision is awaited.

The Secretariat is busy beginning the preparations for the General Assembly, which include the distribution of the Nomination and Dues letters (see page 3 for a full text of the Dues letter).

The office in New York, thanks to the generosity of Metropolitan Hospital anticipates to remain operational until the General Assembly in Cairo. A secretary will be appointed in Geneva beginning in February 2005. We are working on the protocol for an opening ceremony.

Please note that the Manual of Procedures (Third Edition) is now on the website. It has important changes about WPA meetings, as well as, other agreed upon constitutional changes. I strongly advise you to download this as soon as possible.

The General Survey results will be featured in the next WPA News. Some Member Societies still have to complete this important questionnaire.

We now look forward to the Regional Congress in Athens.

The Secretariat, now in overdrive for the exciting World Congress in Cairo, September 10 – 15th, 2005, sends sincere Seasons' Greetings to all WPA Components!

Prof. John Cox
Secretary General WPA



A view of the Giza Pyramid in Cairo, Egypt, the host city of the WPA World Congress in September, 2005.

UPDATE ON THE CAIRO WORLD CONGRESS

UPCOMING XIII WORLD CONGRESS OF PSYCHIATRY "5000 Years of Science and Care: Building the Future of Psychiatry" Cairo, Egypt, September 10 -15th, 2005 www.wpa-cairo2005.com

An update about the program of the XIII WCP in Cairo. According to our Professional Congress Organizer (PCO) Tilesa, we have received more than 2000 submissions, including more than 250 symposia, half of which are section symposia; 10 courses, 65 lectures, 490 oral communications, 650 posters, and about 50 workshops. I am pleased to announce that the four plenary lectures will be delivered by President Prof. Ahmed Okasha ("Mental Disorders and Care in Egyptian History: From Pharaonic to Coptic to Islamic Eras"), President-Elect Prof. Juan E. Mezzich ("Science & Humanism: Double Helix for the Future of Psychiatry"), Egyptian American Nobel Laureate Ahmed Zewail ("Medicine in a New Age"), and the Jean Delay Prize Winner (as of yet to be announced). All speakers, of the 12 special and 12 updated lectures, accepted their invitations. All of their lectures will discuss challenging topics in psychiatry. Additionally, fifteen of the invited symposia will be organized by world pioneers in psychiatry, all dealing with the current status of psychiatry.

Forums will discuss challenges, controversies and conflicts in issues related to mental health in developed and developing countries; the role of patients, families and the community in mental health will be highlighted. Examples of debates include such topics as "Should Cannabis Use be Decriminalized?", "Has

XIII WORLD CONGRESS OF PSYCHIATRY

Cairo, Egypt, September 10-15, 2005

Important Deadlines:

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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Neuroscience Made Discoveries of Practical Use in Recent Decades?", "Are Anti-depressants Over-prescribed?", and "Is There Still a Major Role for Mental Hospitals?".

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For the first time, in a World Congress, there will be master clinical case conferences presented by young psychiatrists and discussed by senior clinicians.

It is interesting to note that submissions from the US, up till now, have equaled more than were submitted for any other previous WPA congress. Almost all of the pharmaceutical companies are participating with industrial symposia, booths and other activities.

Do not forget to attend the fourth day of the meeting, when in the evening, in the open air at the plateau of the Giza pyramids there will be a performance of Verdi's opera Aida. For further information visit the website www.wpacairo2005.com.

Further developments will be discussed in the next issue of WPA News.

Prof. Ahmed Okasha
WPA President
President XIII WCP



UPDATE ON THE WPA-WHO ATLAS SURVEY

As many of you already know, the World Psychiatric Association (WPA) has joined hands with the World Health Organization (WHO), in the important task of preparing the new edition of the Atlas of Mental Health Resources Around the World. This joint endeavor between WPA and WHO is one of ten collaborative programs planned to be achieved in the period 2002-2005.

The member national associations of the WPA can contribute significantly by providing more detailed information about their countries and by making a professional evaluation and corroboration of data documented by the Atlas Project. The WPA Secretariat, previously, circulated to the Presidents of all WPA Member Societies, by both e-mail and regular mail, information currently available to WHO regarding mental health services in their respective countries. Member societies were requested to critically evaluate, fill in the gaps and add to the information contained in Atlas, and to send their comments to the WPA Secretariat.

If you have not yet submitted your response to the WPA-WHO Atlas Survey, we encourage you to consider doing so now. It is hoped that this information will facilitate action by policy makers and researchers and will empower public health institutions, nongovernmental organizations and consumer associations in their advocacy efforts.

Please remember to use the mailing address of the Secretariat, as indicated on the first page of this newsletter. You may also use our

e-mail address wpasecretariat@wpanet.org.

The help provided by your Society will be acknowledged in future editions of the Atlas.

Thank you for making this important contribution.

**NEWS FROM THE WPA INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS
November 10-13th, 2004
Florence, Italy**



The WPA Executive Committee Meeting. Standing from left to right: G. Christodoulou, M.Maj, S.Tyano, R. Montenegro, and E. Sukhanova (WPA Secretariat Chief Executive). Seated from left to right: P. Ruiz, J. E. Mezzich, A. Okasha, and J. Cox.



WPA President Ahmed Okasha and WPA Secretary General John Cox (third and fourth from the left) met with the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) Member Society's President-Elect Julian Freidin and the RANZCP Chief Executive Sharon Brownie (first and second from the left).



The WPA Council with members of the EC. Standing from left to right: R. Montenegro, J. E. Mezzich, A. Okasha, J. Cox, and S. Tyano. Seated from left to right: Driss Moussaoui, Jorge Costa e Silva, Peter Berner, Marianne Kastrup, Costas Stefanis, and Norman Sartorius.

During the Congress, President Ahmed Okasha and Secretary General John Cox met with the representatives of RANZCP, where the concept of a WPA institutional program focusing on strengthening the links and professional interchange between Australia, the East Asia Region and the WPA, was discussed. The opportunity to host a WPA International Congress, in either 2007 or 2008, was again evaluated. We hope that the meeting of the EC and other national Member Societies will be a productive interchange between these two components.

SOUTHERN EUROPE SYMPOSIUM FOR COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRY



From left to right, M. Roco (Spain), G. de Girolamo (Italy), Zvi Zemishlany (Israel), L. Küey (Turkey), Y. Kalakoutas (Cyprus), P. Gökalp (Turkey), and G.N. Christodoulou (Greece)

Representatives of the Southern European Member Societies (Zone 8), enjoyed meeting together in the WPA Symposium, at the International Congress, from November 10th to the 13th, in Florence, Italy.

In this two-hour meeting, organized and chaired by the WPA Zonal Representative for Southern Europe, Levent Küey, community psychiatry in the Mediterranean Region and the role of psychiatric associations were reviewed. G. de Girolamo, A. Picardi, G. Santone, R. Micciolo, A. Fioritti, Ian Falloon for the Progress group from Italy ("Who are the patients in residential facilities? A national survey in Italy"); Zvi Zemishlany from Israel ("Towards community psychiatry in Israel: Directions, hopes and obstacles"); G.N. Christodoulou, V. Alevizos, D. Anagnostopoulos, V. Kontaxakis from Greece ("Psychiatry in Greece: Advances, problems and

perspectives”); P. Gökalp, B. Ulug, L. Küey from Turkey (“Psychiatry, community psychiatry and the role of psychiatric associations in Turkey”); M. Roca, L. Caballero from Spain (“Psychiatry in Spain: The real management of the chronic disorders”); and Y. Kalakoutas from Cyprus (“Community psychiatry in Cyprus”) all contributed to a warm and vivid discussion. Participants expressed their strong enthusiasm for such fruitful scientific interactions, among the Southern Europe member societies, to continue into the future.

Levant Küey
WPA Zonal Representative for Southern
Europe (Zone 8)

SPOTLIGHT ON ZONAL REPRESENTATIVE

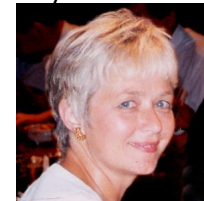
In 1989 I had my first experience with the WPA as I, at the VIIth World Congress in Athens, became Secretary for the Section on Classification, Diagnosis and Nomenclature. This was the start of a rewarding and challenging encounter with the largest and most powerful psychiatric organization worldwide.

At that time, I had the clear notion that the Sections constituted the backbone of the WPA as the scientific and professional aspects were the primary aim of its work. Without this scientific arm, the WPA would clearly lose importance among professionals, but over the years it has become increasingly evident to me that the Sections constitute one, among many, important aspects.

The role of WPA, in developing and continuously updating the ethical codex for our psychiatric profession, has become of significant value in present day psychiatry. Worldwide, there is a growing focus on the identity of the psychiatrist and his adherence to universal ethical declarations. The adoption of the Madrid Declaration signifies that the WPA is able to take up and fulfill the expectations of modern psychiatrists in this field with implications for its Member Societies and professionals around the globe. The continuous development of new specific guidelines reflect the ability of the WPA to monitor what are the pertinent ethical dilemmas.

Complimentary to this ethical concern is the work of the Review Committee with its focus on specific situations of alleged abuse.

We are, today, living in a globalised world. This development requires support to Member Societies in areas of conflict, poverty and strife. I see this as one of the major tasks for the WPA in the future. Psychiatrists working in affluent parts of the world have an obligation to share knowledge with colleagues in less fortunate regions. Only by doing this do we achieve better conditions for the mentally ill around the world.



Dr. Marianne Kastrup
WPA Zonal Representative for
Northern Europe (Zone 7)

AN IMPORTANT GENERAL ASSEMBLY REMINDER

The following letter regarding the Cairo WPA General Assembly, was recently sent to WPA Member Societies:

To: All WPA Member Societies

Dear Colleagues,
Greetings!

The Secretariat is now beginning to make detailed plans for the General Assembly at the World Congress in Cairo Sept 10-15th 2005. We have made considerable progress in recent years to become a more open organisation and we thank you very much for your part in this by, for example, completing the General Survey questionnaire. We remain committed to representing and engaging our 126 Member Societies in their efforts to advance psychiatric practice and mental health care across the world.

To maintain this current level of activity and to fulfill the tasks mandated by the General Assembly, we need the continuous participation and support of Member Societies—and this includes receiving membership dues!

We have recently sent you copies of all unpaid membership dues bills. We do realise that an accumulation of outstanding dues may have a variety of explanations - for example that there has been a change in the leadership of your society. But we would urge you to examine very carefully these invoices and to settle all dues now so that your account is in good standing before the next General Assembly.

Please adjust the number of members in your society if your records indicate a larger or smaller number of members. If you are indicating that the number of your members has been reduced by more than 20% then we would require a letter signed by your President to that effect.

Only in exceptional circumstances, such as military activity or drastic economic upheaval in your area, would the Executive Committee decide to waive all or part of the outstanding dues.

It is the responsibility of the member society to apply in advance for such a waiver; dues are not written off for these reasons automatically.

Please remember that your society's voting strength at the next General Assembly is based on the number of members for whom dues have been paid for the past three years (i.e. 2003 to 2005).

Therefore it is crucial that you are up to date with these payments to retain your full voting strength at the General Assembly. We would also appreciate your thoughtful attention to paying any earlier unpaid dues.

Based on our experience of previous World Congresses we are streamlining the procedure for accrediting delegates to the General Assembly. Accreditation will be faster and easier for delegates if you can make every possible effort to pay your dues directly to the Secretariat in advance of the World Congress.

Pre-payment allows delegates in good standing to receive the GA documents without waiting in a queue and, above all, helps us ensure that the voting strength of each member society is calculated correctly as per WPA Statutes.

Please note that the Executive Committee has decided that any payment of dues at the World Congress will only be accepted up to 3pm on the day before the General Assembly.

We hope this letter is clear to you. If it is not or if you have any other questions about this procedure, please contact the Secretary General as soon as possible.

We expect this new procedure will, with your co-operation, increase the institutional strength of WPA and so enhance our global visibility.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

We remain cordially yours,

Prof. John Cox
Secretary General

Prof. Sam Tyano
Secretary for Finance

**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
coordinates these events and welcomes initiatives for new ones.
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**MAJOR UPCOMING WPA MEETINGS
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: congreso2005@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

2005

January 28-30, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored XV International Psychiatric Conference, organized by the Pakistan Psychiatric Association, Karachi, Pakistan. Contact: Dr. Musarrat Hussain, E-mail: profdrmusarrat@hotmail.com, Website: ppsconference.com
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 Asesoria i Investigacion 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, Website: leedsmentalhealth.nhs.uk

July 24-27, 2005, WPA Co-sponsored Conference, organized by the South Asian Forum on Mental Health & Psychiatry, United Kingdom Chapter, Colombo, Sri Lanka, Improving Access and Delivery of Mental Health Care in South Asia. Contact: Dr. Afzal Javed, E-mail: afzal.javed@ntlworld.com

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 Neuropsiquiatria 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 27-30, 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

November 9-12, 2006, WPA Co-sponsored 56th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Psychiatric Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Contact: Alex Saunders, E-mail: asaunders@cpa-apc.org, Website: cpa-apc.org