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The World Psychiatric Association (WPA)

The WPA is an association of national psychiatric societies, presently 138, spanning 118 different countries and representing more than 200,000 psychiatrists.

The WPA organizes the World Congress of Psychiatry, International and Regional Congresses, and Thematic Conferences. With its 71 scientific sections, it promotes collaborative work in specific domains of psychiatry. It has developed ethical guidelines for psychiatric practice, including the Madrid Declaration.

Its website is currently visited from almost all countries across the world and the WPA News is widely disseminated. Various educational programmes and series of books had been produced including an E-Learning long distance programme. World Psychiatry, the WPA official journal, could be freely downloaded from PubMed Central and the WPA website (www.wpanet.org).



What are its Aims?

The core missions of the WPA include the following:

- To encourage the highest possible standards of clinical practice
- To increase knowledge and skills about mental disorders and how they can be prevented and treated
- To promote mental health
- To promote the highest possible ethical standards in psychiatric work
- To disseminate knowledge about evidence-based therapy and values based practice
- To be a voice for the dignity and human rights of the patients and their families, and to uphold the rights of psychiatrists
- To facilitate communication and assistance especially to societies who are isolated or whose members work in impoverished circumstances

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Message from the Secretary General



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Hearty greetings to you! We do hope, you have found the 'WPA News' June 2015 useful and informative. Since its publication, we had the highly successful WPA International Congress at Bucharest on June 24-27, 2015 with the theme, "Primary care mental health: Innovations and transdisciplinarity". The WPA EC and the Council also met during the congress. Another highlight was the 'WPA Bucharest statement for Collaborative and Integrated Care'. Hearty Congratulations to Eliot Sorel and his dedicated team.

Under the guidance of our dynamic President Prof. Dinesh Bhugra WPA is engaged in the implementation of the new action plan for 2014-17 and we request your whole hearted co-operation and involvement. My fourth official visit to the WPA Secretariat at Geneva was from June 28 to July 1, 2015. Functioning of the Secretariat and administrative tasks were reviewed. On July 1st, I had a very fruitful meeting with Dr. Shekhar Saxena, Director, Mental Health Division, WHO at his office in Geneva. He has sought the support of WPA for the successful implementation of the WHO Mental Health Action Plan (2013-20).

We have also received a delegation from APA with Saul Levin (CEO) and Jon Fanning and Vanessa Cameron, CE of RCPsych (UK) at WPA Secretariat, August 9-12. They have visited us on our invitation, to help us plan ahead. We are looking forward to WPA Congresses at Kochi (September) and Taipei (November) this year. Kindly do attend. And do visit our website www.wpanet.org.

Thanking you,

Roy Abraham Kallivayalil
Secretary General
World Psychiatric Association

Message from the President



Dinesh Bhugra

Dear Colleagues,

You would have received details of the First World Mind Matters Day launched on 4th September 2015. We launched a major position statement on the Social Justice for those with mental illness and a statement from the Presidential task Force on Migration. Both these documents were sent to all the Presidents and are accessible on the WPA web site. The document on Social Justice has been supported by 12 international organisations and charities indicating that there is a need for psychiatrists to take the lead in becoming vocal advocates for our patients and all those who live with mental illness.

As mentioned previously **WPA-Lancet commission on Psychiatry** has started its work. The web based survey which was developed following qualitative work with members of the Board is currently being piloted. As soon as the survey goes

live I shall let you know so that your members can participate and help us develop and mould the future of psychiatry.

We are in the process of setting up **Diploma in Mental Health** and working towards the curriculum. If you have examples of good curricula please do send them to me. We are also looking at assessments methods. We are hoping that all the assessment and learning will be web-based.

WPA has a regional meeting later this month 25th to 27th September in Kochi, India and the second International Congress in Taipei from 18th to 22nd November. Look forward to seeing you and hearing your opinions and valuable thoughts. Please check the web site regularly and get involved.

Dinesh Bhugra, CBE
President, World Psychiatric Association



The "Parks and Residences" mini-train will take you on a dream journey along the right bank of Lake Geneva (Geneva, Switzerland) to discover beautiful parks and gardens. All along this journey, you will enjoy unforgettable views over the shores of the lake, over famous buildings surrounded by flowers and bushes and, on a fine day, the incredible snow covered peaks of the Mont-Blanc range.

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From the President-Elect



Helen Herrman

All of us are confronted by images and tales of dramatic and tragic displacement of people from war zones and emergencies. Displacement

is affecting people in every world region. The mental health needs of the women and girls, men and boys fleeing for their safety concern us as psychiatrists as well as human beings.

Responding to the recent large-scale arrivals of refugees in Europe, Dr. Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO Regional Director for Europe, has issued a statement* calling on health professionals to respond appropriately by providing adequate care and protection without any discrimination against race or background.

“Refugees and migrants are not a homogeneous group, and we must ensure that our care systems respond to their diverse needs. This is particularly relevant for refugees and migrants who are exposed to violence, including gender-based violence, sexual violence and forced prostitution. It is also relevant for sexual reproductive health and rights, mother and child health, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, mental health, emergency care and protection against vaccine-preventable diseases.

A good response to the challenges of people on the move requires health system preparedness and capacity, including robust epidemiological data and migration intelligence, careful planning, training and, above all, adherence to the

principles of equity and solidarity and to human rights and dignity.

High-quality care for refugee and migrant groups cannot be addressed by health systems alone. Social determinants of health cut across sectors such as education, employment, social security and housing. All these sectors have a considerable impact on the health of refugees and migrants.”

WPA has a role, along with its member societies and scientific sections, to work with WHO and other UN and international organisations, civil society and other professional bodies to contribute to leading the health community in “a muscular and engaged response”. The *Lancet* uses this phrase in an editorial (386:1013) highlighting the duty of professional bodies to work vigorously to protect the health and safety of refugee children in particular.

The needs of children and women were featured at the successful WPA 2015 International Congress on Primary Care Mental Health: Innovation and Transdisciplinarity. It was held on 24-27 June 2015 at the Palace of the Parliament in Bucharest, Romania, as a joint initiative of the WPA and the Romanian Association of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, “Carol Davila” Medical University, Politehnica University of Bucharest, the National Society of Family Medicine and the Romanian Public Health and Health Management Association. The WPA Bucharest Statement on Collaborative and Integrated Care sponsored by Prof Eliot Sorel is relevant to the discussion of our contribution to the wider health system’s work with displaced people.

In a symposium chaired with Prof. Catalina Tudose on the mental health and human rights of women and girls worldwide, with

contributions from Prof. Donna Stewart and Prof. Linda Lam, we discussed the responses to the mental health needs of women across the life course, especially women from vulnerable groups such as refugees. A companion symposium on women as professionals in primary care (From taking care of our patients to taking care of ourselves) engaged colleagues from primary care in Romania including Drs. Claudia Dima, Florentina Ligia Furtunescu, Daciana Toma, Sandra Alexiu, Ileana Anca Efrim, M. Pîrcălabu, Rodica Tănăsescu and R. Zoițanu.

The WPA presidential working group chaired by Meryam Schouler-Ocak and Marianne Kastrup on the needs of migrant, refugee and asylum seeker patients around the globe, part of the WPA Action Plan for the current triennium, has reported recently. It makes a series of educational and policy recommendations.

The WPA Planning Committee has the needs of displaced people - and the needs of disadvantaged women and children among them and elsewhere – as major responsibilities in developing plans and partnerships for the next triennium and beyond. We have as WPA and its components a deep well of knowledge, skills, resources and determination to be active partners in constructive responses. These are long-term challenges as well as a crisis. I look forward to working together to continue this work.

Helen Herrman
WPA President-Elect

* [http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/health-determinants/migration-and-health/news/news/2015/09/population-movement-is-a-challenge-for-refugees-and-\(Accessed 13/9/15\)](http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/health-determinants/migration-and-health/news/news/2015/09/population-movement-is-a-challenge-for-refugees-and-(Accessed%2013/9/15))

From Secretary for Education

Challenges in the Practice of Psychiatry



Edgard Belfort

“From the Perspective of Education”

We cannot deal a mental health educational problem if we do not know its real dimension, that is why the mission is to understand more in the present, and the vision is

what one would like to achieve in the mid or long term. In this sense there is a close partnership alliance in collaboration with the **WPA Secretary for Education and its Operational Committee: Ma Luz S. Casimiro-Querubin, Roger Ng, Constantin Soldatos, Fabrizio Delgado, Marc Hermans, Bulent Coskun, Andrea Fiorillo, and Felipe Picon**, jointly with the member societies.

Some main goal we are looking for:

- Promoting professional training (curricular agenda, methodologies and skills). These activities will be awarded educational credits.
- Promoting the highest possible ethical standards in the psychiatric work.
- Disseminating knowledge about evidence-based therapy and values based practice.
- Encourage mental health professionals to complement their education.
- Promoting research activities, evaluated on the basis of their educational value and applicability.
- Supporting/developing educational programs designed for primary and community care.

Some examples of these proposals are:

1. WPA Template for Undergraduate and Graduate Psychiatric Education / Update
Action: Develop a set of curriculum recommendations for psychiatric education of undergraduate and graduate. The goal is to improve the quality of education and, consequently, the quality of care for patients with mental disorders.

2. WPA Programme on Depression in Persons with Physical Diseases.

3. WPA Inter-Section Programme.

- 3.1. Update of WPA Educational Program (Schizophrenia, Depression, etc.).

Action: Text-materials need very extensive revision - both in form and content to generate a revised and coherent up-to-date version. Create a new curriculum structure - revise the text parts - the format of the material (PP, e-learning if needed, brochure etc.) - develop new materials.

- 3.2. Promote the design, distribution, application and translation of educational material consistent with the standard diagnoses and psychiatric diseases.

- 3.3. Produce a series of written materials for education in different areas, in collaboration with the WPA Secretary for Publications.

In conclusion, our duty together with member societies and their members is to be with the patient, we have to be a voice for the dignity and human rights of the patients and their families. Your suggestions and opinions will be welcome!

Report and Action Plan

Operational Committee on Education: Edgard Belfort (Chair), Ma Luz S. Casimiro-Querubin (Co-chair), Roger Ng (Member), Constantin Soldatos (Member), Fabrizio Delgado (Member), Marc Hermans (Consultant), Bulent Coskun (Consultant), Andrea Fiorillo (Consultant), Felipe Picon (ECP-Observer)

Future Activities

1. Educational Symposium on Child Psychiatry, Ibadat Hospital, Peshawar, Pakistan. Sept. 30th-Oct. 3rd, 2015. Training Course on Psychosocial Management of Trauma & Violence among Children & Adolescents.
2. World Mental Health Day, Antigua, Guatemala, Oct 2-9, 2015. WPA Educational Activity.
3. Dominican Psychiatric Association. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Oct 8-10, 2015. WPA Educational Activity: Planning, Organizing and Designing the Cur-

ricular Program of Child & Adolescents Post Graduate. Organized by: WPA Secretary for Education / Dominican Society of Psychiatry. Edgard Belfort: Chairman of the Childhood Psychiatry Post Graduate - Venezuela Central University).

4. WPA & Egyptian Psychiatric Association (EPA). El Cairo, Egypt. Oct 15-10, 2015. WPA Educational Seminar: Bipolar Disorder. Speakers: Prof. Dinesh Bhugra (UK) (WPA President), Prof. Ahmed Okasha (Egypt).
5. Continuing Medical Education III Latin American Meeting. Ecuador. October 29-31, 2015. Sponsor: WPA, Ecuador Society of Psychiatry, Ibero Latin America Neurosciences and Psychiatry Association (AILAXNCYP). Coordinator: Edgard Belfort.
6. XXII World Congress of Neurology. Santiago de Chile, Chile. Oct 31-Nov 5, 2015. WPA, Secretary for Education. WPA Educational Symposium: Edgard Belfort (Venezuela); Pedro Ruiz (USA); Rodrigo Chamorro (Chile).
7. XXXIII Congress of Psychiatric. Florianopolis, Brazil. Nov 4-7, 2015. Brazil Association of Psychiatry. WPA Symposium: Social justice for the mentally ill. Chairman: Dinesh Bhugra (UK) Co-Chairman: Edgard Belfort (Venezuela)
8. **WPA International Congress. Taipei, Taiwan. November 18-22, 2015.** WPA Operational Committee on Education Meeting. 8.1. - WPA Educational Program / Lecture: Durkheim for the 21st Century -Dinesh Bhugra (UK). 8.2. - WPA Forum-Questions & Answers: Chairman: Dinesh Bhugra (UK) / WPA President. Speakers: WPA EC Members. 8.3. - WPA Inter Zone Symposium- The Current Role of Psychiatric Education: A cultural Perspective 8.4. - WPA Symposium / Educational Operational Committee on Education. Worldwide Educational Programs: Necessities & opportunities. Chairman: Dinesh Bhugra (UK) / WPA President. Speakers: Edgard Belfort (Venezuela), Ma. Luz Querubin (Philippines), Roger Ng (Hong Kong), Constantine Soldatos (Greece).

Edgard Belfort

WPA Secretary for Education

From Secretary for Finances



Armen Soghoyan

Dear Colleagues,

By this message I'll try to summarize the previous twos and would like to present the direction in which the WPA activities in the financial field will be based. As it was mentioned WPA financial incomes mostly are from two sources: membership dues paid by Member Societies and incomes from WPA Meetings paid by our partner organizations. Of course, there are incomes from sponsors as well, but usually they are granted for "Action Plan"

and for other similar activities, but the permanents are mentioned two.

Membership dues are presented to the full extent in my first message, while in second mutually beneficial relations based on honesty and trustfulness were presented. **The quantity of incomes and the efficiency of expenses is equally important.**

Regarding the membership dues: with compliments I would like to mention the great responsibility and discipline which are presenting our Member Societies providing membership fees in time. **Dear Colleagues your punctuality is more than obliging.**

Regarding Congresses: we are doing our best to receive planned revenues, which is not so easy, due to global crisis which serves

as a "lifebelt" for all persons/organizations with low level of responsibilities. We are ready to take into account crisis and all other retaliated issues only during preliminary negotiations, and as we are respecting all our commitments, we must demand the same from our partners.

I would like to be sure and ensure our colleagues too, that as a result of our consistency and by electing right and responsible partners for future collaboration, we'll use complements for our partners after congresses also. **Finances are an issue that needs right relations.**

Armen Soghoyan
WPA Secretary for Finances

From Secretary for Sections



Afzal Javed

I am pleased that the WPA Scientific Sections have been actively involved in different activities and continued having a prominent position in the working of WPA especially in the field of their contributions for scientific work. Since our last World Congress held in

Madrid, Sections have completed their election of new officers and have also outlined general description of their work during this triennium.

I am also pleased to welcome two new Sections (Section on Early Career Psychiatrists and Section on Stress Research) and look forward to having their active contributions to WPA work.

Intersectional activities are the salient features of Sections' work and Sections have continued organising Inter-sectional education and training session and intersectional Forum on Old Age Psychiatry (led by Section

on Old Age Psychiatry) at the WPA International Congress at Bucharest in June 2015.

The action plan for 2014-2017 has a special emphasis of Sections' role in promoting "Promotion of mental Health" as a targeted action and Sections are participating in different activities for developing, organising and strengthening different components of the proposed Action Plan.

Afzal Javed
WPA Secretary for Sections

WPA FORUM – WPA REGIONAL CONGRESS OSAKA, JUNE 2015



WPA Forum during WPA Regional Congress Osaka on June 5, 2015. Seen in the picture are: Front row L to R: Armen Soghoyan (Secretary for Finances), Norbert Skokauskas (Norway), Helen Herrman (WPA President-Elect), Michelle Riba (Secretary for Publications), Edgard Belfort (Secretary for Education), Pichet Udormatn (Thailand), Afzal Javed (Secretary for Sections), Eric Chen (Hong Kong), Naotaka Shinfuku (Japan). Back row L to R: Jun Nakamura (Japan), Shinji Hosoda (Japan), Masatoshi Takeda (Secretary for Scientific Meetings), Dinesh Bhugra (WPA President), Gerhard Grobler (South Africa), Tsuyoshi Akiyama (Japan), Roy Abraham Kallivayalil (Secretary General), and Linda Lam (Hong Kong).

■ WPA 2015 BUCHAREST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

Primary Care Mental Health: Innovation and Transdisciplinarity

The Palace of Parliament, Bucharest, Romania, 24-27 June 2015

The WPA 2015 Bucharest International Congress at the Palace of Parliament in Bucharest, Romania with the theme, **Primary Care Mental Health: Innovation & Transdisciplinarity**, was a great success attended by colleagues from 60 countries.

The scientific program was opened with brilliant presentations by Professor Dinesh Bhugra, WPA President and Professor Michael Kidd, President of WONCA-the World Association of Family Doctors, punctuating the importance of Psychiatry & Primary Care collaboration and integration, thus continuing the tradition of innovation and transdisciplinarity started during the first WPA 2013 Bucharest Congress in Romania in April 2013.



L to R: Professor Florian POPA, Vice Chair Public Health Commission, Romanian Senat, Professor Eliot SOREL, Health Minister Dr. Nicolae BANICIOIU, Professor Dinesh BHUGRA, Professor Michael KIDD, Conf. Dr. Ing. Victor PURCAREA.

Superb plenary session lectures were also given by Professors Paul Summergrad (USA), Linda Lam (China), David Ndeti (Kenya), Ahmad Mohit (Iran), and Fernando Lolas (Chile). An inspiring scientific program followed each plenary session organized in symposia, workshops and a special young health professionals track. The program content included evidence from the latest genomic,

medical, psychiatric research; primary prevention in the perinatal period; health systems performance; information and communication technology applications to diagnostic tools and therapeutics; the integration of primary care, mental health and public health; gender specific and life cycle relevant primary and secondary prevention; an art therapy program at the New Europe College.

A set of specially designated aspects of the program included the following:

The meeting with Romanian Health Minister, Nicolae Banicioiu; WPA-WONCA Forum; the OECD Forum on Making Mental Health Count; WPA Zonal & Trans-Sectional thematic symposia; a Young Health Professionals Track for young doctors from family medicine, psychiatry, public health and ecology planning and implementing the track together that included a mini course on collaborative & integrated care; Celebrating the Life & Legacy of Professor Juan Jose Lopez-Ibor, Jr.; a posters awards component rewarding the best ten posters. A rich cultural program and a traditional Romanian farewell banquet were part of the unique program.

The congress concluded with the presentations of prizes for the best ten posters and the ceremonial signing of the **WPA Bucharest Statement on Collaborative and Integrated Care** addressed to United Nations' member states. Professor Dinesh BHUGRA led the WPA Executive Committee to unanimously adopt this innovative and historic document (text on the right column).

A special note of thanks to our congress partners, the Romanian Association of Psychiatry & Psychotherapy, The Carol Davila Medical University of Bucharest, the Politehnica University of Bucharest, the Romanian National Society of Family Medicine, the Romanian Public Health and Health Management Association.



L to R: Prof. Helen Herrman, Mrs. Lopez-Ibor Alcocer, Mr. Juan Lopez-Ibor Alcocer, Professor Maria Ines Lopez-Ibor Alcocer, Professor Eliot Sorel, and Professor Juan Mezzich.

THE WPA BUCHAREST STATEMENT ON COLLABORATIVE AND INTEGRATED CARE

The World Psychiatric Association, 2015 Bucharest International Congress
Palace of Parliament Bucharest,
ROMANIA, 24-27 June 2015

WHEREAS, cardiovascular and mental disorders lead in the global burden of non-communicable diseases;

WHEREAS, most mental disorders are attended to in primary care;

WHEREAS, mental disorders account for 30-45% of the global burden of disability;

WHEREAS, 50% of mental disorders exist by age 14, and 75% by age 24;

WHEREAS, these disorders result in billions of dollars of negative economic consequences across low-, middle-, and high-income nations;

WHEREAS, significant global health systems fragmentation diminishes access to care and its effectiveness;

WHEREAS, more research into the brain and into the determinants of health is needed;

WHEREAS, effective treatments for mental disorders exist for most cases; and

WHEREAS, the collaboration and integration of primary care, mental health, and public health is proven to enhance access, quality, and sustainability.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT

United Nations member states adopt collaborative and integrated care as a means

toward *achieving total health for all in the 21st Century*; and be it further resolved that,

This goal be included in the updated United Nations Sustainable Development Goals; and be it further resolved that,

United Nations member states allocate the necessary human, financial, and technologi-

cal resources for training, education, and implementation of this resolution.

Prof. Dinesh Bhugra, WPA President and Congress President

Prof. Helen Herrman, WPA President-Elect and Co-Chair, Scientific Committee

Prof. Roy Kallivayalil, WPA Secretary General

Prof. Eliot Sorel, Co-Chair Scientific Committee

Prof. Aurel Nirestean, President, Romanian Psychiatric and Psychotherapy Association

■ APA/RCPSYCH DELEGATION AT WPA SECRETARIAT

A delegation of Vanessa Cameron, Chief Executive of RCPsych, UK and Saul Levin CEO and Jon Fanning, Membership Director of the APA visited our Secretariat in Geneva on August 11-12, 2015, on our invitation. The WPA Secretary General welcomed them.



Later they had held extensive discussions. We thank them for their help and for sparing valuable time for WPA.

Visit of RCPsych/APA delegation to WPA Secretariat, Geneva. Jon Fanning (APA), Vanessa Cameron (CE, RCPsych), Roy Abraham Kallivayalil (Secretary General, WPA), Saul Levin (CEO, APA), and Francesca Sotgiu (Administrator, WPA) are seen in the picture.

Upcoming WPA Major Meetings

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■ WPA INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS 2015 18-22 NOVEMBER 2015 TAIPEI, TAIWAN

“Bridging Asia to the World - A New Era for Psychiatric Treatment”

Ongoing preparation is processing for welcoming all the participants from the world to attend the WPAIC 2015 held from November 18-22, 2015 at Taipei International Convention Center, Taiwan.

Except 8 Keynote Speakers we have invited (<http://www.wpaic2015.tw/KeynoteSpeaker.html>), the congress is honored to introduce Prof. Norman Sartorius from Switzer-

land to be one of our distinguished Keynote Speaker and talk about “**Strategies of Mental Health Care 2015: Challenges and Responses**” at the congress.

The WPAIC 2015 is going to provide a great opportunity for psychiatric physicians to stimulate and exchange the most up-to-date medical knowledge; and also to carry on the goal of the WPA to keep making great contribution and development to the field of psychiatric treatment, discover and bring the better life to our world.

TAIPEI, a global city with a wealth of historical sites and plenty of leisure, shopping and nightlife offerings. Especially, you must visit our popular landmarks like the National Palace Museum, National Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, Taipei 101 Mall, Shi-

lin and Raohe Street Tourist Night Market. On behalf of the WPAIC 2015 Organizing Committee, we truly welcome you to come to Taipei and wish you have a wonderful memory during your stay in Taipei.

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Taipei 101 Tower – New Year Fireworks.

■ WPA REGIONAL CONGRESS 4-6 FEBRUARY 2016 MANILA, PHILIPPINES

It is with pride that the Philippine Psychiatric Association announces its initial privilege to host the World Psychiatric Association Regional Congress in Manila on February 4 – 6, 2016 with the theme “Psychiatry and Society in the 21st Century”. This meeting shall provide opportunities for edification and strengthening bonds among mental health professionals and allied specialists in the global milieu as germane and noteworthy topics are covered by principal authorities in their respective fields.

Convene and interact with leading clinicians, researchers, policy makers, and other stakeholders as we make a collective effort to make a difference in the context of global revolutions. For interested delegates who wish to know more about accommodations, registration, programme and further information regarding the congress, please visit: <http://wpamanila2016.com/>.

We hope that you will extend this invitation to colleagues and friends in the field and we look forward to this occasion of imparting clinical proficiencies and novel research undertakings which cut across specialties. See you in Manila!



Ma. Luz S. Casimiro-Querubin, President
Rene M. Samaniego, Public Relations Officer
Philippine Psychiatric Association

■ WPA INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS 6-10 JULY 2016 ISTANBUL, TURKEY

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■ WPA INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS 18-22 NOVEMBER 2016 CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

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■ OBITUARY



Prof. Shota Gamkrelidze
(1922-2015)

Prof. Shota Gamkrelidze, the oldest psychiatrist of Georgia passed away on August 23, 2015. He was born in Georgia, served in Ukraine and Belarus, took part in the defense of Moscow in 1941, was seriously injured and, while being in hospital, decided to become a physician. He was at the head of the psychiatric hospitals in Sukhumi and Tbilisi, founded and directed the very first Department of psychopharmacology in Georgia at the Asatiani Institute of Psychiatry, and became Professor in 1971.

He is author of 14 monographs and more than 300 articles. The book “Schizophrenia: yesterday, today, tomorrow” has become well-known outside Georgia, and the monograph “Atypical affective psychosis” has been translated into a number of languages.

Prof. S. Gamkrelidze had also been the Head of the Georgian Society of Psychiatrists for 12 years, and, under his leadership, it became a WPA Member. For showing courage during the years of the World War II, S. Gamkrelidze was awarded the Russian Order of Glory, and his contribution to science was recognized by the Georgian Order of Honor.

Petr Morozov
WPA Zonal Representative for Zone 10 (Eastern Europe)

News from Member Societies

■ COSTA RICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

The II National and International Psychiatry Meeting will be held on August 20-21, 2015 in San José. In November 2015, at the

National Medical Meeting, there will be a Forum of Psychiatry and Mental Health with the support of the WPA Zone 3 Zonal Representative. In February 2016 we will hold our traditional two-day meeting for Training and Update in Psychiatry.

Francisco Gólcher Valverde
President, Costa Rican Psychiatric Association

■ GERMAN ASSOCIATION FOR PSYCHIATRY, PSYCHOTHERAPY AND PSYCHOSOMATICS

DGPPN Congress, Berlin, November 25-28, 2015

The DGPPN Congress will take place in Berlin from 25 to 28 November 2015. With its motto 'Focusing on the Person – Rethinking care' the DGPPN Congress 2015 will focus on a highly current topic. Over 9,000 scientists, doctors, and therapists are expected to attend the far more than 650 individual events at this congress of the German Association for Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics (DGPPN). A comprehensive English track is a standard feature of the congress.



In recent years the DGPPN congress has established itself as a central forum for the field of psychiatry and psychotherapy. Today it is one of the largest congresses in the world in the field of mental health. The congress will be attended again this year by numerous renowned keynote speakers from home and abroad. These include Jeffrey Lieberman, New York, President-Elect of WPA Helen Herrman, Sir Simon Wessely, London, and Mogens Vestergaard, Aarhus University.

Finally, the conference venue is another reason to attend the DGPPN Congress. Berlin in the pre-Christmas season, with its endless cultural and recreational activities, is always worth the journey. Further information: www.dgppn.de/congress

Iris Hauth
President, German Association for Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics (DGPPN)

■ ISRAELI PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

The Israeli Psychiatric Association has almost 1,000 psychiatrist members and its members work in facilities of 10 psychiatric hospitals, 12 psychiatric units in general hospitals, and over 25 different public clinics and also various private practice settings. The number of outpatient clinics is rapidly rising due to the recent inclusion (since 1.7.2015) of psychiatric care fully within the national Health Services. This has led to a severe manpower shortage due to increased demand for outpatient psychiatrists. The incoming new president of the Israeli Psy-

chiatric Association is Prof. Haim Belmaker, who begins his term of three years. Prof. Belmaker is a past President of CINP, past vice-President of the International Society for Bipolar Disorder, and President-Elect of the International Neuropsychiatry Association. The incoming secretary is Dr. Andrei Dervensky from the Mazor Psychiatric Hospital near Haifa and the incoming Treasurer is Dr. Paola Roska from the Addiction Mental Health Services in Jerusalem. The theme of Prof. Belmaker's term will be "Psychiatry: A Profession to be Proud Of".

Haim Belmaker, President
Zvi Zemishlany, Foreign Affairs
Israeli Psychiatric Association



Prof. Haim Belmaker

■ ECUADORIAN ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHIATRY

Get a special salute from the Ecuadorian Association of Psychiatry – Core Pichincha. Our Association has been working in 2015 in academic, social and recreative activities on behalf of our members. In June we have organized the “Psychiatric Olympics Games 2015”, day of sport and social integration between our members and their families.

Our main scientific event of the year is the “Mental Health Conferences 2015”. It includes topics of Psychiatry, Psychology, Sexuality, Ethics and Legal References. Those conferences have the sponsorship of Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador, and the National Health Secretary of Ecuador. These Conferences became a space where all actors of Mental Health share experiences and points of view.

We are working actively in the Clinical Guides for Psychiatry problems; we will re-

port to you as soon as we finish this work. Another work area is to implement a permanent use of informed consent for psychiatric treatment between all our associates. We hope we can have a continued support from the WPA for our best develop.

José Mosquera A.
President, Ecuadorian Association of Psychiatry - Core Pichincha 2015

■ SERBIAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

The Serbian Psychiatric Association will organize its XV National Congress with international participation from 12-15 October 2016.

The theme of the congress will be “Pathways and cross roads of psychiatry”.

Dusica Lecic Tosevski
President, Serbian Psychiatric Association

■ ARGENTINEAN ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHIATRISTS

The 23rd International Congress of Psychiatry will be held from 28 to 30 October 2015 in the Auditorium UCA Buenos Aires. We will have national and international distinguished speakers and important exhibitors for each of the topics to be discussed. There will be expressed in this Congress various

scientific and clinical perspectives, nesting the need to harmonize the great advances in Neuroscience and evidence-based Medicine and experience.

We look forward to your presence at our event.

Néstor Marchant
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■ PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION OF BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

The 12th Psychiatric Saturday in Mostar

The traditional Symposium *Mostar Psychiatric Saturday* has been held for the twelfth time in Mostar’s Hotel “ERO”, on June 6th, 2015 under the topic “*Modern Psychopharmacology: the Basis of Treatment for People with Mental Disorders*”. Over 160 mental health professionals from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as from Slovenia



A section of the participants who attended the Symposium.

attended on dynamic scientific sessions provided by 12 speakers from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and Slovenia, which

have inspired many attendees to constructive discussions. In the beautiful City of Mostar, which restores both intellectually and spiritually, we had a pleasant and useful opportunity to exchange professional experiences and ideas with colleagues and enjoy always sunny Herzegovina. Therefore, we look forward to following the next 13th Mostar’s Psychiatric Saturday in June 2016.

Dragan Babić, Vice-President
Goran Račetović, Secretary General
Psychiatric Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina

Future Activities

It is my great pleasure to announce future activities by the Psychiatric Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina:

1. The Symposium with international participation “**Current Knowledge and Modern Treatment Approaches of Addiction and Co-morbid Diseases in the Region**” will take place in the beautiful City of Banja Luka (September 17th-19th, 2015).
2. The capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, will in the period October 23rd-24th, 2015 host the main psychiatric event in our country, traditional Annual

Symposium of the Psychiatric Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina, **XIV Psychiatric Days of Bosnia and Herzegovina**. The main subject is “**Current topics from child and adolescent psychiatry and women’s mental health**”. Academia CME Course by European Psychiatric Association (EPA) “**Pharmacological management of mood disorders in pregnancy and lactation**” led by Dr. Angelika Wieck (United Kingdom) will be a special event. Further announcements at www.upubih.com.



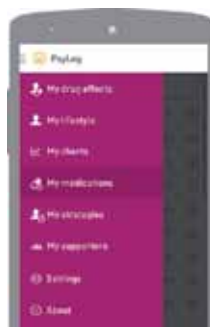
Prof. Abdulah Kučukalić

Abdulah Kučukalić
President, Psychiatric Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina

■ CROATIAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

The Croatian Psychiatric Association has finalized the project mHealth Psychoeducational Intervention Versus Antipsychotic-Induced Side Effects (*mPIVAS*) supported by the National Agencies for mobility and programme of the EU, in August 2015. With its partners Zageb University Hospital Centre (Croatia), the European Psychiatric Association, Westfaelische-Wilhelms-Universitaet Muenster (Germany), University Of Zurich (Switzerland), First Faculty of Medicine,

Charles University in Prague (Czech Republic), Clinic of Psychiatry, Clinical Center of Serbia, Belgrade (Serbia), European Federation of Associations of Families of People with mental illness (EUFAMI) (Belgium), we developed a number of psychoeducational courses (some available at <http://www.europsy.net/early-career/mpivas/>) and a mobile application for Androids called **PsyLOG** with the



IT company Infinum. **PsyLOG** is intended for therapist and patients dealing with mental illness, especially those suffering from disorders treated with antipsychotic drugs. The **PsyLOG** is a monitoring system which will be used to identify side effects of the medication and offers advice on how to deal with them. More information is available at www.psylog.eu.

Vlado Jukic, President
Martina Rojnic Kuzman, Secretary General
Croatian Psychiatric Association (CPA)

■ INDIAN PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY

The Indian Psychiatric Society - National Mid-term CME, held at Nagpur, August 1-2, 2015 was a grand success. The theme of the CME “Managing adverse effects of psychotropic drugs” was well chosen and touched an area which was not a priority area for discussion, thus far. The lectures, symposia and the workshops were very illuminative. That more than 300 delegates, including PG residents participated led to much useful discussions. The EC meeting on October 31st considered all important organizational matters.

The conference was presided by IPS President Dr. VG Watve and was inaugurated by India’s Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari. WPA Secretary General Roy Abraham Kallivayalil, IPS General Secretary NN Raju, and others spoke on the occasion. The meeting also paid rich tributes to the memory of India’s former President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. Hearty Congratulations to the organising committee led by Sudhir Bhawe and Sushil Gawande and their team!

VG Watve, President
NN Raju, General Secretary
Indian Psychiatric Society



Indian Psychiatric Society National Mid-term CME at Nagpur is being inaugurated by India’s Union Minister Shri Nitin Gatkari. Also seen are NN Raju (Gen Secretary), TSS Rao (Editor), Vinay Kumar (Treasurer), VG Watve (IPS President), Sudhir Bhawe, Rajiv Palsokar, and Vivek Kirpekar.

■ THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS

RANZCP Congress 2016, Hong Kong

The International RANZCP Congress of Psychiatry will be held in Hong Kong from 8-12 May 2016, at the Hong Kong Convention Centre, in association with the Hong Kong College of Psychiatrists. The Congress will centre on an extensive scientific program based around the inviting theme 'Regional challenges, worldwide influence' and we look forward to strong input from WPA member societies into the program.

The program will display the latest developments in psychiatry with world-class speakers including Prof. Naomi Fineberg (UK), Dr. Nitin Gogtay (USA), Prof. Robert Howard (UK), Prof. David Nutt (UK), Prof.

Thomas Schlaepfer (Germany), Prof. Peter Tyrer (UK), and Dr. Frank Yeomans (USA).

Abstracts are invited for Congress for both pre-Congress workshops and program sessions. We would like to warmly invite, and to encourage, WPA members to submit an abstract. Abstract submission is currently open and further information can be found at www.ranzcp2016.com. We look forward to seeing you at this memorable event for a vibrant scientific and social program set in the exciting surrounds of Hong Kong.

RANZCP reconciliation work in *BJPsych International*

The RANZCP formally recognises and acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Is-

lander peoples as the traditional owners and custodians of Australia, and their continuing spiritual connection to land and sea.

The RANZCP Reconciliation Action Plan, which has been featured previously in the WPA News, has been recently highlighted in the August 2015 edition of *BJPsych International*, which features an article by Dr. Jason Lee, Chair of the RANZCP's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health Committee. The full version of Dr. Lee's article can be accessed at www.rpsych.ac.uk/pdf/pubns_interv12n3.pdf

■ ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS, UK

Earlier this year the Royal College of Psychiatrists launched the **Commission on Acute Adult Psychiatric Care** to investigate concerns that there are not enough acute psychiatric beds in many parts of the UK. The Commission is being chaired by Lord Nigel Crisp, former Chief Executive of the NHS in England, with support from 14 Commissioners with wide-ranging expertise in psychiatric care.

The College now welcomes the publication of the Commission's first report "**Improving Acute Inpatient Psychiatric Care for Adults in England**", which sets out the Commission's interim findings.

The report argues that a significant cause of mental health bed shortages in England is the number of patients currently being treated on acute wards who could be treated



Commissioners at a meeting at the Royal College headquarters in London. From L to R: Mary Riddell, Anne Campbell, Darlington Daniel, Lord Crisp, Merran McRae, Ranga Rao, Peter Carter, Jacqui Dyer, Denise Porter, Martin Barkley, Robert Milligan, Laurence Mynors-Wallis, John Bacon, and Yvonne Coghill.

in other settings (such as crisis houses or personality disorder services) if they were available. High numbers of patients are also remaining in hospital even though they are clinically well enough to be discharged as there is a lack of suitable housing and community support.

The Commission has also found significant variation in the quality of acute psychiatric wards and in how well staff are trained and supported to care for patients. Patient and carer experiences of inpatient care also vary greatly, and although the Commission has heard many positive stories, others report feeling disenfranchised and excluded.

The Commission's report has been well received and publicised in the national press. It will now continue its investigations in England as well as examining acute psychiatric services in Northern Ireland. It is due to publish its final findings and recommendations in early 2016.

More information on the Commission can be found at www.caapc.info

■ INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL PSYCHIATRY

The Indian Association for Social Psychiatry (IASP), a member society of the WPA is holding its 22nd National Conference on November 6-8, 2015 in historic city of Agra. Agra is called a city of eternal love symbolized by world famous monument Taj Mahal. The theme of the conference is "**Caregivers**

– the fulcrum of social psychiatry in India" and this event has been given the status of co-sponsored meeting by WPA & WASP. Early bird registration is open till 30th September 2015. For more details, please contact the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, Dr U C Garg (uttamcgarg@gmail.com) or log on at www.iasp.org.in.

Sudhir Khandelwal, President
BS Chavan, Secretary General
UC Garg, Chair, Org Committee
Indian Association for Social Psychiatry

News from WPA Sections

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■ CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY

At the WPA Regional Congress in Osaka, Japan in June 2015, the Consortium on Academic Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in the Far East presented their work on the current status in the Far East. WPA President Prof. Dinesh Bhugra (UK) and past WPA President Prof. Norman Sartorius (Switzerland) led the session.

Prior to our study there was relatively little known about child and adolescent psychiatry (CAP) needs and about training and aca-

demic CAP psychiatry in the Far East region. In the study, information was provided by consortium members who represented 17 out of the 20 identified countries and areas in the Far East (East Timor, North Korea, and Macau were not represented).

At the WPA Regional Congress, the Chair of the consortium, Prof. Norbert Skokauskas presented the concept of the consortium and provided a summary of its main activities. Dr. Masaru Tateno spoke about Child and

Adolescent Psychiatry in Japan. The Consortium also wants to thank Prof. Bennett Leventhal, WPA CAP Section Chair, for his advice and support.

The latest Consortium study is published by *Psychiatry Clin Neurosci.* 2015 Mar; 69(3):171-7.

Norbert Skokauskas
Secretary, WPA Section on Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

■ GENETICS IN PSYCHIATRY

Genetics in Psychiatry Section: going educational and global

Since the establishment of a new leadership at the WPA Congress in Buenos Aires in 2011, the Section has been very active in promoting its primary goal: spreading knowledge about genetic research into psychiatric disorders around the globe. Over the last 4 years, the Section has been present at WPA in the following cities: Buenos Aires (2011), Athens (2012 & 2014), Bucharest (2013 & 2015), Yerevan (2013), and Madrid (2014). As regards upcoming WPA meetings, we will participate at the meetings in Taipei (2015), Manila (2016), Colombo (2016), and Istanbul (2016). At these meeting, our Section has organized and been part of symposia or plenary lectures. In addition to these traditional formats and with the help of the WPA, namely Dr. Afzal Javed, the WPA Secretary for Sections, we have explored novel educational formats, moving away from purely data driven and offering sort of “Genetics

101” workshops allowing ample time for Q & A instead. At the Yerevan meeting, we were able to hold such session for the first time within the framework of an intersectional educational activity.



A group of participants at the workshop held in Cape Town in March 2015.

Section members have recently been actively promoting the mission of the Section and the WPA as a whole via similar educational events in India, Egypt, and China. Workshops to be held in Peru and Sudan in 2016 are currently in planning. We would like to highlight a special half-day workshop that was held at the Department of Psychiatry at Stellenbosch University in Cape Town,

South Africa, on March 25th. At the kind invitation of Dr. Soraya Seedat, Chair of the Department, Dr. Vishwajit Nimgaonkar (Pittsburg, PA, USA; Section Co-Chair) and Dr. Thomas G. Schulze (Munich, Germany; Section Chair) gave a workshop covering all aspects of psychiatric genetics: formal genetic studies, statistical approaches, molecular methodology, phenotyping, biobanking, as well as ethical, legal, and societal issues. Finally, the Section is announcing an intersectional meeting on “Psychiatric epidemiology meets genetics: the public health consequences”, jointly organized with the Section on Epidemiology and Public Health, and taking place in Munich, Germany, from March 29th through April 1st, 2016. For more information, please go to www.wpaepi2016.org. We are looking forward to welcoming you to Munich!

Thomas G. Schulze, Chair
Vishwajit L. Nimgaonkar, Co-chair
James B. Potash, Secretary
WPA Section on Genetics in Psychiatry

■ STIGMA AND MENTAL HEALTH

On February 18-20, 2015 this year, our Section co-sponsored the 7th International “Together Against Stigma Conference” in San Francisco. Local sponsors were the California Institute for Behavioural Health Solutions, California Mental Health Services Authority, County Behavioural Health Directors Association of California, and Each Mind Matters. More than 750 delegates from 17 countries attended.

The theme of the conference was “Each Mind Matters”. Each Mind Matters is California’s mental health movement. It brings hundreds of local organizations and thousands of individuals together to advance mental health. Delegates considered opportunities for anti-stigma programming and future directions. People with lived experience of a mental illness were heavily involved in the program and the conference. A wide range of topics

was covered ranging from self-advocacy and contact-based education, to population-based approaches. Members of the Section presented keynote addresses as well as breakout symposia and workshop sessions.

Heather Stuart
Secretary, WPA Section on Stigma and Mental Health

■ PSYCHIATRY, LAW AND ETHICS

Our Section, even from its title, is obvious that it shares some common ground with the Philosophy as well as the Section on Forensic Psychiatry. However, although Ethics are a specific branch of Philosophy, we believe that our Section should focus more on “applied” ethics in Psychiatry and leave the “broader” picture and the conceptual issues for the philosophy Section that should be better equipped to do that.

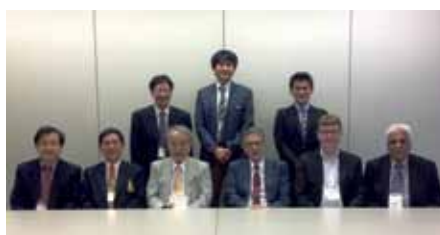
We are starting by requesting all WPA members to inform the Section about books in their country dealing with ethics in psychiatry with the aim of creating a preliminary database of resources. We are also open to ethical issues and problems that members may have experienced and wish to be shared. We will then group them together and try to reach a consensus re the appropriate way to address them, through communication and input from our members and of course

through presentations in WPA conferences. We more than welcome new members and are looking forward to important suggestions and contributions for the growth of our Section from colleagues all around the world.

Athanassios Douzenis, Chair
Kuruvilla Thomas, Co-chair
Georgios Tzeferakos, Secretary
WPA Section on Psychiatry, Law and Ethics

■ URBAN MENTAL HEALTH

During the WPA Regional Congress in Osaka, on the 5th of June 2015, Dr Afzal Javed, WPA Secretary for Section convened an Ad-Hoc Meeting on Urban Mental Health. The group discussed the impact of global trends of demographic changes and urbanization on mental health and identified several areas that could be of particular interest for WPA member societies. These included (1) The impact of urbanization on mental health in low income countries (LIC) and on slum residents, (2) Urban life style and stress as factors of risk for mental health problems, (3) The impact of Terrorism and disasters on the population in mega cities, (4) Mental Health



Ad-Hoc Committee WPA Section on Urban Mental Health: Meeting at Osaka, Japan, June 2015. Seen in the photo are front row L to R: Frank Chou (Taiwan), Pichet Udomratn (Thailand), Naotaka Shinfuku (Japan), Norman Sartorius (Past President WPA), Malcom Hopwood (Australia), Afzal Javed (WPA Secretary for Sections). Back row L to R: Min Soo Lee (WPA ZR), Takahiro Kato (Japan), Atsuro Tsutsumi (Malaysia), Michelle Riba (WPA EC member - excused).

problems of the elderly, of women and of children in mega cities. Prof. N Shinfuku

was elected as the interim chair of the Section until the WPA World Congress Berlin 2017. Soon after the meeting, Prof. Shinfuku invited several of the participants to be members of the ad hoc section Committee (a co-chair, one secretary and 5 committee members) and their names, with the names of 20 others interested in urban mental health were sent to the WPA (in July 2015).

Naotaka Shinfuku
Chair, WPA Section on Urban Mental Health

■ EARLY CAREER PSYCHIATRISTS

Early Career Psychiatrists Section Launched

We are pleased to announce the establishment of the WPA Section on Early Career Psychiatrists, aimed at representing the interests of both psychiatry trainees and psychiatrists within their first 7 years post-completion of training. Early Career Psychiatrists around the world are welcomed to join the Section which intends to serve as an opportunity to network with colleagues abroad, stay updated with training activities, courses, workshops, fellowships, and to contribute to upcoming projects.

To apply for membership, send a short CV accompanied by a letter explaining why you would like to join the Section for consideration of eligibility by the board. Visit the section webpage for more information:



http://www.wpanet.org/detail.php?section_id=11&content_id=1703

WPA Section on Early Career Psychiatrists Board: Hussien ElKholly (Egypt), Florian Riese (Switzerland), Felipe Picon (Brazil), Mariana Pinto da Costa (Portugal), Takashi Nakamae (Japan), and Prashanth Pusanathan (Australia)

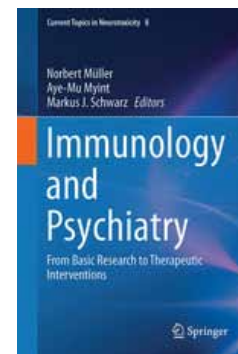
■ IMMUNOLOGY AND PSYCHIATRY

We are happy to welcome 5 new members to our Section on Immunology and Psychiatry. One of numerous activities undertaken by Section members during 2015 included a satellite symposium of the 12th World Congress of Biological Psychiatry (WFSBP) titled “Neuroinflammation, Neuroprogression and Neuroplasticity: An Integrative Approach toward Understanding Psychiatric Disorders”. The symposium was organized by Dr. Angelos Halaris and speakers representing the Section included Drs. Michael Maes, Carmine Pariante and Brian Leonard.

A book titled “Immunology and Psychiatry” was edited by Drs. Norbert Müller, Aye-Mu Myint and Markus Schwarz, with contributions by several Section members. This book

addresses various effects of the immune system (in utero immune challenges, infections, autoimmune diseases and mild immune activation) on the pathophysiology and course of psychiatric disorders. The contributions further highlight the connection between mental and physical pain and indicate possible future impact on treatment decisions that may include anti-inflammatory drugs.

Future activities: We are pleased to invite you to the 13th Psychoimmunology Expert Meeting to be held in Günzburg on March 3-6, 2016. For further information and to register please visit www.psychoimmunology-experts.de. The Section will organize symposia for the Turkish Psychopharmacological Association meeting in Antalya, and the



BOOK COVER

WPA International Congresses in Istanbul and Cape Town in 2016. If you are interested in organizing a symposium or being considered as a speaker, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can find the latest information in our newsletters, published on the WPA website.

Angelos Halaris, Chair (USA)

Karl Bechter, Co-chair (Germany)

Veerle Bergink, Secretary (Netherlands)

WPA Section on Immunology and Psychiatry

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■ EDUCATION IN PSYCHIATRY



Prof. Allan Tasman

Since the 2014 World Congress in Madrid, the Section on Education in Psychiatry has been busy with a number of activities. We now have over 85 members, with

more than a 20% increase since the Madrid congress.

Developing new programs to provide mentorship for early career academic psychiatrists has been designated as a priority for the Sec-

tion with the leaders from our Section being Andrea Fiorillo and Allan Tasman. We look forward to working closely in this regard with the newly approved WPA Section on Early Career Psychiatrists. Other priorities include projects involving the increased use of electronic media and computer technology in psychiatric education. This initiative is under the leadership of Sheldon Benjamin and Yatan Pal Singh Balhara.

Allan Tasman will be coordinating a project to develop training programs for primary care clinicians in countries with low mental health personnel resources. Section activities have involved both stand alone section programs as well as intersectional symposia. Since the Ma-

drid World Congress the education Section has sponsored a symposium at every major WPA congress and will also do the same for 2015-16.

We are always interested in recruiting new members who have primary interests in education and to hearing suggestions about new projects. Anyone interested can either apply through the WPA website or contact any of the Section officers at the email addresses listed in the Section on Education in Psychiatry page on the WPA website.

Allan Tasman
Chair, WPA Section on Education in Psychiatry

■ INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION

Per definition, the WPA Section on Interdisciplinary Collaboration strive to bring together experts from multiple relevant disciplines. This is needed to facilitate actions and solutions for complex problems that are in the core of Clinical Psychiatry but conceptually and technologically extend beyond its conventional boundaries.

Recently, the Section gathered together an Interdisciplinary Team consisting of Psychia-

trists, Psychologists, Social Workers, Neurologists, Neuro-scientists, Bio-Chemists, Physiologists, Geneticists, computer scientists and biostatisticians, as well as Social Scientists and political consultants. The Team is focused on Stress and Resilience. Current populations at focus are border regions in Israel as well as in Palestine. Greek collaborators are working on increasing resilience in face of Financial Crisis.

We are currently working on funding an objective Resilience Test. It is in an advanced stage

of development. It is designed to be adaptable to multiple cultures. In the near future we will be glad to involve colleagues from any region under stress.

Uriel Halbreich
Chair, WPA Section on Interdisciplinary Collaboration

■ PSYCHIATRIC ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY

Action plan and Goals 2014-2017:

I Advancement of Psychiatric Electrophysiology

1. Position statements to be published in international EEG journals (e.g. Clinical

EEG and Neuroscience, Journal of Neuropsychiatric Electrophysiology) related to the clinical application of electrophysiology tools (EEG, evoked potentials, qEEG, neurofeedback) in clinical psychiatric practice.

2. Review of electrophysiological tools in psychiatric research taking account of the non-invasiveness, ecological and financial advantages of electrophysiological methods against other neuroimaging tools such as PET, SPECT, fMRI, NIRS.

3. Broadening the field: electrophysiological stimulation techniques, methodological and technical developments.
4. Future (multi-year) project: Textbook on Psychiatric Electrophysiology (including a comprehensive survey of the literature on the use of electrophysiology in psychiatric research and clinical practice), edited by section members.

II Visibility of the WPA Section Psychiatric Electrophysiology

(Submitted/accepted symposia and presentations 2015):

- a. World Congress of Biological Psychiatry, Athens, June 2015.
- b. APA Annual Conference in Toronto, Canada.

- c. Munich Neurophysiology Conference 2015 (Annual Joint Conference of ECNS, ISNIP, and ISBET).

Oliver Pogarell

Chair, WPA Section on Psychiatric Electrophysiology

■ PREVENTIVE PSYCHIATRY

Our Section is an active, exciting and steadily growing Section of the WPA. As illness prevention and health promotion are currently at the core of the WPA agenda, we are conscious of our role and opportunity. We are particularly proud of our extraversion, as the majority of our academic activities (conferences, projects, etc.) have been the result of intersectional collaboration with other WPA Sections and cooperation with external organisations. Over the past year the WPA Section on Preventive Psychiatry has participated in several interna-

tional conferences with individual presentations or symposia, including WPA Madrid 2014, WFMH Athens 2014, EPA Vienna 2015, and the upcoming WPA Kochi 2015, and WPA co-sponsored Athens 2015. We have also contributed to book and journal publications and public awareness campaigns (e.g. World Mental Health Day 2014).

Our plans for the immediate future include the completion of our major intersectional project with the WPA Section on Education in Psychi-

atry, the EPIC project, which aims to develop an evidence-based undergraduate curriculum for preventive psychiatry, to complement the WPA Core Curriculum in Psychiatry for Medical Students. More information and contacts can be found on our Section's web page.

Nikos Christodoulou

Chair, WPA Section on Preventive Psychiatry

■ EVOLUTIONARY PSYCHIATRY

Our Section is planning to submit a symposium proposal to the WPA congress in Istanbul next year. The symposium shall highlight a life history perspective on psychiatric disorders, including depression,

psychosis, and personality disorders. In addition, I may announce the publication of the second expanded and updated edition of my "Textbook of Evolutionary Psychiatry and Psychosomatic Medicine. The Origins of

Psychopathology" (Oxford University Press), in September 2015.

Martin Brune

Co-chair, WPA Section on Evolutionary Psychiatry

■ CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

The Section had an in-depth discussion on its activities and future plans at the WPA World Congress in Madrid (2014). The Section noted interest expressed by new members to pursue different elements of conflict management and conflict resolution. Following appointment of the current Chair and Co-chair (Prof. Michael Sadre-Chirazi-Stark) and the new Secretary (Elsa Gewehr) we tab-

ulated the following themes as worthy of pursuit in future WPA Regional, International, and World Congress Forums:

- Rethinking conflict management and conflict resolution by having specific workshops with other associated sections such as the sections on Spirituality and Mental Health; Education; Culture and Psychiatry; Psychiatry in Developing countries and others.

- Task members to identify and summarize for further discussion, pockets of conflict in various countries.
- In collaboration with other sections, add to all the sections that intervene in Disaster management by way of developing training manuals and providing hands on support to affected communities and colleagues where possible.

- With guidance from Prof. Eliot Sorel, the section has considered a **bulletin** that will record the various activities and also invited contributions from colleagues who may not necessarily be section members.
- Symposia on **Migration and access to care** and Public Mental Health generally were pursued at the WPA 2015 Congress in

Bucharest, Romania. This also included a discourse on **Gender-based violence** and empowerment of women.

The Section will strive to work in collaboration with other Sections to enhance the Educational efforts of WPA and explore territories that may offer suggestions for reduction

of morbidity due to mental illness in various communities of the world.

Solomon Rataemane
Chair, WPA Section on Conflict Management and Conflict Resolution

■ PSYCHOANALYSIS IN PSYCHIATRY

In November 2014, our Secretary Graciela Onofrio and myself attended the APAL congress in Cartagena Colombia. Both of us participated in various scientific activities related to our Section topic. In April 2015, Graciela Onofrio was also involved in the organization of a PIP Section symposium during the APSA 2015 Congress at Mar del Plata. The topic “The potential traumatic situations for the individual” was approached by Dr. Guillermo Belaga, Juan Eduardo Tesone, Juan Carlos Fantin, Juan Carlos Scillamá, Silvia Melamedoff, and

Graciela Onofrio, all members of APSA and WPA PIP Section from Argentina. Around the same moments, Cesar Alonso contributed at two Asiatic congresses. Meanwhile, Maria Ammon and Ilse Burbiel were very active in Russia. In Morocco, Jalil Bennani successfully launched a university course on Psychoanalysis in Psychiatry.

In May 2015, the Section was very actively involved in the 8th Geneva conference on Person centered medicine, organized by the Interna-

tional College of Person Centered Medicine (ICPCM) to which the Section has been associated since 2008. The Section was also active in the Bucharest WPA International Congress in June 2015. Also related to the Section work is the publication of a book “L’Empathie au Carrefour des Sciences et de la Clinique” (empathy at the crossroad between science and clinics).

Michel Botbol
Chair, WPA Section on Psychoanalysis in Psychiatry

WPA PUBLICATIONS

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■ WPA PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS AND JOURNALS

Michelle Riba, M.D., M.S.

WPA Secretary for Publications

Dear Colleagues,

Our work in WPA Publications continues to grow. Professor Norbert Skokauskas sends us this very important information: **World Child and Adolescent Psychiatry** is an official journal of the WPA Child and Adolescent (CAP) Psychiatry Section. The journal features editorials, in depth perspectives, interviews, conference summaries, updates, programs from around the world, and trainees’ forum. In 2012, the WPA CAP

Newsletter was reestablished, and in 2013, it became an *e journal*: **World Child and Adolescent Psychiatry**. As of today **World Child and Adolescent Psychiatry** is a journal where ideas are shared and directions for the future are set. The editor, Professor Norbert Skokauskas and the editorial board are extremely grateful to all the contributors who made this transformation possible.

We are grateful to Professor Skokauskas for this excellent work which he shares with the

WPA community and are appreciative for the extensive time and efforts of the entire team - Professor Skokauskas and the editorial board. It is a great model for other WPA Sections to emulate and we thank this group for all their efforts to improve publications and the work of sections within the WPA.

Another important aspect of our work is to help the next generation of psychiatrists understand and have experience in publishing their work in recognized journals,

newsletters, books, etc. Seeing to help mentor early career psychiatrists is an integral part of the triennium work plan of WPA President Dinesh Bhugra and of the WPA Executive Committee. To that end, presentations will be made at upcoming WPA meetings, geared towards early career psychiatrists, in learning how to get their work published. We look forward to providing you with updates on how this training is received and successes from these presentations. We especially look forward to the help of Joao Mauricio Castaldelli-Maia, M.D., from Brazil, who is the Early Career Psychiatrist-Observer on the WPA Operational Committee, to help us with

focus. Members of the WPA Operational Committee on Scientific Publications, appointed by President Bhugra, will be meeting at the WPA International Congress in Istanbul, Turkey, July 2016.

Members of the Committee are: Michelle Riba, U.S.A. (Chair); Dusica Lecic Tosevski, Serbia (Co-chair); Prabha S. Chandra, India (Member); Reinhard Heun, United Kingdom (Member); Christopher Szabo, South Africa (Member); Alfredo Cia, Argentina (Consultant); Peter J. Tyrer, England (Consultant); Joao Mauricio Castaldelli-Maia, Brazil (Early Career Psychiatrist-Observer).

As new publications by our members are published, we will recognize this work, either in the newsletter or on the WPA website. We welcome suggestions and ideas for future publications that might help you in your clinical work, your education of medical students, residents and patients and families, or with your research endeavors.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as Secretary for Publications.

Warm Regards, Michelle Riba

News from Zonal Representatives

■ WPA ZONE 10 (EASTERN EUROPE)

First Congress of Psychiatrists of Uzbekistan

The first national congress of psychiatrists of Uzbekistan was held at Tashkent on May 15, 2015, organized by the Uzbek Ministry of Health and the Association of Psychiatrists of Uzbekistan. There were more than 300 participants. At the first plenary meeting, the representative of the World Psychiatric Association Prof. P. Morozov (WPA Zone 10) welcomed the participants.

The Congress discussed actual problems of psychiatry, questions of psychosomatics and neuropsychiatry, as well as mental and behavioral disorders due to intake of psychoactive substances were discussed. It was attended by the delegation of Russian Society of Psychiatrists and psychiatrists from Kazakhstan. The next Congress will be held in four years.

Peter Morozov

WPA Zonal Representative for Zone 10 (Eastern Europe)



A first plenary session of the Congress of Uzbek Psychiatrists.

News from Affiliated Associations

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR BIPOLAR DISORDERS

The International Society for Bipolar Disorders (ISBD) is proud to share that our 17th Annual Conference, which took place in June in Toronto, Canada, was a great success. The meeting had nearly 800 delegates representing over 55 countries in attendance. The meeting was kicked off with an incredible opening ceremony, which included an awards ceremony. Several awards were given out, including the Samuel Gershon Junior Investigator Awards, Mogens Schou Awards, Kupfer Frank Award, an induction to the newly formed group – the

ISBD Scholars, and Best Paper Award. The meeting featured a fantastic program with many highlights. To learn more about the 2015 conference in Toronto please visit www.isbd.org.

We are now looking forward to the 18th Annual Conference of the International Society for Bipolar Disorders, to be held jointly with the 8th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Affective Disorders, in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 13-16 July 2016. We hope

that you will stay abreast of the most up-to-date information by frequently visiting the conference website at www.isbd2016.org.

Mauricio Tohen
International Society for Bipolar Disorders (ISBD)

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL APPROACHES TO PSYCHOSIS



The International Society for the Psychological and Social Approaches to

Psychosis (ISPS) will be holding its 20th International Congress 'Making Real Change

Happen' in Liverpool, UK - 30th August to 3rd September 2017. Further information: <http://www.isps2017uk.org>. The ISPS journal 'Psychosis' has expanded to four volumes / year and has increased its Impact Factor to 1.45. The ISPS book series continues to ex-

pand each year. More details about the ISPS can be found at www.isps.org or by contacting our International Organiser, Antonia Svensson isps@isps.org.

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF PSYCHIATRIC TRAINEES

The EFPT Forum 2015 took place between 22nd and 27th June in Porto, Portugal. Delegates from over thirty European countries participated in the extensive programme. EFPT oversees an exciting range of projects tailored to the needs of psychiatric trainees, including international research on migration in healthcare professionals, supporting trainees to establish new representative organisations and sharing best practice. Additionally, the organisation offers trainees

the opportunity to travel to another one of the 13 participating countries to experience psychiatric services there through the EFPT Exchange Programme (<http://efpt.eu/exchange/>). This allows trainees to spend 2-6 weeks observing practice in another country and taking the lessons learnt back to apply in their home country. Furthermore, we are eagerly making plans for the next Forum, which will take place in Antwerp in July 2016. For more please visit www.efpt.eu.



Howard Ryland
Secretary General, European Federation of Psychiatric Trainees (EFPT)

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ETHNOPSYCHOLOGISTS AND ETHNOPSYCHOTHERAPISTS



The June Issue of World Cultural Psychiatry Research Review (official journal of World Association of Cultural Psychiatry) has been published with 10 new contributions of members of the International Association of Ethnopsychologists and Ethnopsychotherapists (IAEE) and a dedication to Prof. Valentin

Semke, who has strongly contributed to the growth of IAEE and WACP and the productive cooperation between members.

We are sure you are aware that it was a challenge to prepare articles in English. Not only concern on how to translate from Russian language to English language but also how to translate them in proper professional English terms from “conceptual” point of view, and to meet the understanding by the international colleagues.

World Cultural Psychiatry Research Review
<http://www.wcpr.org/volumes/volume-10-number-2/>

Nikolay Bokhan
Irina Kupriyanova
Svetlana Vladimirova
International Association of Ethnopsychologists and Ethnopsychotherapists

Future WPA Scientific Meetings

September 2015

24-26 September 2015: 5th European Conference on Schizophrenia Research “Bridging Gaps-Improving Outcomes”, Berlin, Germany. Organizer: European Scientific Association on Schizophrenia and other Psychoses (ESAS). Contact: Dr. Viktoria Toeller. E-mail: viktorija.toeller@esasnet.eu Website: www.schizophrenianet.eu

25-27 September 2015: WPA Regional Congress “Mind Body and Culture”, Kochi, India. Organizer: Indian Psychiatric Society. Contact: Dr. Kuruvilla Thomas. E-mails: a) drkuruvillathomas@gmail.com b) wparegionalcongresskochi@gmail.com Website: www.wpakochi2015.com

30 September-3 October 2015: “Training Course on Psychosocial Management of Trauma & Violence among Children & Adolescents & Symposium on Child Psychiatry”, Ibadat Hospital, Peshawar, Pakistan. Organizers: 1) WPA Zone 15 2) WPA Section on Psychiatric Rehabilitation 3) WPA Section on Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Contacts: a) Prof. Khalid Mufti (kamufti2001@gmail.com) b) Dr Afzal Javed (afzal.javed@ntlworld.com)

October 2015

1-3 October 2015: “65th Annual Conference of Canadian Psychiatric Association”, Fairmont Hotel Vancouver and the Hyatt Regency Vancouver, Canada. Organizer: Canadian Psychiatric Association. Contact: Donna Stewart. E-mail: donna.stewart@uhn.ca Website: www.cpa-apc.org/browse/documents/92

2-4 October 2015: “National Conference of the 23th Bulgarian Psychiatric Association”, Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Organizer: Bulgarian Psychiatric Association. Contact: Hristo Kozhuharov. E-mail: executive.committee.bpabg@gmail.com

14-16 October 2015: 10th International Congress of the International Neuropsychiatric Association “Neuropsychiatry”, Jerusalem, Israel. Organizer: International Neuropsychiatric Association. Contact: Prof. Robert H. Belmaker. Secretariat: Nina Wilson. E-mail: ina2015@target-conferences.com Website: www.ina2015.com

16-19 October 2015: “The 20th World Congress of the World Federation for Mental Health”, City Stars Convention Center, Cairo, Egypt. Organizer: Egyptian Society for the Rights of People with Mental Illness. Contact: Dr. Nasser Loza. E-mail: n.loza@behman.com Website: www.wfmh2015.com

21-24 October 2015: “The 16th Czech-Slovak Psychiatric Meeting”, Brno, Czech Republic. Organizer: Czech Psychiatric Association. Collaboration: Slovak Psychiatric Association. Contacts: a) Tomas Kasperek, M.D. (president) b) Martin Holly, M. D. (vice-president). E-mail: csps2015@guarant.cz Website: www.csps2015.cz

23 October 2015: “Intellectual and Relational Disability – Today and Tomorrow”, Venice, Italy. Organizer: ANFFAS Veneto. Collaboration: 1) SIDiN (Italian Society for Neurodevelopmental Disorders) 2) European Association for Mental Health in Intellectual Disability. Contact: Dr. Marco Bertelli, CREA (Research and Clinical Centre) of San Sebastiano Foundation. E-mails: a) mbertelli@crea-sansebastiano.org b) EAMHID2015@crea-sansebastiano.org Website: www.anffas.net

23-24 October 2015: XIV Psychiatric Days of Bosnia and Herzegovina “Current Topics from Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Women’s Mental Health”, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Organizer: Psychiatric Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Collaboration: Department of Psychiatry, University Clinical Center Sarajevo, under the patronage of the European Psychiatric Association. Contacts: a) Prof. Abdulah Kučukalić, MD, PhD (adokucukalic@hotmail.com) b) Dr. Goran Račetović, MD (gracetovic@yahoo.com) Website: www.upubih.com/en/

23-25 October 2015: Biennial Meeting of Armenian Psychiatric Association “Dignity in Mental Health”, Yerevan, Armenia. Organizer: Armenian Psychiatric Association. Contact: Armen Soghoyan. E-mail: soghoyan@apnet.am

29-31 October 2015: 17th International Conference on Philosophy, Psychiatry and Psychology “Why do humans become mentally ill? Anthropological, biological and cultural vulnerabilities of mental illness”, Frutillar, Chile. Organizers: 1) Centro de Estudios de Fenomenología y Psiquiatría, Universidad Diego Portales, Chile 2) International Network for Philosophy and Psychiatry. Collaboration: 1) WPA Section on Philosophy and Humanities in Psychiatry 2) Royal College of Psychiatrists RCPsych / Philosophy Special Interest Group. 3) European Psychiatric Association EPA / Philosophy section. Contact: Dr. Leonor Irrázaval. E-mail: centrodefenomenologia@mail.udp.cl Website: www.centrodefenomenologia.udp.cl

November 2015

1-4 November 2015: “12th World Congress of World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation”, Seoul, Korea. Organizers: 1) World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation (WAPR) 2) Korean Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation (KAPR). Contacts: a) Dr. Afzal Javed (afzal.javed@ntlworld.com) b) Prof. Tae-Yeon Hwang (ilymh@gmail.com) Website: www.wapr.info

6-8 November 2015: “The 22nd National Conference of Indian Association for Social Psychiatry-2015) (NCIASP-2015”, Hotel Radisson BLU, Agra, India. Organizer: Indian Association for Social Psychiatry. Contact: Dr U C Garg (Organising Chair). E-mail: uttamcgarg@gmail.com

12-15 November 2015: 3rd Congress of Preventive Psychiatry and 4th Psychiatric Congress of Eastern Europe “Preventive Psychiatry & Psychiatry in Eastern Europe”, Aegli Zappeiou, Athens, Greece. Organizer: Society of Preventive Psychiatry. Collaboration: 1) Psychiatric Association for Eastern Europe and the Balkans (PAEEB) 2) Hellenic Psychiatric Association. Contact: Prof. George N. Christodoulou. E-mails: a) profgchristodoulou@gmail.com b) psych@psych.gr Website: www.preventive-psychiatry2015.com

18-22 November 2015: WPA International Congress “Bridging Asia to the World – A New Era for Psychiatric Treatment”, Taipei, Taiwan. Organizer: Taiwanese Society of Psychiatry. Contact: Frank Huang-Chih Chou. E-mail: secretariat@wpaic2015.tw Website: www.wpaic2015.tw

February 2016

4-6 February 2016: WPA Regional Meeting “Psychiatry and Society in the 21th Century”, Manila, Philippines. Organizer: Philippine Psychiatric Association. E-mails: a) philpsych_org@yahoo.com b) philippinepsych@gmail.com.

23-25 February 2016: “2nd International Women’s Mental Health Conference”, Le Meridian Hotel, Al-Khobar, Saudi Arabia. Organizer: King Abdulaziz Airbase Armed Forces Hospital. Collaboration: 1) International Association for Women’s Mental Health 2) Saudi Psychiatric Association 3) Arab Federation of Psychiatrists 4) Saudi Commission for Health Specialties. Contact: Dr. Nada Al-Zaidi (Conference Chairperson). E-mail: dr_nmz@hotmail.com Website: www.wmh-afh.com

March-April 2016

29 March-1 April 2016: “Psychiatric epidemiology meets genetics: the public health consequences”, Munich, Germany. Organizer: WPA Section on Epidemiology and Public Health. Collaboration: 1) WPA Section on Genetics in Psychiatry 2) University of Munich. Contact: Erasmus Conferences Tours & Travel S.A. E-mail: info@wpaepi2016.org Website: www.wpaepi2016.org/

April 2016

7-9 April 2016: 12th International Conference on Psychiatry “Psychiatry in General Medicine”, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Organizers:

Saudi German Hospital & Saudi Psychiatric Association. Collaboration: 1) Psychiatric Hospital Jeddah. 2) Egyptian Psychiatric Association 3) Institute of Psychiatry, Ain Shams University 4) Psychiatry Department, Cairo University 5) Motmaenna Psychiatric centre. Contact: Dr. Mohamed Khaled. E-mail: moh.khaled.hamed@gmail.com Website: http://jed.sghgroup.com.sa/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=293&Itemid=42&lang=en

May 2016

“1st Congress on Evidence Based Psychiatry: From research to Clinical practice”, Corfu, Greece. Organizer: International Society on Neurobiology and Psychopharmacology. Collaboration: WPA Section on Evidence Based Psychiatry (formerly: Section on Research Methods in Psychiatry). Contact: Dr. KN Fountoulakis. E-mail: kostasfountoulakis@gmail.com Website: www.psychiatry.gr

July 2016

6-10 July 2016: WPA International Congress “Integrating clinical, community, and public health in psychiatry”, Istanbul, Turkey. Organizers: 1) Psychiatric Association of Turkey 2) Turkish Neuropsychiatric Society. Contact: Dr. Levent Küey. E-mail: kueyl@superonline.com Website: www.wpaistanbul2016.org

October 2016

13-15 October 2016: “Forensic Psychiatry and Prison Psychiatry between Medicine and Law”, Ohrid, Macedonia. Organizer: Macedonian Psychiatric Association Collaboration: WPA Section on Forensic Psychiatry. Contact: Prof. Dr. Antoni Novotni. E-mail: prof.novotni@gmail.com Website: www.pzmak.com

November 2016

18-22 November 2016: WPA International Congress “Psychiatry: Integrative Care for the Community”, Cape Town, South Africa. Organizer: South African Society of Psychiatrists. Contact: Prof. Bernard van Rensburg. E-mails: a) bernard.sasop@mweb.co.za b) charlene@soafrica.com Website: www.wpacapetown2016.org.za

April 2017

19-22 April 2017: 18th World Congress of the World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry (WADP) “Creative processes in psychotherapy and psychiatry”, Florence, Italy. Organizer: World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry (WADP). Collaboration: International Foundation Erich Fromm (IFE), Erich Fromm School of Psychotherapy, University of Florence, and others. Contact: Prof. Dr. Maria Ammon. E-mail: dapberlin@t-online.de Website: www.WADP2017.org

October 2017

8-12 October 2017: WPA World Congress of Psychiatry “Psychiatry of the 21st Century: Context, Controversies and Commitment”, Berlin, Germany. Organizer: German Association for Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics. Contact: Prof. Peter Falkai. E-mail: wpa2017@cpo-hanser.de Website: www.wpaberlin2017.com

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