

**IIX World Psychiatric Association
Yokohama, Japan
Minutes of General Assembly Meeting: Addiction Psychiatry
Section**

The meeting was held on the 25th of August 2002, 18.15- 19.30 at the Conference Centre in Pacifico Yokohama, room 411.

Agenda

- 1- Chair report: section activities in the last 3 years.
- 2- Bylaws changes.
- 3- Membership list update.
- 4- Section symposia of substance abuse/addiction & poster presentations at WPA Yokohama.
- 5- Section contributions to WPA publications.
- 6- Activity report to Secretary General of sections.
- 7- Elections of section committee.
- 8- Future suggested targets of the section.

1- Chair report: section activities in the last 3 years.

Section symposia in:

Hamburg 1999
Paris 2000
Rio de Janeiro 2001
Sharm el Sheikh 2002
Mar del Plata 2002

Section symposia organized in conjunction with ISAM (International Society of Addiction Medicine)

Cairo, Egypt 2000
Tel Aviv, Israel 2001
Trieste, Italy 2001
Ljubljana, Slovenia 2001
Reykjavik, Iceland 2002 (next meeting)

Intersections meetings

2 Forensic (Paris 2000, Yokohama 2002)
1 Prevention (Yokohama 2002)

2-Bylaws changes

Change of section name to “Addiction Psychiatry” has been approved.

3- Membership list update.

Names of those who showed no contribution to the Section during the past 6 years or more were deleted: Drs. R. Hemmingsen, R. Jeri, S. Fukui, Y. Pelicier, H. Sass. Attendees suggested several names from different parts of the world to join the section including:

- 1- Pedro Ruiz, US
- 2- Ahmed Mohit (WHO)
- 3- Osama Al-Tawakol, Saudi Arabia)
- 4- Andrej Kastelic (Slovenia)
- 5- Ilana Crome (Switzerland)
- 6- Miguel Casas (Spain)
- 7- Gabrielle Fischer (Austria)
- 8- Christian Haasen (Germany)

4- Section symposia of substance abuse/addiction & poster presentations at WPA Yokohama.

Six section symposia and ten addiction related topics were presented at Yokohama WPA congress namely:

- S1014 International Aspects of Epidemiology in Substance Use N. el-Guebaly
- S1134 Dual Diagnosis of addiction & other psychiatric disorders M. Krausz

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| -S1145 Recent Advances in Alcoholism Research | H. Suwaki |
| -S1159 Criminology and Substance Abuse | J. Arboleda-Florez |
| -S1253 International Symposium on Psychiatric Prevention | G. Christodoulou |

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| -S1091 Comparison of dependence on Tobacco & Drugs(Part I) | S. Ushijima |
| -S1100 Comparison of dependence on Tobacco & Drugs(Part II) | S. Ushijima |
| -S1113 Endogenous cannabinoids & schizophrenia | M. Leweke |
| -S1143 Preventive strategies for alcohol-related problems | k. Shirakura |
| -S1169 Trans-cultural aspects of alcoholism | I.Asas |
| -S1179 Drug Addiction and Adaptation Syndrome | S. Utkin |
| -S1218 Clinical features of Methamphetamine Psychosis | K. Wada |
| -S1236 Contributions of therapeutic communities to the recoveries of people with drug dependence | N. Morita |
| -S1251 Molecular Genetics of drug addiction vulnerability | I. Sora |
| -W1029 Sensitization in Methamphetamine psychosis & Schizophrenia | K. Yui |

A fairly good number of posters were also presented.

5- Section contributions to WPA publications.

The section contributed to several of the WPA publications namely:

- 1- Prof G. Christodoulou (ed.), *Advances in Psychiatry* (The update article was written by Dr. N. el-Guebaly who asked section members to contribute in future updates).
- 2- D. Moussaoui (ed.), *Unanswered questions in Psychiatry*.
- 3- *WPA Journal. "World Psychiatry"*, an open request for papers is extended from Dr. M. Mai (ed.)

6- Activity report to Secretary General of sections.

A WPA activity report was considered by the section members to be necessary in providing knowledge about section activities e.g. regional symposia and publications. It could also create a net work link with national and international bodies.

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7- Elections of section committee.

Elections of the section committee took place during the meeting resulting in:

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A vote of thanks was extended to Dr. P. Geerlings for his long years as Section Secretary and Dr. M. Gastpar for his term as Vice-President.

8- Future suggested targets of the section.

- History of Section: a memo has been sent to Drs. C. Stefanis, U. Rydberg and J. Jaffe to try and gather memoirs about the Section origins.
- Contribution to WPA Sections Newsletter and “World Psychiatry” are welcomed.
- Dr. M. Krausz & Dr. C. Hassen will look into the feasibility of having a web site for the section to be linked with the WPA main web site.
- Dr. M. Krausz offered the possibility to sponsor research & training of young fellows from developing countries. Building up bridges with NIDA and Pharmaceuticals were also suggested as a possible source of funding for young researchers.
- Providing courses in Addiction Psychiatry for target groups e.g. young fellows
- The affiliation to more than one journal were discussed taking into consideration cost effectiveness and improvement in communication. The “European Addiction Research Journal” and “Addictive Disorders and Treatment” are under consideration.