Message from the Secretary General

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

At the outset, let me express my profound gratitude to you all for electing me to this high office. I will strive my best to live up to the confidence and trust reposed on me.

As you know, the new Executive Committee (EC) with Dinesh Bhugra as President have assumed office on September 16, 2014 at the conclusion of our 16th World Congress of Psychiatry, Madrid. Our new President has highlighted the Public Mental Health Agenda in the WPA Action Plan 2014-2017. We are all gearing up to make this a big success. Other esteemed members of the EC are Helen Herrman (President-Elect), Michelle Riba (Secretary for Publications), Edgard Belfort (Secretary for Education), Afzal Javed (Secretary for Sections), Masatoshi Takeda (Secretary for Scientific Meetings) and Armen Soghoyan (Secretary for Finances) besides me as Secretary General (SG). As you know, our Secretariat functions at the Geneva University Psychiatric Hospital. My first visit to the WPA Secretariat as the newly elected SG on November 11-12, 2014 was most fruitful and rewarding. We have reviewed the functioning of the Secretariat, its time schedules, working arrangements, and administrative tasks. Recently, we also had the WPA Thematic Conference onIntersectional Collaboration at Athens, Greece (October 30-November 2, 2014) and the WPA Regional Congress Hong Kong December 12-14, 2014 which were big successes. The most important forthcoming event is the WPA International Congress, Bucharest, June 24-27, 2015 with the theme “Primary Care Mental Health: Innovation and Transdisciplinarity”.

We will endeavour to make our website (www.wpanet.org) “state-of-art”, revamping and redesigning it and making it compatible with cell phones, tablets, etc. Looking forward to your suggestions, guidance and support in all WPA matters.

Thanking you,

Roy Abraham Kallivayalil
WPA News Editor
WPA Secretary General

Message from the new WPA President

Dinesh Bhugra

We start the New Year with very mixed news.

As most of you would have heard by now Professor Juan-Jose Lopez-Ibor passed away on 12th January 2015. He was a true giant of Spanish Psychiatry and of world psychiatry. The Executive Committee and the whole organisation will miss him. His contributions will be part of his legacy and will form a part of the global psychiatry for decades to come. We are all immensely grateful that he contributed so much to psychiatry research, policy and development at a number of levels. On a more personal level I am really grateful for his support, help and friendship and we shall miss his sage advice. Our thoughts are with his family and friends and may his soul rest in peace.

Before the recent WPA Regional Meeting in Hong Kong, I had the opportunity of meeting the Secretary for Health as well as Secretary for Social care to discuss what changes are needed to improve services in Hong Kong. In the recent Indian Psychiatric Society annual meeting some of the most exciting research and work that is going on in India and in the region was presented. These observations illustrate that there is an opportunity where we should be learning from each other about what is the best practice for our patients.

Preparations are underway for the International conference of the WPA in Bucharest in June and also a regional meeting in Osaka in June and I very much hope that you will join us to share ideas and lessons for both research and clinical practice.

I am keen to hear from our members and societies about what the added value of the WPA is. So please do feel free to get in touch with ideas on how we can improve the organisation and communication both within the organisation and with other agencies.

Dinesh Bhugra, CBE
President
World Psychiatric Association
NEW WPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2014-2017)

News from Member Societies, Zone Representatives, and Affiliated Associations

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WPA THEMATIC CONFERENCE ON INTERSECTIONAL COLLABORATION

A WPA Thematic Conference on Intersectional Collaboration took place in Athens, Greece (October 30th – November 2nd, 2014) in conjunction with the “5th European Congress of the International Neuropsychiatric Association” and the “2nd Interdisciplinary Congress on Psychiatry and Related Sciences”. This joint congress event was hosted by the Hellenic Society for the Advancement of Psychiatry and Related Sciences and it was co-organized by WPA and INA. Dinesh Bhugra and Pedro Ruiz (WPA’s President and Past President, respectively) together with Dimitris Dikeos (INA’s President) were instrumental in joining forces with Constantin Soldatos (President of HSAPRS, the Hosting Society) to the success of this Congress. Moreover, four international societies and 27 national scientific organizations (24 based in Greece and 3 based abroad) have enriched the scientific program through their active contributions (lectures, symposia, workshops, etc.). Following the Opening Ceremony, Prof. Bhugra gave the Opening Address “The Action Plan of WPA for the triennium 2014-2017”; then the presentation of one Award and three Prizes took

Seated L to R: Francesca Sotgiu (WPA Administrator), Florence Thibaut (WFSBP Past President), Michelle Riba (WPA Secretary for Publications), Dinesh Bhugra (WPA President), Ms and Dr. Bob Belmaker (INA’s President Elect).

Standing L to R: Thomas Schultze (Chair WPA Section on Genetics in Psychiatry), Costas Fountoulakis (Chair WPA Section on Research Methods in Psychiatry), Edgar Belfort (WPA Secretary for Education), Armen Soghoyan (WPA Secretary for Finances), Roy Kallivayalil (WPA Secretary General), Constantin Soldatos (President of WFSBP and HSAPRS), Helen Herman (WPA President-Elect), Masatoshi Takeda (WPA Secretary for Meetings), Tsuyoshi Akiyama (Past WPA Secretary for Finances) and Angelos Halaris (Recipient of the Athenian Prize for outstanding contribution to Psychiatry and Related Sciences).
The WPA Regional Congress was held in Hong Kong from 12-14 December 2014. The venue of the conference was in Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, the largest convention centre facility in Hong Kong. The theme of the conference was ‘Yin and Yang of Mental Health in Asia – Balancing Polarities’. The theme reflects the wisdom of Chinese culture about balancing dialectics, appreciating diversity, and promoting creative amalgamation of opposing views.

The conference was inaugurated by Dr. WM Ko, the Secretary of Food and Health Bureau of the Government of the Hong Kong SAR, Prof. Dinesh Bhugra, the President of the WPA, and Prof. Linda Lam, the President of the Hong Kong College of Psychiatrists. The council members of the WPA also flew in from different parts of the world and attended a question and answer session to WPA on the second day of the conference. The opening ceremony was well attended by delegates from the Hospital Authority of Hong Kong, the Department of Health, and the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, as well as the community stakeholders of mental health issues of Hong Kong.

The conference had eight plenary lectures delivered by academic experts from the UK, Australia, the Netherlands, China, Japan and Hong Kong. The topics of the plenary lectures included genetic psychiatry, mental health service development, work rehabilitation for severe mental illness and combat against discrimination of people suffering from mental health problems. There were 22 regular symposia, 6 proposed symposia, 3 industry-sponsored symposia, and 11 oral presentation sessions. The topics of the symposia covered a wide range of topics like additive behaviours, child and adolescent psychiatry, forensic psychiatry, and psychological interventions. There was also a poster presentation zone in the main hall throughout the three days of the conference, in which 80 poster presentations were shared with the conference participants. Another major highlight was the gala dinner held on 13 December 2014. The gala dinner was well attended by the conference participants and the guests with lots of fun and enjoyment.

The conference lasted for three whole days and was preceded by a pre-conference workshop on ‘leadership and management skills’ conducted by Prof. Dinesh Bhugra, President of the WPA. The conference was well attended by over 780 participants from more than 15 countries. There was positive feedback obtained from the participants on the overall scientific content of the conference, the location of the venue, the logistic arrangement and support on the conference, and the social events organized in the gala dinner. The participants also reported positive feedback about their pleasant experience as a tourist in Hong Kong.

It is indeed the honour of the Hong Kong College of Psychiatrists to be given this opportunity by WPA to host this prestigious event.

Roger MK Ng
Chair, Local Scientific Committee
Obituary

Prof. Juan José López-Ibor (1941-2015)

Prof. Juan José López-Ibor’s demise is a grave personal distress. I have lost a true, sincere and loyal friend.

He was born in Madrid, Spain in 1941; he is a father to four children and a grandfather as well. Juan obtained his M.D. and PhD with the highest awards from the Complutense University of Madrid. He then specialized in Neurology and Psychiatry. His psychiatric training was completed in the University of Frankfurt, Germany, at the Maudsley and Saint Bartholomew Hospitals in London and in the Cantonal Hospital of Vaud in Switzerland.

He remained Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry and Clinical Psychology, School of Medicine, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain as well as President of the Juan José López-Ibor Foundation. He was awarded a Fellowship of the Royal National Academy of Medicine of Spain. He was a corresponding fellow of the Royal Academy of Medicine of Zaragoza, a member of the National Board of Psychiatry and Director, WHO Research and Training Center for Spain (San Carlos Hospital Site). Juan was the Past-President of the International College of Psychosomatic Medicine, the Spanish Society of Psychiatry and the Spanish Society for Biological Psychiatry. Juan was the President of the World Psychiatric Association (1999-2002). He was full Professor (Chairman) in the Universities of Oviedo of Salamanca and in Alcalá de Henares and Head of the Psychiatric Unit of the Ramón y Cajal Hospital in Madrid.

He was also a member of the European Community Task Force for the European Decade of the Brain Research and Chairperson of the Board of Sanitas (the largest private insurance company in Spain, owned by BUPA, UK).

He is the author of 53 books, alone or in collaboration, and of 219 chapter monographs by other authors. He has published more than 330 papers in scientific journals (most of them international journals) and presented more than 1500 papers and communications in scientific meetings, mainly on the topics of mood disorders, anxiety disorders, personality disorders, classification in psychiatry, CT and SPECT in psychiatry and psychoneuro-endocrinology.

He was awarded further honours including being made an Honorary Fellow of the Société Medico-Psychologique, Société Italiana di Psichiatria, Egyptian Psychiatric Association, Sociedad Chilena de Neurología, Neurocirugía y Psiquiatría, Hungarian Psychiatric Association and the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

His editorial contributions included being both the editor and being on the editorial board of many scientific journals which included Actas Luso-Espanholas de Neurología, Psiquiatría y Ciencias Afines, Comprehensive Psychiatry, Archiv für Psychiatrie und Nervenkrankeiten, Integrative Psychiatry, General Hospital Psychiatry, Journal of Psychopharmacology, European Neuropsychopharmacology, Human Psychopharmacology, Neurology, Psychiatry and Brain Research and Neuropsychobiology).

Juan was a man with a vision in all aspects of life, in psychiatry, philosophy, spirituality, culture and ethics.

Juan and I worked closely together for almost 45 years. We shared personal experiences in life and visited many countries around the world attending different scientific meetings and congresses and over the years became very close friends. His joy for life was evident throughout his career. I remember him flying to Cairo especially with his family just to attend the opera ‘Aida’ when it was performed on a stage in the pyramids plateau!!!!!” An unforgettable experience when he arranged for my wife and I to go on a cruise of the Greek islands with a group of friends, another unique experience when he arranged a conference in Avila in Spain on “Religion, Spirituality and Mental Health”.

He may have passed away physically, but he left a long lasting impact and legacy on his friends, colleagues and students worldwide with his deep humanistic vision of life.

Juan will always be remembered as an impeccable leader of the WPA with his impact on world psychiatry, an altruistic sincere scientist and most of all, an eternal friend in life and death.

God bless his soul and give his family patience and solace in dealing with their great loss.

Ahmed Okasha
WPA President (2002-2005)
Condolences from WPA Zone Representatives

We have lost one of the world’s heroes of psychiatry! A friend for many years and a source of wisdom we all deeply grieve his passing! Condolences to his family.

Donna Stewart
Zone 1

Dr Juan Jose Lopez-Ibor has passed away. This is why Zone 3 WPA sends their sincere condolences to his family. May his soul rest in peace. He will be greatly missed.

Virginia Rosabal

We remember with great respect and gratitude, his work for world psychiatry and especially appreciate the esteem he had for Latin American. Also, we highlight his interest in supporting the training of psychiatrists of this side of the world. For his daughter Maria Ines and his family, our condolences.

Silvia Gaviria A.
Representative Zone 4 WPA
Medellin, Colombia

My deep sorrow and condolences for the family of our beloved friend and distinguished WPA member and former President Prof Juan José López-Ibor.

Alfredo Cía
Zone 5 Representative WPA
APAL President 2012-14

On behalf of WPA Zone 6, I express our deepest condolences for the loss of Prof Juan Jose Lopez-Ibor who was so important for all us, directly or through his important work in WPA. He leaves us with the memory of a man of great culture and knowledge. He will be particularly missed by all for his capacity to defend modern psychiatry without losing sight of the most valuable traditions of European psychiatry he knew very well.

Michel Botbol
Paris, France

On behalf the entire membership of Zone 10 and on behalf of myself let me convey our profound condolences to the family of Prof. Juan José López-Ibor and to all psychiatrists of the world. His outstanding services for Psychiatry will remain alive in our memories.

His friendly relations associated with many psychiatrists in our region, his scientific works are well known in our countries, his diplomatic skills helped to overcome all difficulties in the successful development of WPA, his energy seemed unquenchable. He served Psychiatry until the last minutes of his life.

Name of Prof. Juan José López-Ibor will forever remain in our hearts.

Peter Morozov
WPA Zone 10

On behalf of North Africa Zone, and my Egyptian Colleagues I express our deepest condolences for the loss of Prof Juan José López-Ibor. I came in touch with him in his last visit to Egypt, and he invited me with Prof. Okasha in Avila. He was really a great scientist and made lots of contributions to the WPA. I would like to extend my condolences to his family and friends.

Prof. Nahla Nagy

On behalf of Zone 12, I convey our condolences to the family of Prof. Juan José López-Ibor and the psychiatrists around the world.

Dr. Walid Sarhan F.R.C. Psych
Consultant Psychiatrist
WPA Zonal Representative of the Middle East

On behalf of myself and the entire membership of Zone 14, convey our deepest condolences to the family of Prof. Juan José López-Ibor.

Prof. David M. Ndetei
Zone 14 Representative

On behalf of Zone and on behalf of Pakistan Psychiatric Society and Horizon NGO I offer deep condolence on the untimely demise of Prof Lopez-Ibor. His distinguished services for mental health and psychiatry will remain alive in the memories. May his soul rest in peace.

Prof Khalid Mufti
Zone 15 Representative WPA

My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved members of Prof. Juan Jose Lopez-Ibor family.

T.V. Asokan
Chennai, India
Zone 16 Representative-WPA

On behalf of Zone 17 and on behalf of Korean Neuropsychiatric Association, I offer deep condolence.

Wish you have a peaceful another time in the heaven.

On behalf Zone 17 and on behalf of Korean neuropsychiatric Association. I convey deep condolence to Prof. Juan Jose Lopez-Ibor and his family.

Min-Soo Lee
World Psychiatric Association Regional Congress 2014 – Ljubljana, Slovenia

The World Psychiatric Association Regional Congress was held in Ljubljana, Slovenia on 9-12 April 2014 on the theme of “Addressing Mental Health Needs in the Alps-Adria-Danube Region: Stigma, Community Based Care, Stress and Suicidality”. The event was organized under the auspices of the President of Slovenia, Borut Pahor and the Mayor of Ljubljana, Zoran Janković.

Prof. Pedro Ruiz, WPA President (2011-2014) and Prof. Peter Pregelj, President of the Psychiatric Association of Slovenia welcomed the participants during the opening ceremony.

The total number of participants who attended was 314; delegates came from 33 countries. The largest attendance was from Slovenia, Portugal, South Korea, Croatia, and Slovak Republic.

The scientific program was held in three rooms in parallel. In total, six Plenary Lectures, two Satellite Symposia, and 24 other Symposia and Workshops were held. There were about 150 oral presentations in total and almost 40 posters. Recent research results were presented as well as the relevant practices in different parts of the Alp-Adria-Danube region were demonstrated.

Many international speakers participated. Dynamic scientific sessions were often followed with constructive discussions by many participants.

Also, in the beautiful city of Ljubljana, many friendships were made.

Brigita Novak Šarotar
Member, Organizing Committee
Psychiatric Association of Slovenia

The XVII Congress of the World Association of the Dynamic Psychiatry (WADP) was held in Saint Petersburg.

The XVII World Congress “MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH IN UNDERSTANDING AND TREATMENT OF MENTAL DISORDERS: MYTH OR REALITY?” of the World Association of the Dynamic Psychiatry (WADP), an Affiliated Association of the WPA, was held in Saint Petersburg, Russia in conjunction with the Russian mental health conference from 14 to 17 May 2014.

It was the main scientific event in the field in 2014 in Russia with 1,192 participants. Among them were 66 heads of mental hospitals, 18 directors of the main mental health institutes and research centers of Russia and CIS. Seven CIS countries and 54 regions of the Russian Federation were represented; 152 foreign mental health specialists from 35 countries attended the congress.

This congress gave the opportunity to its participants to have a really fruitful discussion and to improve mutual understanding and to achieve a new level of integration on this very actual, interesting and practically meaningful topic.

A special junior program was offered to young psychiatrists, who also had an opportunity to present the results of their work at thematic symposium. An international exhibition of the patients’ works of art was also an important part of the congress agenda.

The white nights with very special city atmosphere and welcome reception in Peterhoff with its world-known fountain cascades made the event unforgettable for all who took part in it. The plentiful feedback received afterwards was the best proof for it.

Prof. N.G. Neznanov, President of the Russian Society of Psychiatrists at the Opening Ceremony of the Congress.

Petr Morozov
WPA Zone Representative for Zone 10 (Eastern Europe)
**SINGAPORE PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION**

**Brief news and activities on psychiatry and mental health**

The year 2014 brought attention to various mental health issues in Singapore including plastic surgery amongst youth where a local survey on 1,400 students aged between 16 to 21 showed that a third of them were okay with it. The other major topic discussed actively was the issue of hoarding disorder necessitating the collaboration of several ministries to tackle the problem. In terms of these mental health issues, the Singapore Psychiatric Association (SPA) management committee responded to the media by advocating counseling for susceptible youth prior to them undergoing plastic surgery and for parents to be involved in the decision making process prior to such surgery. The SPA also recognized the problems caused by hoarding disorder both for sufferers of the condition as well as for the community and provided education about this disease through our media response. We hoped that with more understanding of hoarding disorder, family members and the community will be less likely to reject them and be able to get them the help they need earlier.

The SPA was however not intent on just work with no play. To foster bonding and bring together the psychiatric community in Singapore for an evening of fun and gentle mind activity, the Singapore Young Psychiatrist and Trainees (SYPT) organized the third annual Challenge Shield event. The SYPT, a subsidiary of the SPA organized this annual quiz which took place on 21st October 2014 at the York Hotel, pitting young psychiatrists and trainees against each other in a fun-filled quiz that featured audience participation as well. This evening saw the participation of young trainees and senior psychiatrists from many hospitals in Singapore and helped ensure that those working in the field not only gained understanding of each other’s work through the quiz but also forged friendships with their counterparts from other institutions.

The SPA looks forward to an exciting and challenging year ahead as we seek to promote the understanding of mental health and foster bonds with other like minded psychiatrists and trainees.

Cheng Lee
President, Singapore Psychiatric Association

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**INDIAN PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY**

The Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS) National Mid Term CME-2014 held on 2-3 August, 2014 in Hotel ITC Mughal Agra with theme “Redefining Boundaries in Psychiatric Disorders- Reasons Behind” was grand success.

More than 300 delegates including 72 post graduate students participated in the CME. The CME was inaugurated by IPS President Dr T V Asokan. Hon. Member of Parliament from Agra Mr. Ramshankar Katheria and Principal S N Medical College Dr Ajay Agrawal graced the occasion as Guest of Honor.

Fourteen lectures including a PG debate were organised on various topics wherein 13 faculty members and 11 PG students addressed the audience. The program was very well attended and UP Medical Council of India accredited the event 8 CME Hours.

General Secretary of IPS Dr N N Raju, Org. Chairperson Dr Shashi Rai and Org. Secretary Dr U C Garg expressed sincere thanks to all participants for their active participation.

UC Garg
Organising Secretary

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**TURKISH NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY**

The Turkish Neuropsychiatric Society is celebrating its 100th year anniversary! Our society was founded on 16th October 1914 by Dr. Avni Mahmud and his eleven colleagues. This year we organized the 7th annual Neuropsychiatry Days as a special event dedicated to the centennial year of our Society.

With many respected speakers’ (A. Compston, G. Guzeldere, C. Malabou, D.L. Smail) contribution, several topics on the conjunction of neurology, psychiatry, psychology and philosophy were discussed. Also we were in an exciting process of producing a documentary film regarding the history of our Society and the improvement of neuropsychiatry in Turkey. This film’s premiere took place in this centennial symposium. Many senior colleagues attended and enriched the symposium with their invaluable shariings regarding the past of our Society.

Three case discussion meetings were held in March, April and December during this year. In each meeting, complex cases which are difficult to diagnose between neurology and psychiatry were presented and discussed. Also in both the National Psychiatry Congress and National Neurology Congress, Turkish Neuropsychiatric Society sessions were organized.

At the beginning of 2014, a General Assembly was held and the new executive committee was elected which will continue to work until the beginning of 2016. With all our enthusiasm we hope to meet you in our future activities.

Banan Aslanşan Ertekin
Secretary, Turkish Neuropsychiatric Society
PAKISTAN PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY

6th NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON DEPRESSION

The “6th National Symposium on Depression” a single topic symposium was organized on Saturday, 20th September 2014 at the Pearl Continental Rawalpindi, Pakistan. The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Sciences, Rawal Institute of Health Sciences, Islamabad was the host organization and this event was organized in collaboration with the Pakistan Psychiatric Society and the Pakistan Medical Association, Rawalpindi-Islamabad Branch.

The theme of the symposium was “Integrated approach for 21st century”.

The Chief Organizer was Prof. Mazhar Malik, HOD/Professor of Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Sciences, President, Pakistan Psychiatric Society (PPS) while the chief guest of the national symposium was Maj. Gen (R) Dr. Viqar Ahmed Khan, Commandant Armed Forces Postgraduate Medical Institute (AFPGMI), Rawalpindi.

The scientific sessions comprised of special theme lecture, invited lectures and papers presented on important topics related to Major Depressive Disorder and Bipolar Mood Disorder. More than 25 original research papers were presented highlighting different aspects of Depressive Disorders associated with co morbid psychiatric and physical illnesses and recent updates, neurobiology and current evidence on the management of Bipolar mood disorder. An exclusive session was devoted towards the development of training programme for Primary Care Physicians (PCPs) in early recognition and treatment of Depressive Disorders. The highlight of the symposium was a Video-Link Lecture, delivered live direct from Minneapolis, USA.

Almost 200 psychiatrists, clinical psychologists and social workers from various Academic Departments and Universities all over the country participated in the symposium. The names of the renowned Professors and psychiatrists who participated are Prof. Khalid A Multi, Prof. Abdul Malik Achakzai, Prof. M. Raiz Bhatti, Prof. Mowadat H Rana, Prof. Aziz ur Rehman Yousafzai, Prof. Iqbal Afridi, Prof. Aftab Asif, Prof. Raza ur Rehman, Prof. Brig. M. Saleem, Prof. Rizwan Taj, Prof. Nasir Khokhar, and Prof. Mazhar Malik.

At the end of the symposium, symposium shields were presented to the speakers, participants and guests, by the chief guest, Organizing Chairman and Chairman of the host Institution, Rawal Institute of Health Sciences, Islamabad.

Invited delegates at the 6th National Symposium on Depression held on 20 September 2014.

A section of participants who attended the 6th National Symposium on Depression.

Mazhar Malik
President, Pakistan Psychiatric Society

PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION OF BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

The 8th Symposium of Biological Psychiatry in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Organized by the Association for Biological Psychiatry/Psychopharmacology in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (ABPPFBH), in collaboration with the Department of Psychiatry of the University Clinical Center Sarajevo by the Psychiatric Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina (PABH), the traditional Eighth Symposium of Biological Psychiatry/Psychopharmacology in Bosnia and Herzegovina was held. The Symposium, entitled “Current trends in psychopharmacology” took place on April 25-26, 2014 in Sarajevo (Ilidža Hotels).

The Symposium was opened by the President of ABPPFBH and the President of the Organizing Committee Prof. Abdullah Kučukalić and was followed with a letter by the President of PABH Prof. Dragan Babić.

The two-day work of the Symposium consisted of more than 15 invited lectures by eminent psychiatrists and lecturers from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and Serbia. The Symposium was attended by more than a hundred participants and we are delighted to notice that again more than half of them were members of the PABH. The lectures provided an opportunity for us to improve our knowledge in current trends and research in psychopharmacology worldwide and compare those with the possibilities of implementation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region, considering many difficulties and barriers to newest treatments in our countries. Current trends in psychopharmacology in all fields of psychiatry (addiction, mood and psychotic disorders, child and adolescent or forensic psychiatry, etc.) were presented. The Symposium was accompanied by an exhibition of several spon-

Delegates at the 8th Symposium of Biological Psychiatry in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
soring pharmaceutical companies. The organizers of the social component of the program hosted a Symposium dinner-dance and the participants relaxed and enjoyed it in the very impressive atmosphere of Austria Hall.

This year’s Symposium was successful in both professional and organizational aspects, and it has been included in the list of psychiatric events of the first rank in Bosnia and Herzegovina, with established tradition and continuous professional and scientific contribution. We look forward to the Ninth Symposium of Biological Psychiatry/Psychopharmacology in Bosnia and Herzegovina next year, in which our Association will also take on the role of a co-organizer.

The 11th Psychiatric Saturday in Mostar

The traditional Symposium Mostar Psychiatric Saturday was held for the eleventh time in Mostar’s Hotel “ERO”, on June 14th, 2014, elaborating the topic “Placebo and Nocebo: Between Rituals, Religions and Medicine”. Over 130 mental health professionals from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina attended the dynamic scientific sessions provided by 13 speakers from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia, which inspired many attendees to constructive discussions about this very intriguing and important topic passing through our society, religions, medicine, and psychiatry. The Symposium was organized by the Department of Psychiatry (School of Medicine, Mostar) and the co-organizers were the Psychiatric Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina (PABH) and the University Clinic Mostar-Department of Psychiatry, and was also supported and certified with CME points by Medical Chamber of Neretva-Herzegovina Canton/County. The PABH President Prof. Dragan Babić welcomed all guests and participants and the organizing Committee and participants were welcomed also by the official representatives of the University of Mostar, School of Medicine and Department of Psychiatry as well as by the representative of the Ministry of Health of Neretva-Herzegovina Canton/County.

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, 12th Mostar’s Psychiatric Saturday in June 2015.

Dragan Babić, President
(Organising Committee President)
Goran Račetović, Secretary General
Psychiatric Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina

Joint activities of Psychiatric Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina

The Turkish Association for Psychopharmacology (TAP) was host of the 2nd Annual Symposium of Psychiatrists of Turkey and Bosnia-Herzegovina, jointly organized with the Psychiatric Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina (PABH). More than 140 participants from Turkey and Bosnia and Herzegovina, together with 38 members of the Bulgarian Psychiatric Association attended the Symposium at the Mövenpick Hotel in Istanbul (Turkey) on October 25, 2014. The Presidents of both Associations, Professors Mesut Cetin (TAP) and Dragan Babić (PABH) welcomed all participants and exchanged gifts as a memory of this important event as the continuum of mutual scientific collaboration established last year.

The Symposium was divided in two parts. In the first part, Turkish lecturers focused on the management of resistant psychiatric disorders (M. Cetin, E. Kurt) and perinatal psychiatric patients (N. Aydin), but also off label use of atypical antipsychotics (Y. Bez). After a lunch break lecturers from our Association presented current trends in psychopharmacology of major psychiatric disorders (D. Babić, M. Burgić-Radmanović, A. Kučukačić and I. Pajević). Both sessions initiated fruitful discussion by many participants.

The Symposium had excellent organization and high scientific quality. The Psychiatric Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina will continue more intensive collaboration with TAP which will include the organization of the next joint Symposium in 2015.

Dragan Babić, President
Goran Račetović, Secretary General
Psychiatric Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina
Annual Psychiatric Symposium in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Organized by the Psychiatric Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina, the traditional Annual Symposium with international participation, XIII Psychiatric Days of Bosnia and Herzegovina was held in Hotel “ERO” in the City of Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina) on 7-8 November 2014. This year our Association focused on suicidology and the topic was “Suicidal Behavior, Suicide Prevention and Suicide”. Always an intriguing and very important topic for every medical doctor, especially psychiatrists, it has aroused a great interest in our country and regionally, and more than 160 participants were present for the two days Scientific Programme with lecturers from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Italy, Montenegro, Slovenia and Serbia who presented current research results from the field in all perspectives, among others biological, genetic, forensic, developmental and other specific psychiatric knowledge considering suicide prevention and treatment. Participants from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina actively discussed about problems in daily practice.

As a special part of the Scientific Programme we were proud to host Prof. Marco Sarchiapone from Italy (University of Molise) as one of the Plenary lecturers but also as the Director of the EPA Iterant CME course “Treatment of suicidal patient”, held on 8th November 2014 in Mostar. The very dynamic and high quality course was attended by 20 participants, mostly trainees and young psychiatrists.

As in previous years, during our Annual Symposium we held the Fifth General Assembly with information and reports of the Association’s activities from the previous period (November 2013-November 2014).

Our Symposium was co-organized by Clinic for Psychiatry on University Clinical Hospital in Mostar and supported by Medical Chamber of Herzegovina-Neretva County who provided CME points for the Symposium. Course participants received specially designed materials with course accreditation and Certificate of Attendance with CME points.

Our Annual Symposium was a World Psychiatric Association co-sponsored event and held under patronage of the European Psychiatric Association. That gave to our efforts to provide quality education for our members more importance and significance.

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

SOUTH ASIAN ASSOCIATION FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION (SAARC) PSYCHIATRIC FEDERATION

8th SAARC Psychiatric Federation International Conference, Lumbini 2014

The 8th International Conference of SAARC Psychiatric Federation (a WPA Affiliated Association) was held at Lumbini, Nepal from 27-29 November 2014 with the theme “Global Peace: To Nurture a Healthy Mind”. The conference was organized by the Psychiatrists’ Association of Nepal in collaboration with the Nepalese Association of Social Psychiatry. The conference was co-sponsored by WPA, WASP, WAPR, UCMS, ANBD, and AFPA.

The scientific programme included key lectures, plenary talks and session on different themes including WPA Zone 16 symposium, JK Trivedi Memorial Symposium, Haroon Rashid Memorial Symposium, WAPR Symposium, ANBD Symposium and PAN Symposium along with free papers and session for Posters.

The conference was attended by more than 300 delegates from the SAARC countries as well as other parts of the world representing 14 countries. The Psychiatrists’ Association of Nepal took the opportunity to felicitate the Pioneers behind the formation of the SAARC Psychiatric Federation - Prof. Abdul Malik Achakazi (Founder President), Prof. Roy A. Kallivayalil (Founder General Secretary), Prof. U. C. Garg (Founder Treasurer), Prof. Afzal Javed (Advisor), and Prof. Mohan Isaac (Advisor).

The Conference was concluded by the SPF President Prof. S. M. Sultan. Significant members of the Organizing Committee Dr. Sandip Subedi (Organizing Secretary), Dr. T. K. Aich (Organizing Co-Chairman), Dr. Manoj Dhungana (Treasurer), Dr. Sanjeev Shah (Co-Chair, Hospitality sub-committee), and Dr. Deependra Gautam (IT official) were appreciated for the hard work by the SPF President during the closing ceremony claiming it to be a huge success.

Naba Raj Koirala President, Psychiatrists’ Association of Nepal
**EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF FAMILIES OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS**

World Mental Health Day 2014 saw the release by the European Federation of Associations of Families of People with Mental Illness (EUFAMI) of the initial results of its major survey on family caregivers, *Caring for Carers* (C4C). The purpose of this important survey is to gather information and data from family members across Europe about their own circumstances and needs in respect to their role as carers of relatives affected by mental health problems. There is already a clear and general recognition that carers’ needs are closely linked with the needs of the person they care for, but this survey has been designed specifically to find out about the circumstances and needs of carers themselves.

The release was timed for the 10th October as the theme for this year was Living with Schizophrenia. The initial results, based on responses from more than 400 carers in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and UK provides evidence of the immense and unspoken burden on people caring for those living with a mental illness and highlights the contribution they make, and the overwhelming impact this has on their own lives. The C4C survey, which is on-going in 25 countries, is being undertaken by EUFAMI in collaboration with LUCAS, the interdisciplinary centre for care research and consultancy of the University of Leuven, Belgium. The full results from the survey are planned for publication in Spring of 2015.

Family carers perform their caregiver role for an average of 16 years, are likely to have to do so for the rest of their lives, and report an average of 23 hours a week caring for a loved one, due to the undetermined and long-term nature of mental illness. This amount of care equates to a part time job. In the EU, there are approximately 10 million family carers caring and supporting their child or sibling with a serious mental health condition on a daily basis. This is a massive and valuable contribution, not just to individuals, but to society as a whole and to the financially strained healthcare systems across Europe.

As part of the release, EUFAMI undertook an intensive two-week social media campaign on both Facebook and Twitter. This campaign has turned out to be highly successful in reaching an enormous amount of people and has certainly convinced everyone at EUFAMI that social media really needs to be used a lot more in order to get our messages out in the wider public arena.

For more information about the survey and the initial results, log onto http://tinyurl.com/qfxnzy7

Kevin Jones
Secretary General
European Federation of Associations of Families of People with Mental Illness

**SPANISH SOCIETY OF DUAL DISORDERS**

**VIII National Course on Dual Pathology and Gender**

Madrid, March 26-27, 2014

The Sociedad Española de Patología Dual (SEPD) an affiliated association of the WPA, organized its annual two-day special interest meeting on Gender awareness on 26-27 March 2014 in Madrid.

The topics addressed during this meeting included the legal support measures for victims of violence against women, from a very early age, throughout adolescence, as well as partner’s violence. The harassment suffered by young girls, sometimes not even in their teens, often publicized using new technologies, and the behavioural addictions. The comorbidity of eating disorders and substance use disorders in women of all ages was also a major focus of the meeting.

For more information about the survey and the initial results, log onto http://tinyurl.com/qfxnzy7

Kevin Jones
Secretary General
European Federation of Associations of Families of People with Mental Illness

**XVI SPANISH ANNUAL DUAL PATHOLOGY MEETING**

Valencia, June 14-16, 2014

The annual two and a half days conference organized by the Sociedad Española de Patología Dual (SEPD) was organized in Valencia on June 14-16, 2014. The meeting focused on up-to-date novel and relevant aspects area of expertise in 71 sessions, that included forum of discussions, Plenary Lectures, Symposiums, Workshops, as well as oral communication and poster presentation sessions.

Topics of particular interest during the conference included: ADHD along the lifespan, DSM-5, novel treatment for substance use disorders in dually diagnosed patients, the changing treatment paradigm from the traditional clinical model to a more integrated approach, and many other issues. Expert research, academics and clinicians from Spain and abroad with vast experience in Dual Disorder/Pathology participated in the conference, among others, Professors Vieta, Rohde, Grevet, Bobes, Casas, Ferré, Roncero, Mur, Peris, Balser, Torrens, Miñarro, Maldonado, and many others.
The IV International Congress on Dual Disorders – Addictions and other Mental Disorders will be held in the beautiful Mediterranean city of Barcelona, next April 17-20, 2015, with the sponsorship of NIDA and co-sponsorship of WPA, among other relevant institutions. The relevance and increasing awareness of dual disorders worldwide, underpins the interest of experts, scientist and mental health professionals that will meet in Barcelona during the four days of this important meeting. This IV International Congress on Dual Disorders is organized in 36 tracks, with three major Plenary Lectures and several parallel expert sessions, symposia, scientific forum, workshops, as well as oral communication and poster sessions. Another novelty of this 2015 edition is the full day focusing on Dual Disorders in Neuroscience.

Important key speakers, from more than 15 different countries, with large clinical, research and academic experience in several areas of this rapidly growing section of psychiatry, will be delivering high quality, clinically significant and up-to-date expertise.

For more information, please check: http://www.cipd2015.com or contact: secretariat@cipd2015.com

Nestor Szerman
President, Sociedad Española Patologia Dual/Spanish Society of Dual Disorders

On October 7-8, 2014, the IInd Russian Conference with international participation “Mental health of the family in the modern world” took place in the city of Tomsk. The conference was organized by the Mental Health Research Institute (headquarters of the International Association of Ethnopsychologists and Ethnopsychotherapists - IAEE) with support of the Russian State Scientific Fund. Integration of interdisciplinary, inter-branch, international efforts on study of basic and humanitarian aspects of socially significant diseases; exchange of scientific achievements and practical experience for development of strategy of scientific investigations and development of constructive decisions and practical guidelines about maintenance of mental health in families for achievement of the aims of state demographic and social policy were the main goals of the conference.

More than 230 participants attended the conference - researchers; physicians of various specialties: psychiatrists, addiction specialists, neurologists, psychotherapists, geneticists, family doctors, organizers of healthcare etc.; clinical psychologists, social workers, educators; postgraduate students, residents, interns and students of high schools from various cities and regions of the Russian Federation: Moscow, St. Petersburg, Kostroma, Yaroslavl, Tyumen, Surgut, Novosibirsk, Kemerovo, Novokuznetsk, Barnaul, Irkutsk, Krasnoyarsk, Vladivostok, Seversk, Tomsk, etc.; and also experts of the Eurasian space: from Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Azerbaijan.

Participants have emphasised the highest scientific level of the conference, integrated, many-sided and interdisciplinary approach to study of problems of the family, system approach and national level of findings, availability of further research.

Nikolay Bokhan, President
Elena Gutkevich
Svetlana Vladimirova
International Association of Ethnopsychologists and Ethnopsychotherapists
Dear colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to announce to you that the 23rd EFPT Forum will take place between 22-27 June 2015 in Portugal.

We are preparing an array of scientific and social activities, so that all the participants can interact under an enjoyable atmosphere. We will open the opportunity to have observers from other sectors across the world in order to enhance the networking and collaboration opportunities – the ingredients to fruitful and memorable occasions.

As such, it is a great honor to inform you that the next EFPT Forum will be preceded by the first EFPT Course on Leadership and Professional Skills.

If you need an additional reason to attend the 23rd EFPT Forum, I am proud to say that Porto has been elected as Europe's best destination 2014 – and it can only get better in 2015!

Mariana Pinto da Costa
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Prof. Ahmed Okasha, WPA Past President has been appointed as a member of the Egypt Presidential Council of scientific leaders - as an adviser in mental health and community harmony. It is probably the first time in the world that a President appoints an adviser for Mental Health separate from Health. The advisers of the President work in a team, to give advice directly to President Sisi. This is a remarkable achievement and our heartiest congratulations to Prof. Okasha!

Roy Abraham Kallivayalil
Secretary General, World Psychiatric Association

Prof. Ahmed Okasha

Indian Association of Social Psychiatry - Annual Conference - Mysore: Grand Success

The 21st Annual Conference of Indian Association of Social Psychiatry - a Member Society of World Psychiatric Association - held at Mysore, November 21-23, 2014 was a grand success. The conference theme was “Relationship and Sexuality in Changing Social Milieu”.

The event held at the JSS University Mysore was inaugurated by Hon Justice N Kumar (High Court of Karnataka, Bangalore). P Satish Chandra (Vice-Chancellor, NIMHANS, Bangalore) was the Chief Guest. Roy Kallivayalil (Secretary General, WPA) released the Journal DSP and the book of abstracts. P Joseph Varghese (President, IASP) presided. Workshops, Symposia, Award Sessions, Theme Symposium, Invited Lectures, Free Papers, Posters, Annual General Body Meeting and Cultural events were some of the highlights. Nearly 500 delegates from all over India, besides invited guests from South Asia participated in the three day event. A committed and dedicated team led by Prof TSS Rao (Editor, Indian Journal of Psychiatry) organized the event in an outstanding manner. Heartiest congratulations to them!

A new team with Prof SK Khandelwal (AIIMS, New Delhi)-President, Prof Rajiv Gupta-President-Elect, Prof BS Chavan-Secretary General, Adarsh Kohli (Treasurer) and D Basu (Editor) have assumed office. Our best wishes to them.
SASOP ELECTION 2014-2016

The South African Society of Psychiatrists (SASOP) is pleased to announce that, following the recent elections during the 18th SASOP National Congress in Durban (3-7 September 2014), the following colleagues were elected as office bearers to the SASOP Board of Directors for the next two-year term of office:

President: Dr. Mvuyiso Tatatala (Private practice, Johannesburg)
President-Elect: Prof. Bernard Janse van Rensburg (WITS)
Past-president: Dr. Gerhard Grobler (University of Pretoria)
Honorary Secretary: Prof. Liezl Koen (University of Stellenbosch)
Honorary Treasurer: Dr. Bonga Chiliza (University of Stellenbosch)
National Convener Public Sector Group: Dr. Robin Allen (University of Cape Town)
National Convener Private Sector Group: Dr. Sebo Seape (Private practice, Johannesburg)

Please also refer to the SASOP website (www.sasop.co.za) for information on the SASOP memorandum of incorporation and the recently adopted SASOP Company Rules.

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“Priorities, Principles, Potential: Back to Basics” – The 18th SASOP National Congress, Durban, 3-7 September 2014

The 18th SASOP National Congress was held in the Southern Sun Elangeni and Maharani Hotel, Durban from 3 to 7 September 2014, with the theme “Priorities, Principles, Potential: Back to Basics”. Four pre-congress workshops were presented on women’s issues, on substance use relapse prevention, on young psychiatrists’ issues and on molecular genetics of schizophrenia, while plenary and parallel sessions covered psychosis and depression, global mental health, forensic psychiatry, cognition, medicine and psychiatry, trauma, ethics and rights, schizophrenia, addictions, and HIV and psychiatry. The congress was attended by more than 500 delegates, including those from countries like Namibia, Australia, New Zealand, Ethiopia, and Kenya.

International key-note speakers included: Prof. Pierre Blier (Canada) on the treatment of major depressive disorder; Dr. Jonathan Campion (UK) on public mental health; Dr. Rakesh Jain (USA) on the neurobiology of exercise and meditation in treating depression; Prof. Jose Maldanado (USA) on the management of delirium and alcohol withdrawal; and the imminent Sir Robin McGregor Murray (UK) on the management of schizophrenia. Prof. Seggane Musisi (Uganda) addressed sexual and gender-based violence in Africa. Dr. Angela Ofori-Atta (Ghana) presented on a new cadre of community workers, Dr. Stephen Suomi (USA) on epigenetics and Prof. Doug Zatzick (USA) on PTSD.

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→ WWW.WPANET.ORG
World Psychiatric Association
International Congress in Cape Town, 18-22 November 2016

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The South African Society of Psychiatrists (SASOP) has been awarded the hosting of a World Psychiatric Association (WPA) International Congress during November 2016 in Cape Town. The Congress will be held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) from the 18th to 22nd November 2016. The Congress Presidents will be the WPA's President Prof. Dinesh Bhugra, and the President of the SASOP, Dr. Mvuyiso Talatala.

The theme of this Congress will be “Psychiatry: Integrative Care for the Community” and will explore concepts, controversies and consequences of Psychiatry’s responsibility and accountability to society in terms of its scope of practice and of what can be considered as Psychiatry’s social contract. The Congress will consider how to integrate the developing scope of current psychiatric practice with emphasis on illness prevention, health promotion, clinical care, as well as rehabilitative interventions over the course of people’s lifetime. The Congress will deliberate on the expanding systems required for all four dimensions of care to be integrated, including: Psychiatry’s core neuroscience content and evidence-base for clinical care (biological); established psychotherapeutic process (psychological) and active social involvement (social); undertaken within particular cultural, religious and spiritual contexts (spiritual).

On behalf of the SASOP and the WPA, you are cordially invited to reserve this date on the 2016 calendar, to actively participate in the process, and to prepare for your attendance and presentation on your specific local practice, or area of interest.

Bernard Janse van Rensburg
President-Elect, South African Society of Psychiatrists (2014-2016)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS

Asia Pacific Mental Health Workshop, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The second Asia Pacific Mental Health Workshop was held as a component of the joint 18th Malaysian Conference on Psychological Medicine and the 1st Asian Federation of Psychiatric Associations Regional Meeting held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 23-24 May 2014.

The workshop style event was attended by 30 delegates representing the following 18 nations - Thailand, Japan, Pakistan, New Zealand, Australia, India, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Philippines, Taiwan, Vietnam, Malaysia, UK, Bhutan, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, and Vanuatu. The aim of the workshop was to discuss the main challenges facing the delivery of mental health services in the region and to identify actions that can be implemented to address these issues.

In addition, the ‘Asia Pacific Resource Portal’ was launched at the workshop. At the inaugural Asia Pacific Mental Health Forum held in Sydney in 2013, forum delegates expressed a desire to have a centralised online resource, designed with the objective of increasing regional collaboration and communication. The Portal, to be hosted by a link from the College’s webpage, will contain relevant and up-to-date data and information that will be accessible to psychiatrists and other mental health workers/teachers in the Asia Pacific region. As a live site, the Portal will be regularly updated and refreshed, with new information provided by psychiatrists and mental health workers from across the Asia Pacific region. Whilst the Portal currently holds resources relating to the RANZCP, it is designed to include information from other regional organisations, with delegates attending the Workshop in Malaysia encouraged to submit links to information that they wish to share via the Portal.

The first day of the workshop was chaired by Dr. Maria Tomasic, Immediate Past President of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP), with welcome addresses given by A/Prof. Victor Storm; RANZCP Board Director on behalf of the RANZCP President, Dr. Murray Patton; Prof. Pichet Udornratn, President, Asian Federation of Psychiatric Associations (AFPA) and Prof. Mohd Fadzilah, Malaysian Psychiatric Association.
Four key topics were addressed at the workshop, including:

- Mental health legislation and involuntary treatment, facilitated by A/Prof. Victor Storm
- How to better share resources regionally, facilitated by Prof. Roy Kallivayalil
- How to tackle the lack of mental health workforce and services in the region, Prof. Helen Herrman
- How to best use psychiatric expertise in areas where there is relatively little psychiatrist workforce, or where the mental health workforce generally is relatively underdeveloped, facilitated by Dr. Yongyud Wongpiromsarn

The Workshop delegates were divided into four groups to discuss and brainstorm the above topics.

Day two of the Workshop opened with a welcome address from the RANZCP President, Dr. Murray Patton. The session was chaired by Dr. Patton, and provided each group with the opportunity to present the issues that they had brainstormed the previous day.

The discussions through the Workshop were vibrant and insightful. As a region, although we are culturally and geographically diverse, we face a number of common challenges as we all seek to improve the delivery of mental health services in the region and advance the profession of psychiatry.

Over the coming months, delegates that attended the Workshop will hopefully implement some of the ideas that came out of the Workshop in their home nation.

It is also important that regular regional meetings continue to be held into the future. This will ensure partnerships and links between organizations are strengthened and relationships are firmly established that will bring about improvements in mental health across the region.

RANZCP Congress 2015, Brisbane, Australia

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists' (RANZCP) annual Congress will be held on 3-7 May 2015. With the theme Measurers and Thinkers: Psychiatry as science and art, the Congress will explore exciting advances in scientific understanding in the field of psychiatry, alongside the individual experiences of our patients.

Keynote speakers include: Prof. Jeffrey Braithwaite, Prof. Carol Brayne, Associate Prof. Mary Cannon, Dr. Cordelia Fine, Prof. Read Montague, and Mr. Noel Pearson.

More information is available on the website: www.ranzcp2015.com

International Congress 2016, Hong Kong

The RANZCP will be holding its fourth International Congress of Psychiatry in Hong Kong on 8-12 May 2016.

The Congress is an exciting opportunity for global and regional collaboration. We look forward to the creation and strengthening of links and networks that will result from this event and trust that many of your organisations will be involved.

More information is available on the website: www.psychiatrycongress2016.com

Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)

The RANZCP Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) was launched at the RANZCP 2014 Annual Congress in Perth, Australia. The RAP is a formal statement that sets out our commitments to recognising and reducing the inequality in mental health outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Some of the focuses of our work in this area include the inclusion of cultural competency in the RANZCP training program, supporting recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution, e-learning modules on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental Health, and cultural competence training for staff members.

RANZCP Strategic Plan 2051-2017

The RANZCP will shortly launch a new Strategic Plan for 2015-2017. The plan sets out four purposes for achieving our vision to enhance the mental health of our nations through leadership in high quality psychiatric care. This will be achieved through high quality psychiatric training and education, a consultative approach to improving the mental health of the community, meeting the needs and expectations of our membership, and enhancing our relationships with regional and international organisations.

Murray Patton
President, Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists
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MESSAGE FROM WPA SECRETARY FOR SECTIONS

Welcome to the first issue of WPA News for this triennium!

I am pleased that the WPA Sections have very actively participated in different WPA sponsored and co-sponsored activities during 2011-2014 and their membership and officers are very enthusiastic in their plans for this triennium as well. It was important to note that organising intersectional forum, intersectional teaching and training programmes and joint intersectional sessions at different scientific meetings have been a real success of our work during the last three years and we plan to continue with these activities in all our future WPA conferences.

Although most of the Sections are now in regular contact with the WPA Secretariat, we still need some further input from some Sections. I would therefore request all Section officers to kindly continue sending their activity reports and keep on updating us with any further plans that are in the pipeline.

I may also add that WPA Sections are taking a lead role in the 2014-2017 WPA Action plan in the area of “promotion of mental health”. I hope our future activities will have a prominence visibility to this theme.

Afzal Javed
WPA Secretary for Scientific Sections

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY

WPA CAP at Mental Health Training in Pune, India 28th September to 1st October 2014

An example of some of the activities of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Section was the training jointly organised by the UK based charity Concern for Mental Health, the Indian based Makhul Madhav Foundation, and the World Psychiatric Association Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Section. A delightful audience of more than 100 primary mental health workers filled the auditorium during a four-day training course held in Pune in India. Four consultant psychiatrists from the UK, Drs. Cosmo Hallstrom, Ghazala Afzal, Shirine Pezeshgi, and Gordana Milavic delivered a modified training curriculum along WHO MH gap lines covering basic principles of assessment and treatment of common mental health problems encountered in daily practice. This was also an opportunity to acquaint those attending with the research trends and clinical practice in the UK. Combining experiential training and using role play and videos alongside more didactic teaching proved a successful model of teaching. The meeting was truly a bidirectional learning experience for both trainers and participants.

Gordana Milavic
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PSYCHIATRY OF INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

Professor Emeritus Nick Bouras, former Chair of the WPA Section on Psychiatry of Intellectual Disability, was awarded the Delphic Prize 2013 for outstanding contribution to Psychiatry and Related Sciences at the WPA Thematic Conference on Intersectional Collaboration in Athens in October-November 2014.

Prof. Nick Bouras
**EVOLUTIONARY PSYCHIATRY**

**Activities of the Section**

Our Section members organised two symposia at the Madrid Congress and participated in a third. We were delighted by the excellent attendance at our symposia and by the vigorous discussions that took place at the Q&A sessions afterwards. We are greatly encouraged by the level of interest from colleagues worldwide in the application of the Darwinian principles to mental disorder.

We are hoping to submit one or more proposals for evolutionary psychiatry symposia for the Bucharest Congress.

One of the major goals of our Section is to encourage researchers to carry out empirical studies to test evolutionary hypotheses on mental disorder and also to explore ways of applying evolutionary principles in clinical practice.

In addition, the section has carried out an election process that resulted in the re-election of the Chair (Prof. Daniel Wilson, USA) and the election of a new Co-chair (Prof. Martin Brüne, Germany) and a new Secretary (Dr. Riadh Abed, UK).

Riadh Abed
Secretary, WPA Section on Evolutionary Psychiatry

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**PHARMACOLOGY**

Within the last three years the WPA Section on Pharmacopsychiatry has been very productive and published a number of papers in internationally renowned journals such as the European Archives of Psychiatry and Clinical Neuroscience, Schizophrenia Research and the International Journal of Psychiatry in Clinical Practice.

These papers covered up-to-date topics like “Do SSRIs or antidepressants in general increase suicidality”, “Comparative effectiveness of antipsychotics in the treatment of schizophrenia”, “Comparative efficacy and effectiveness of antidepressants in the acute treatment of depressive disorders” as well as “The efficacy of pharmacotherapy in bipolar disorder”.

Right now the Section is finalizing a report on suicidality and antiepileptic medication. Based on the Task Force report on the relationship of antiepileptic drugs with suicidality in epilepsy, it can be summarized that the available studies are not supportive of a presence of a “class effect” on suicidal behavior, however a few compounds warrant further research. Based on this thematic review it is summarized that patients and their families should be informed about the possible increased risk of suicidal ideation and behavior. However, the topic should not be overemphasized with regard to specific compounds. It is evident that future randomized controlled trials should focus on issues concerning depression and suicidal thoughts in patients with epilepsy and any patient-population whose treatment include antiepileptics, e.g., bipolar disorder, migraine, fibromyalgia, etc.

The WPA Section on Pharmacopsychiatry organized symposia at the WPA World Congresses such as the symposium entitled “Polypharmacy in psychiatry: scientific basis and practical implications” at the WPA Congress in Madrid in September. At the WPA Regional Congress in Hong Kong in December a scientific contribution will be given on the pharmacological treatment of depression.

Siegfried Kasper
Chair, WPA Section on Pharmacopsychiatry

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**FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY**

Following the untimely death of our Section Chair Jose Taborda, the Section is now chaired by Prof. Norbert Konrad (Berlin, Germany). The Secretary is now Dr. Birgit Vollm (Nottingham, UK), and the Co-chair is Prof. Nicoleta Tataru (Bucharest, Romania).

In 2014, the Section on Forensic Psychiatry organised four symposia during the WPA 16th World Congress of Psychiatry in Madrid:

- “Suicide and self-harm in prisoners: prevalence, risk factors and prevention” with contributions from Germany
- “Problems of Expert Witnesses” (Chair: Konrad) with contributions from Brazil, Paraguay, and Spain
- “Prison Psychiatry – Clinical and Ethical Issues” (Chair: Tataru) with contributions from Germany, UK, and Greece
- “Mental Health and Correctional Psychiatry” (Chair: Konrad) with contributions from Canada, Australia, Germany, USA, and Portugal

A poster was also presented (“A Systematic Review of Psychopathy in Women within Secure Settings”).
We also organised a session at the WPA Regional Congress in Ljubljana in April 2014 and a symposium “International perspectives on forensic psychiatry” during the Annual Congress of the German Association of Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics (DGPPN) in November in Berlin, Germany with contributions from UK, Switzerland, France, and Germany (Chairs: Konrad, Völlm).

For the next year (2015) the following activities are planned:

WPA International Congress, Bucharest, 24-27 June 2015:
• Symposium Prison Psychiatry (Chairs: Konrad, Tataru)
  Speakers: V. Tort-Herrando, Spain: Psychiatric Primary Care in Prison (others TBC)
• Symposium Forensic Psychiatry in Eastern and Western European Countries (Chairs: Konrad, Tataru)
  Speakers: N. Konrad, Germany: Forensic Services in Germany; Elmar Habermeyer, Switzerland: Forensic Psychiatry in Switzerland; N. Tataru, Romania: Forensic Psychiatry in Balkan and Eastern EU countries

The Section is also currently reviewing the guidance on independent medical examinations and is updating the consensus paper on prison mental health care.

In addition we are developing a core curriculum for prison psychiatry.

Birgit Völlm
Secretary, WPA Section on Forensic Psychiatry

PSYCHIATRY AND HUMAN SEXUALITY

The Psychiatry and Human Sexuality Section of the WPA had election procedure during the last WPA World Congress in Madrid. It elected Prof. Antonio Palha (Portugal) as Chair, Dr. Radwa S Abdelazim (Egypt) as Co-chair, Dr. T. S. Sathyanarayana Rao (India) as Secretary, and Dr. Lidia Gouveia (Mozambique) as additional Secretary.

It elaborated an action plan for the next three years, namely the need to have better communications with the other WPA Sections in order to work together on specific matters, to produce a newsletter and to prepare a research plan multicentric on cultural dimensions of Sexual Behaviors and values.

Antonio Palha
Chair, WPA Section on Psychiatry and Human Sexuality

DUAL DISORDERS/PATHOLOGY

The Dual Disorders/Pathology Section of the WPA in conjunction with Sociedad Española de Patología Dual (SEPD), an affiliated association of the WPA, actively participated in the XVI WPA World Congress with a careful and thoughtful track. A total of 76 outstanding clinicians, academics, researchers, all of them leading professionals in the field of dual disorders participated in this Dual Disorders track and provided up-to-date presentations and discussions along 22 symposia sessions, debates, forum and workshops, debating in-depth the current situation of Dual Disorders/Pathology. A committed and dedicated team, led by the Section’s Chair, Dr. Nestor Szerman invested a lot of time and effort in organizing this very successful Dual Disorder/Pathology track.

Nestor Szerman
Chair, WPA Section on Dual Disorders/Pathology

PSYCHIATRY AND SLEEP WAKEFULNESS DISORDERS

Report on the Section for 2014

The members of the WPA Section on Psychiatry and Sleep Wakefulness Disorders met on Wednesday September 17th during the WPA Congress in Madrid and elected as Chair Martin Hatzinger; as Co-chair Thomas Paparrigopoulos; and as Secretary Christoph Nissen. Committee Members: Mathias Berger, Dimitris Dikeos, Constantin Soldatos

They also decided to “refresh” the full membership of the Section in order to make it as active and productive as possible.

During the year 2014 several activities by the Section took place:
1. A section symposium was held on September 16th during the 16th World Congress of Psychiatry. This symposium was attended by about 250 participants and its layout was as follows:

Chair: Mathias Berger
Co-chair: Thomas Paparrigopoulos
Panel
Christoph Nissen: Sleep related memory consolidation
Dimitris Dikeos: Sleep in Dementia: An overview
Nicolas-Tiberio Economou: Sleep in Neurodegenerative tauopathies
Luigi-Ferini Strambi: Sleep in Neurodegenerative Synucleinopathies
2. During the WPA Thematic Conference on Intersectional Collaboration which took place in Athens (October 30th–November 2nd, 2014) in conjunction with the 5th European Congress of the International Neuropsychiatric Association and the 2nd Interdisciplinary Congress “Psychiatry and Related Sciences”, the section held the following activities:

- On October 31st, 2014 a WPA Inter- sectional Educational Program on the “State of the art approaches to therapy and research” was co-organized by four Sections “Psychiatric Rehabilitation”, “Psychiatry and Sleep Wakefulness Disorders”, “Genetics in Psychiatry” and “Research Methods in Psychiatry” with the following format:
  - Chairs: A. Javed (Pakistan), T.G. Schulze (Germany)
  - A. Javed (Pakistan), M. Economou (Greece): Understanding concepts and practices of recovery in psychosocial rehabilitation
  - D. Dikeos (Greece), S. Schiza (Greece): Sleep medicine: Novel psychotherapeutic approaches and biological methods in the management of psychopathology related to sleep disorders
  - T.G. Schuze (Germany), P. Ferentinos (Greece) Genetics in psychiatry: A framework for infrastructure, phenotyping and analysis

- On November 1st a symposium titled “Disturbed sleep as a neuropsychiatric manifestation of organic brain conditions” with the following format:
  - Chairs: T. Paparrigopoulos, D. Dikeos (Greece)
  - E. Tzavellas (Greece): Sleep disturbance in alcoholism
  - N.-T. Economou (Greece): Sleep in Parkinson’s disease and other synucleinopathies
  - A. Papavasiliou (Greece): Differentiating parasomnias from epileptic seizures during sleep

The section is looking forward to organizing future meetings and activities in the upcoming years.

Martin Hatzinger
Chair, WPA Section on Psychiatry and Sleep Wakefulness Disorders

PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION

The WPA Section on Psychiatric Rehabilitation participated actively in the WPA World Congress at Madrid. The section presented two symposia entitled “Psycho-social rehabilitation and recovery: Experiences from Developing countries” and “Psychiatric rehabilitation to avoid societal exclusion.”

These symposia were proposed by Prof. Johannes Wancata (Secretary of the Section) and Afzal Javed and Henrik Wahlberg. Speakers included Imran Ijaz Haider, Saif Afghan and Dr. Badar Juncejo, Henrik Wahlberg, Esko Hänninen, Fabian Friedrich, Ulrich Junghann, Margrit Löhner, and Johannes Wancata.

The sessions were attended by many Section members and generated a lot of interest among non-Section members for getting involved with Section activities.

The Section also had a business meeting and elected new officers; Pichet Udomratn (Chair), Tae-Yeon Hwang (Co-chair) and Johannes Wancata (Secretary) for the 2014-2017 triennium.

Pichet Udomratn, Chair
Johannes Wancata, Secretary
WPA Section on Psychiatric Rehabilitation

WOMEN’S MENTAL HEALTH

Section Report

1. Participated in the 13th Pan Arab Psychiatric Conference, Beirut, Lebanon:
   - Organized a symposium on Women’s Mental Health / Perinatal Mental Health; speakers from UK, USA, Egypt, Qatar and Lebanon
   - Organized a plenary session on “The interface between Psychiatry and Obstetrics-Gynaecology: a need for Us, the Women and their Children”

Carlos Damonte Khoury: President International Society of Psychosomatic Obstetrics and Gynaecology

- Had a flyer distributed to congress participants calling for Women’s Mental Health memberships.

2. Organized a meeting between the Chair and the Secretary: planning the Section activities for the coming three years (in progress).

Josyan Madi Skaff
Chair, WPA Section on Women’s Mental Health

A group of participants at the Conference.
The WPA Regional Congress Osaka Japan 2015 will take place on June 4-6, 2015 at the Osaka International Convention Center hosted by the Japanese Society of Psychiatry and Neurology (JSPN).

**Date:** Thursday, June 4 to Saturday, June 6, 2015

* The 111th Annual Meeting of the JSPN will be held in conjunction with WPA Regional Congress Osaka Japan 2015

**Venue:** Osaka International Convention Center (15-3-51, Nakanoshima Kitaku, Osaka 530-0005 JAPAN)

**Access from the airport:**
- From Osaka International Airport (ITM Airport): 30 minutes by airport shuttle to Osaka Station, then 10 minutes by taxi to the venue
- From Kansai International Airport (KIX Airport): 65 minutes to Osaka Station by JR Kansai Airport Rapid Service, then 10 minutes by taxi to the venue

**Theme:** Asian Partnership in the World

**President:** Dinesh Bhugra (WPA President)

- **Director:** Masatoshi Takeda (JSPN President)
- **Organizing Committee Chair:** Toshifumi Kishimoto (President of the 111th Annual Meeting of JSPN)
- **Secretary General:** Tsuyoshi Akiyama (Vice-chair of JSPN International Affairs)

**Website:** http://www.congre.co.jp/wpa2015

**Program** (Details TBA)
- Keynote Lectures
  - Dinesh Bhugra (WPA President)
  - Masatoshi Takeda (JSPN President)
  - Anand Satyanand (The 19th Governor-General of New Zealand, Chair of the Commonwealth Foundation)
- Special Lectures
  - Helen Herrman (WPA President Elect)
  - Paul Summergrad (APA President)
  - Wolfgang Gaebel (EPA President Elect)
  - And others
- **Symposia**
  - Scheduled approximately 40
- **Poster Presentations**

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WPA 2015 BUCHAREST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS
24-27 JUNE 2015
THE PALACE OF PARLIAMENT
BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

Primary Care Mental Health: Innovation and Transdisciplinarity

The WPA 2015 Bucharest IC is a joint initiative of the World Psychiatric Association in collaboration with the Romanian Association of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, “Carol Davila” Medical University of Medicine and Pharmacy, University Politehnica of Bucharest, the National Society of Family Medicine and the Romanian Public Health and Health Management Association.

The Congress will be organized in plenary sessions, symposia, workshops, fora, oral presentations, and e-Posters.

The scientific discourse will range from the latest neurosciences discoveries to health systems’ performance innovations, to non-communicable diseases, ICT, telemedicine, collaborative, integrated care and more. There will also be WPA Zonal and Sections Symposia, a WPA Organizational Forum and a WPA Intersectional, Scientific Forum.

A special track will be designated for young health professionals’ and health professionals in training, including meetings with mentors.

Congress tracks:
- Track 1: Populations and individuals health protection, promotion, illness prevention across the life cycle
- Track 2: Comorbidity research in primary care, behavioral health and public health and their integration
- Track 3: Innovative training, education and practice of collaborative, integrated teams in primary care
- Track 4: Strengthening integrated team functions and health systems performance
- Track 5: Information & Communication Technology: Catalytic integrator of health teams and systems
- Track 6: Trans-disciplinary ethics and leadership mentoring of integrated health teams and systems
- Track 7: Culture, Spirituality and Mental Health in Contemporary Society

WPA 2015 Bucharest IC Secretariat:
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Phone: +40 21 2106540; +40 21 2105814
Fax: +40 21 2122702
Website: www.wpa2015bucharest.org
The Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS) is bestowed with the responsibility to host WPA Regional Congress. It is the first time a WPA event by itself is being held in India. The Indian Psychiatric Society Cochin Local Branch is the local host. The IPS as a body can share the importance of eastern cultural values with their counterparts in different parts of the world and it will be a good learning experience for people from all over the world.

**The theme of the Congress is “Mind Body and Culture”**

**Faculty**

Eleven International faculty and 10 National faculty have confirmed participation with their topics.

**WPA Kochi Young Psychiatrists Fellowship Programme**

A Fellowship Programme is organized to support the participation of highly promising early career Psychiatrists from Zones 15, 16, 17 and 18 of the WPA. The application should be sent online to the Congress Secretariat before May 31st, 2015. The details are available on the website.

The venue is in the southern tip of India, Kochi in the state of Kerala with a long history of relationship with the rest of the world through trade. It is surrounded by places of interest for tourists from all over the world. A ride through the backwaters is an ever living enchanting experience.

Complementary golfing for delegates is arranged in a course of over 7430 yards. Interested delegates are requested to contact the Secretary at least two months before the congress.

We invite you to participate in this Congress and enjoy the hospitality of the Indian Psychiatric Society.

**Contact details:**

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**WPA INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS 2015**

**18-22 November 2015**

**TAIPEI, TAIWAN**

*in conjunction with*

4th Asian Congress of Schizophrenia Research

4th Congress of Asian College of Neuropsychopharmacology

**Dates:** November 18-22, 2015 (Wednesday-Sunday)

**Venue:** Taipei International Convention Center

**Congress Organizers:** World Psychiatric Association and Taiwanese Society of Psychiatry

**Congress Theme:** Bridging Asia to the World – A New Era for Psychiatric Treatment

**Keynote Speakers (in alphabetical order of country)**

Julio Licinio (Australia) · Poul Munk-Jorgensen (Denmark) · Akira Sawa (Japan) · Rutger Jan van der Gaag (Netherlands) · Simon Baron-Cohen (UK) · Dinesh Bhugra (UK) · Edmund Sonuga-Barke (UK) · Kathleen Merikangas (USA) · Ming-Tso Tsuang (USA)

**Art of the Lecture Speakers (in alphabetical order of country)**

Helen Herrman (Australia) · Donna E. Stewart (Canada) · Xin Yu (China) · Peter Falkai (Germany) · Lakshmi Vijayakumar (India) · Hidenori Yamasue (Japan) · Jun Soo Kwon (Korea) · Tai-Ann Cheng (Taiwan) · Hsien-Yuan Lane (Taiwan) · Elvira Bramon (UK) · De-Maw Chuang (USA) · Michelle Riba (USA)

**Call for Proposal and Original Abstract/Case Report/Overview**

The Congress Organizer welcomes you to submit the Proposal and...
Original Abstract/Case Report/Overview through the Congress System

*The Congress System is built for the participants of WPAIC 2015/4th ACSR/4th AsCNP to process the Registration and Submission.

Proposal

• Deadline for Proposal Submission: 23:59hrs, March 31, 2015 (GMT+8)

Original Abstract/Case Report/Overview

• Please to be notified that all the original abstract/case report/overview will be submitted as the Poster Presentation and you may express your willingness to be considered as the oral presentation.
• Deadline for Original Abstract/Case Report/Overview Submission: 23:59hrs, March 31, 2015 (GMT+8)

Important Dates

- Deadline for Submission of Proposal (Symposium/Workshop) March 31, 2015
- Notification of Proposal (Symposium/Workshop) March 31, 2015
- Deadline for Submission of Poster (Oral) March 31, 2015
- Notification of Poster (Oral) Audit Results March 31, 2015
- Deadline for Travel Award Application June 30, 2015
- Deadline for Early Registration June 30, 2015
- Last Day for Cancellation of Registration with 75% Refund June 30, 2015

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Please visit WPAIC 2015 Website at www.wpaic2015.tw for more submission information and access to the Congress System.

July 2016

WPA INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS
6-10 JULY 2016
ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Organizers: a) Psychiatric Association of Turkey
b) Turkish Neuropsychiatric Society

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November 2016

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

Organizer: South African Society of Psychiatrists

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October 2017

WPA WORLD CONGRESS OF PSYCHIATRY
8-12 OCTOBER 2017
BERLIN, GERMANY

Organizer: German Association for Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics

Contact: Prof. Peter Falkai
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Website: www.wpaberlin2017.com
Future WPA Scientific Meetings

2014-2015: “Mental Health: Scientific Approaches through the Medium of Art” (in several locations in Thessaloniki, Greece). Organizer: International Society on Neurobiology and Psychopharmacology. Collaboration: WPA Section on Psychiatry in Private Practice. Contact: Dr. KN Fountoulakis. E-mail: kostasfountoulakis@gmail.com Website: www.psychiatry.gr

January 2015

6-8 January 2015: 10th Congress on Medical Ethics, Bioethics and Medical Law of the UNESCO “Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Health Law towards the 21st Century”, Jerusalem, Israel. Organizer: UNESCO Chair in Bioethics. Collaboration: a) UNESCO b) World Medical Association (WMA) c) World Association for Medical Law (WAML). Contact: Prof. Russell D’Souza. E-mails: a) amnoncarmi@gmail.com b) russell.f.dsouza@gmail.com Website: www.bioethics-conferences.com

8-11 January 2015: “67th Annual National Conference of Indian Psychiatric Society (ANCIPS)” with the theme “Mental illness: Recovery and Social inclusion”, Hyderabad, India. Organizer: Indian Psychiatric Society. Contacts: a) Prof. T.V. Asokan (tvasokan@gmail.com) b) Dr. G Prasad Rao (prasad40@gmail.com) c) Dr. M S Reddy (drmsreddy@gmail.com) d) Prof. N N Raju (drnmraju@gmail.com) Website: www.ancips2015.com

30-31 January 2015: “Adjustment disorders and their treatments”, Beirut, Lebanon. Organizer: Lebanese Association for CBT. Collaboration: Lebanese Society of Psychiatry. Contact: Prof. Charles Baddoura. E-mail: charlesb@dm.net.lb

February 2015

1-28 February 2015: “16th Virtual Congress edition of the Virtual Congress of Psiquiatria.com (Intersquis 2015)”. Online. Organizer: Psiquiatria.com (Dr. Pedro Moreno and Dr. Jerónimo Saiz). Contact: Dr. Pedro Moreno Gea (pmoreno@psiquiatria.com) E-mail: congreso@intersquis.com Website: www.psiquiatria.com/intersquis2014

6-8 February 2015: “5th Asia Pacific Regional Conference on Psychosocial Rehabilitation”, Bangalore, India. Organizer: World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation (WAPR) India Chapter. Collaboration: a) MS Ramiah Medical College and Hospitals and Medico Pastoral Association b) WPA Section on Psychiatric Rehabilitation. Contacts: a) Prof. Murali Thylloth (muralithylloth@gmail.com) b) Dr. Afzal Javed (afzal.javed@ntlworld.com)

18-20 February 2015: “7th International Together Against Stigma: Each Mind Matters”, San Francisco, USA. Organizers: a) California Institute for Behavioural Health Solutions b) California Mental Health and Substance Abuse c) WPA Section on Stigma and Mental Health d) County Behavioural Health Directors Association of California e) Each Mind Matters—California’s Mental Health Movement. Contact: Dr. Heather Stuart. E-mail: heather.stuart@queensu.ca

March 2015


11-12 March 2015: “Annual Congress of the Egyptian Psychiatric Association” with the theme “Optimizing the Care for the Mentally Ill”, Cairo, Egypt. Organizer: Egyptian Psychiatric Association. Contacts: a) Prof. Ahmed Okasha b) Prof. Momtaz Abdel Wahab E-mail: servo@serveegypt.com


27-29 March 2015: Twelfth Workshop on Costs and Assessment in Psychiatry “Mental Health Policy and Economics Research: Improving Access, Quality and Outcomes”. Organizer: WPA Section on Mental Health Economics. Contact: Dr. Massimo Moscarelli. E-mail: moscarelli@icmpe.org Website: www.icmpe.org

April 2015


17-18 April 2015: “Psychotic transition”, Beirut, Lebanon. Organizer: Lebanese Society of Psychiatry and Hospital of the Cross. Collaboration: Saint Joseph University, Lebanese University and Holly Spirit University of Kaslik. Contact: Prof. Charles Baddoura. E-mail: charlesb@dm.net.lb

17-20 April 2015: “IV International Congress on Dual Disorders, Addictions and other Mental Disorders and Dual Pathology”, Barcelona, Spain. Organizer: Sociedad Española Patología Dual (SEPD). Contact: Prof. Miguel Casas. E-mails: a) secretaria@secretariadual.com b) secretariat@cipd2015.com Website: www.cipd2015.com

24-26 April 2015: “First European Conference on Transcultural Psychiatry in Central European Countries” with the theme “Culture Change in Central Europe and Migrant Care”, Gdynia, Poland. Organizers: a) Federation of German speaking Transcultural Organisations in Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics (DTPPP) b) WPA Section on Transcultural Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Solmaz Golsabahi. E-mail: Solmaz.Golsabahi-Broclawski@johanneswerk.de Website: www.wpa-gdynia-2015.org/

24-25 April 2015: “MENAMAT/CANMAT 3rd International Mood and Anxiety Treatment Guideline Congress”, Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Organizer: The Middle East Network for Mood and Anxiety Treatments (MENAMAT). Collaboration: a) Saudi Psychiatric Association b) UAE Ministry of Health. Contact: Dr. Hany Shafey. E-mail: shafeyhi@gmail.com Website: www.menamat.com


June 2015

4-6 June 2015: WPA Regional Congress “Asian Partnership in the World”, Osaka, Japan. Organizer: Japanese Society of Psychiatry and Neurology. Contact: Prof. Masatoshi Takeda. E-mail: wpa2015@congre.co.jp Website: www.congre.co.jp/wpa2015/

24-27 June 2015: “WPA 2015 Bucharest International Congress” with the theme “Primary Care Mental Health: Innovation and Transdisciplinarity”, Bucharest, Romania. Organizer: Romanian Association of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy. Contacts: a) Prof. Aurel Nireștean b) Prof. Eliot Sorel. E-mail: registration@wpa2015bucharest.org Website: www.wpa2015bucharest.org

September 2015

20-23 September 2015: “31st Nordic Congress of Psychiatry” with the theme “Psychiatry works: psychiatric treatment and research from a Nordic perspective”, Copenhagen, Denmark. Organizer: Danish Psychiatric Association. Collaboration: Joint Committee for the Nordic Psychiatric Associations. Contact: Dr. Thomas Middelboe. E-mail: thomas.middelboe@regionh.dk Website: http://ncp2015.dk/

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

25-27 September 2015: “WPA Regional Congress” with the theme “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

October 2015

Royal College of Psychiatrists RCPsych / Philosophy Special Interest Group c) European Psychiatric Association EPA / Philosophy section.
Contact: Dr. Leonor Irarrázaval. E-mail: centredefenomenologia@mail.udp.cl Website: www.centredefenomenologia.udp.cl

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

18-22 November 2015: “WPA International Congress” with the theme “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

October 2017
8-12 October 2017: “World Congress of Psychiatry” with the theme “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

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

November 2016
We are very enthusiastic about the opportunities for publications in this WPA triennium. Led by Professor Dinesh Bhugra, a number of important areas will be studied, evaluated and disseminated including domestic violence, women’s health, transgender health issues, child maltreatment, and transcultural psychiatry.

In order to help our members, several of our colleagues who work in publishing and who would appreciate the opportunity to help our members get published have written inviting paragraphs. We published this in a previous newsletter but for those of you who might have missed it, we will publish it again below. If you are interested in learning more, please feel free to contact the publishers below and see how this process operates. If you get to the point of having a publisher become interested in your work, please make the WPA Secretariat aware so that we can also help you if you would like to have the WPA logo on your book - we can apprise you of the process and try to help. Here are the messages from our publisher friends:

**From Springer:**
Did you already know about Springer’s growing book and journal program in Psychiatry? Springer guarantees worldwide dissemination and visibility for all its publications and would like to invite all WPA members to get in touch with our Psychiatry editors (Contact: Corinna Schaefer at Corinna.schaefer@springer.com) to learn more, exchange ideas or discuss any publishing projects you have in mind.

**From Cambridge:**
Mental health is the major focus of our medical book publishing. Constantly refreshed with 20-30 new titles per year, we can confidently proclaim ourselves as one of the top-ranked, and internationally renowned publishers in the field.

Extensive and regular displays at the World Psychiatric Association Meetings, European Psychiatric Congresses, CINP meetings, American Psychiatric Association Congresses, and Royal College events, reinforce the international reputation and recognition of our list.

We have broad coverage across all the major specialties in mental health. Led by the Stahl titles, there is a particular strength in psychopharmacology. The major disorder groups are all well covered (depression, schizophrenia, etc.) and there are smaller, although significant, clusters of titles in addiction, eating disorders and clinical psychology. The list dovetails neatly with other related Cambridge publishing in neurology, and neuropsychology, as well as strong synergy with our numerous journal titles in the field (Psychological Medicine, International Journal of Neuropsychopharmacology, etc.).

If you would like to discuss an idea for a new title, or if you have any related questions, please feel free to contact Richard Marley, Publishing Director: Medicine (marley@cambridge.org).

**From Oxford:**
As a sign of the great reputation of you, the members, at WPA, we have also been approached by Oxford University Press about working together on future book projects, including digital publishing. OUP has a strong psychiatry program in both the United Kingdom and the United States and is interested in hearing from WPA members with any ideas they have about new books or digital publishing ideas. If you are interested in working with OUP, please contact the editor, Christopher Reid, at Christopher.reid@oup.com. He will be interested to hear from anyone at the WPA and to explore your ideas with you. Like the WPA, OUP is a mission based organization dedicated to disseminating the highest quality knowledge throughout the world and is interested in working with WPA members.

**From Wiley:**
Our previous colleague at Wiley, Joan Marsh, is now at the Lancet and we wish her great success and thank her for all her contributions. Wiley still publishes our very successful journal, *World Psychiatry*. Our new contact is Adam Gilbert who is the Psychiatry editor at Wiley. Mr. Gilbert can be reached at adam.gilbert@wiley.com.

The WPA publications program seeks to promote the goals of the World Psychiatric Association and specifically to: 1) disseminate information about clinical, service and research developments in the mental health field to the largest possible number of psychiatrists and health professionals across the world; 2) promote and give visibility to good quality research carried out in low and middle income countries. These goals are pursued through publishing the official journal of the WPA, *World Psychiatry*, publishing books on topics relevant to the ethical and successful practice of modern psychiatry, and supporting psychiatric journals in low- and middle-income countries.

Our new Operational Committee on Scientific Publications is soon to be announced.
World Psychiatry, edited by WPA Past President Prof. Mario Maj, is a high quality journal of international mental health, disseminated to all countries and distributed to psychiatrists and other mental health professionals worldwide. It is now produced in English, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, French, Arabic, and Turkish languages, and in partial translation in Romanian. The journal is indexed by Medline, Current Contents and the Science Citation Index. Full articles and abstracts from its inception in January 2002 are available online through Medline/Pubmed and the WPA website. With a new impact factor of 12.846, it is the most widespread psychiatric journal. The publisher of the journal is Wiley-Blackwell.

The series Evidence and Experience in Psychiatry is a highly successful publishing venture that compares research evidence and clinical experience concerning the diagnosis and management of the most common mental disorders. Each volume covers a specific mental disorder, with a set of systematic reviews of the research evidence, each followed by commentaries produced by psychiatrists from various countries and representing different schools of thought. Ten volumes now exist, several in second or third edition and several translated into various languages including Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and Turkish. The first volume on Post-traumatic Stress Disorder was published in August 2011. The second book in the series Current Science and Clinical Practice was Obsessive Compulsive Disorder edited by Joseph Zohar and published in August 2012. Clinical Psycho-Oncology: an international perspective edited by Luigi Grassi and Michelle Riba was published in July 2012.

The series Anthologies of International Psychiatric Texts (Series Director D. Moussaouici) and Anthologies Online includes classical texts produced by psychiatrists of a given country or group of countries published in English for the first time, accompanied by essays on their authors. Electronic versions are now available through the WPA website and link to Wiley Online Library. A new Anthology of Greek texts was just released at the WPA meeting in Buenos Aires in September 2011, and will hopefully be translated into Spanish. The series Images of Psychiatry illustrates the depth and breadth of experience in psychiatry around the world.

**WPA Books Published by Wiley-Blackwell**

All are available for sale online at 20% discount price to members of WPA Member Societies, through link from www.wpanet.org/publications.

**RECENT BOOKS BY PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE WPA**

**Global Mental Health Trials.** Edited by Graham Thornicroft and Vikram Patel. 9780199680467

**Global Mental Health: Principles and Practice.** Edited by Vikram Patel, Harry Minas, Alex Cohen, and Martin J. Prince. 9780199920181

**Psychiatry: Past, Present & Prospect.** Edited by Sidney Bloch, Stephen A. Green and Jeremy Holmes. 9780199638963

**Oxford Textbook of Old Age Psychiatry, Second Edition.** Edited by Tom Dening and Alan Thomas. 9780199644957

**Electroconvulsive Therapy in Children and Adolescents.** Edited by Neera Ghaziuddin and Garry Walter. 9780199937899

**Hypochondriasis and Health Anxiety.** Edited by Vladan Starcevic and Russell Noyes, Jr. 9780199996865

**Clinical Guide to Obsessive Compulsive and Related Disorders.** Jon E. Grant, Samuel R. Chamberlain, and Brian L. Odlaug. 9780199977758

**Management of Treatment-Resistant Major Psychiatric Disorders.** Edited by Charles B. Nemeroff, MD, PhD. 9780199739981

All OUP books can be ordered directly from OUP at www.oup.com/us.

**OTHER BOOKS INCLUDE:**


**Depression series:** Three volumes that aim to update psychiatrists, other mental...
health professionals, general practitioners, and other medical specialists about the epidemiology, pathogenesis, medical costs, management, and public health and cultural implications of the comorbidity between depression and three other diseases.

Depression and Diabetes. Editors W Katon, M. Maj, N. Sartorius. July 2010

Depression and Cancer. Editors D. Kissane, M. Maj, N. Sartorius. October 2010

Depression and Heart Disease. Editors A. Glassman, M. Maj, N. Sartorius. December 2010

PUBLICATIONS 2007-2010


Psychiatrists and Traditional Healers: Unwitting partners in global mental health.


PUBLICATIONS 2002-2005


EVIDENCE AND EXPERIENCE IN PSYCHIATRY SERIES


Post traumatic Stress Disorder. Editors Dan J Stein, Carlos Blanco, Matthew Friedman. August 2011

Current Science and Clinical Practice Series: A series of focused books for practising psychiatrists that reviews the latest evidence in key areas on presentations, diagnosis, management, aetiology and influences on outcome. The aim is to provide a guide to effective patient care for psychiatrists. The series will inform practising psychiatrists of emerging and important scientific advances and how these may best inform clinical practice.


ANTHOLOGIES AND ONLINE
ANTHOLOGIES OF INTERNATIONAL PSYCHIATRIC TEXTS
(Series Director D. Moussaoui)
Online at: www.interscience.wiley.com/onlinebooks (via link from www.wpanet.org/publications)

Anthology of German Psychiatric Texts.

Anthology of Spanish Psychiatric Texts.

Anthology of Italian Psychiatric Texts.


IMAGES IN PSYCHIATRY

Images in Psychiatry: German Speaking Countries, Austria; Germany; Switzerland.

Images of Psychiatry: The Caribbean.
Editors: Frederick W. Hickling and Eliot Sorel. Published by Stephenson’s Press Limited, Jamaica 2005

Images of Psychiatry: Romania. Editors: Eliot Sorel and Dan Prelipeceanu. Published by InfoMedica, Bucharest 2004


OTHER WPA BOOKS


Advances in Psychiatry. Editor: George N. Christodoulou, Beta Medical Arts, Athens, Greece, 2002


WPA SCIENTIFIC SECTIONS

OFFICIALLY LINKED JOURNALS

Affective Disorders – Journal of Affective Disorders
Classification, Diagnostic Assessment and Nomenclature – Psychopathology
Clinical Psychopathology – Psychopathology
Disaster Psychiatry – Revue Francophone du

Stress et du Trauma + Revista de Psicotrauma
Ecology, Psychiatry and Mental Health – Idee in Psychiatria
Education in Psychiatry – Academic Psychiatry
History of Psychiatry – History of Psychiatry
Mental Health Economics – Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics
Personality Disorders – Personality and Mental Health
Psychiatric Rehabilitation – International Journal of Mental Health
Psychiatry of Intellectual Disability – Journal of Intellectual Disability Research
Psychiatric Electrophysiology – Activitas Nervosa Superior
Rural Mental Health – Psychiatry in General Practice
Transcultural Psychiatry – Transcultural Psychiatry

In conclusion, I wish all of you and your families a happy and healthy New Year.
Warm wishes, Michelle Riba

This information on WPA Publications was updated in December 2014.
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