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Message from the Secretary General



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Happy to come back to you again! The biggest WPA event of the triennium, the World Congress of Psychiatry, October 8-12, 2017, is now on our

door steps!. The overall

Roy Abraham Kallivayalil

theme is "Psychiatry of the 21st Century: Context, Controversies and Commitment". The opening ceremony is at 5.30 pm on October 8th. Sir Simon Wessely's lecture and the official presentation of the Jean Delay Prize to Jules Angst will take place then and the Bavarian Doctors Orchestra will provide musical entertainment. All congress participants are cordially invited to attend the Opening Ceremony and subsequent networking reception. During the five days of the Congress, there will be 900 sessions, a scientific programme, offering a comprehensive overview of current developments in Psychiatry and mental health. The WPA EC, Council, and Board Meetings will be held on October 8th. The Extraordinary General Assembly will start at the Pullman Hotel at 8.45 am on October 10th. Voting for the EC and Board positions will be held during the Ordinary General Assembly to be held from at 10.45 am. For the first time, we are introducing a WPA owned, user friendly software for the elections. Please visit our newly designed website www.wpanet.org and kindly send us your valuable comments. Our Facebook page is https://www.facebook.com/wpanet/.

Let me thank WPA President Dinesh Bhugra, President-Elect Helen Herrman, members of the EC, Board, Council and especially Francesca and Pamela at our WPA Secretariat for their help, support and co-operation.

Roy Abraham Kallivayalil Secretary General World Psychiatric Association

Message from the President

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As I step down after the 17th World Congress in Berlin next month this is my farewell message to you all. Three years have passed and most of it has been very productive and enjoyable. Indeed, it has been a pleasure and an honour which hopefully has led to major changes in the organisation and for the profession.

Following the successful launch of **Bill of Rights** for Individuals with mental illness and a **Bill of Rights for children and young people** a **Bill of Rights for people with Intellectual Disability** has been developed. Please get your Association/Organisation to support these Bills of Rights. These are available on WPA website.

A survey of discrimination in law in Commonwealth countries showed that there was a significant number of countries which do not have a mental health policy. This was launched on the 3rd World Mind Matters Day on 5th September 2017. Details of the **international discrimination survey** were published in a special issue of *International Review of Psychiatry* volume 28(4).

A WPA Position Statement on the Roles and Responsibilities of a Psychiatrist in the 21st century has been approved and is available on the WPA website. A Position Statement on Wellbeing of Psychiatrists and a Statement on Good Psychiatric Practice are almost ready for launch. I am delighted to announce that over 30 Position statements have been produced in the last Triennium. None of this would have been possible without the support of so many colleagues who worked tirelessly and supportively over the past three years.

WPA-Lancet commission on Psychiatry report is complete. Copies of the report will be available in the World Congress in Berlin in October 2017.



Dinesh Bhugra

NPA NEWS

Official Quarterly News Bulletin of WPA

The work on setting up **Diploma in Psychologi**cal Medicine in collaboration with University of Melbourne aimed at psychiatrists continues apace and we hope to launch it later this year. We are also working on the Diploma for non-psychiatrists.

We are continuing to look for examples of **good clinical practice** around the world so that we can learn from each other. Please keep them coming. Please check the website regularly and get involved.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support, assistance and good wishes. Thanks are also due to chairs of all Presidential Task Forces for delivering their reports and recommendations with limited costs to the organisation. It is your support and work behind the scenes which has made this triennium so enjoyable. The staff at the Head Office have been unfailingly helpful particularly our Interim CEO. Thanks to the EC, the Council and Board and other colleagues for their hard work and support. Please join me in congratulating Prof. Mario Maj for his stellar contribution to making World Psychiatry number 1 journal in the world.

I very much hope that our paths will cross again and I hope that progress in the field of psychiatry and mental health and well-being shall continue apace.

Best wishes,

Dinesh Bhugra, CBE President World Psychiatric Association

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General matters of WPA

(including Regional, International and World Congress announcements)



From the President-Elect

With the World Con-

gress of Psychiatry in

Berlin this month, we

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WPA Congress Vilnius, May 2017: Lithuania Health Minister Aurelijus Veryga, WPA President Dinesh Bhugra, and President-Elect Helen Herrman on the dais.



Helen Herrman

pate with optimism the next. I will report at the Congress on my work with colleagues over the past three years and present the proposed WPA Action Plan for the next period. The Action Plan for 2017-2020 sets out a strategy for expanding the contribution of psychiatry to improved mental health for people across the globe. It is based on a series of strategic discussions within the WPA and with potential partners and builds on the work that has preceded it. It makes the most of the strong capacity of the WPA to promote mental health and improve equitable access and quality of mental health care.

In developing this Action Plan, we have asked two key questions:

1. Collectively, what is the potential of WPA to contribute to tackling key challenges in psychiatry and mental health?

2. How can we best direct our skills and energies without distracting from our core business?

We have identified opportunities for the WPA with its Member Societies and partners to engage in international development initiatives that currently do not benefit from strong representation from psychiatrists. Initiatives related to people facing circumstances of adversity, vulnerability and disadvantage are especially relevant.

As governments withdraw services in the face of budgetary problems and loss of political consensus, in a world with mass displacement of people, it becomes even more important for WPA to move forward together with partners. The world has never needed us more. I look forward to meeting in Berlin, working and celebrating together, and talking in more detail about the work ahead.

Helen Herrman WPA President-Elect

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From the Secretary for Scientific Sections

I am pleased to report

about a very successful

triennium for the WPA

Scientific Sections ac-

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getting involved in dif-

ferent activities related



Afzal Javed

to promotion and dissemination of scientific knowledge around the globe. We are now a family of 72 Sections and there is still an interest in having more to cover other scientific sub-specialties. Over the 2014-17 trienniums, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of WPA co-sponsored meetings, joint intersectional activities and other related intersectional accomplishments. Sections' participation in the recently held WPA regional meetings added a lot of value to the scientific programmes of these meetings. The Sections have also organized training workshops, round table discussions and educational activities in different meetings along with producing position statements and discussion documents on important topics that correspond to their expertise.

We are preparing a schedule of sections business meetings at Berlin and hope many of our sections' proposals will be accepted for the WPA Berlin congress. Sections are also busy in having their elections and involving new leadership for their programmes.

We are optimistic for keeping an on-going enthusiasm of Sections' leadership for their future work especially looking at further contributions to the excellence of scientific knowledge and the development of advanced and pioneering approaches in psychiatric practice.

Afzal Javed WPA Secretary for Scientific Sections

WPA SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS AND JOURNALS

WPA Secretary for Scientific Publications, Michelle B. Riba, mriba@umich.edu



From the Secretary for Scientific Publications

We have come to the end of a very significant triennium, under the leadership of President Dinesh Bhugra and President-Elect Helen Herrman. Distinguished members of the WPA Scientific Publications Operational Committee include Co-chair Dusica Lecic Tosevski; Reinhard Heun, Peter Tyrer, Christopher Szabo, Alfredo Cia, Prabha Chandra, Joao Mauricio Castaldelli-Maia. It has been a privilege to serve with such an outstanding group of dedicated colleagues.

We have held presentations at various WPA regional meetings to help young psychiatrists better understand how to get published. At the Berlin World Congress of Psychiatry there will be a Workshop on Academic Publishing and a presentation on "Overcoming the Problems of Publication". Prof. Alfredo Cia has worked for the development and

organization of the WPA Ibero-American Library - a repository for Spanish-language scientific texts, supported by the WPA. Our journal, World Psychiatry, under the direction of editor in chief, Mario Maj continues to be one of the leading psychiatric journals in the world. Prof. Juan Mezzich has edited an extraordinary book on Person Centered Psychiatry, published by Springer. A new WPA book has been published by Springer: Physician Mental Health and Well-Being: Research and Practice, eds. Kirk Brower, MD and Michelle Riba, M.D. This book is part of the Integrated Psychiatry and Primary Care Series, series editors Dinesh Bhugra and Michelle Riba. Coming soon will be a new WPA book, published by Springer: Motherhood in the Face of Trauma, eds. Maria Muzik, M.D. and Kathryn L. Rosenblum.

The WPA Scientific Publications Committee has appreciated the help and support of our Secretary General Roy Abraham Kallivayalil in uploading open-access journals to the WPA webpage and we continue to add journals from throughout the world to help improve access, clinical care and scholarship for all. We thank Pamela Atiase and Francesca Sotgiu for their hard work and support for all these years. Most especially, we thank all the members of the WPA for their loyalty and contributions to our work effort. It has been a sincere pleasure, privilege and honor to serve you.

Michelle Riba, M.D., M.S. WPA Secretary for Scientific Publications

Book Review:

Person Centered Psychiatry

Edited by Juan E. Mezzich, Michel Botbol, George N. Christodoulou, C. Robert Cloninger and Ihsan M. Salloum, Springer 2016

Person Centered Psychiatry is a very timely and contextually rich addition to the rapidly emerging field of personalized medicine. The book represents the collective endeavor of five editors, astutely experienced in a range of domains, including genetics, clinical psychiatry, behavioral psychiatry and public health. Editor Juan E. Mezzich is a former president of the World Psychiatric Association. A total of eighty-three chapter authors, prominent clinicians and scholars from thirty different countries, have contributed to the thirty-nine chapters in the book, encompassing different areas of person centered psychiatry, including the principles, diagnosis and assessment, care approaches in

specific mental health disorders and special areas of discussion.

The introductory chapter lays out a basis for the root of person centered medicine in the ancient concepts of Eastern civilization. The first section, comprised of nine chapters, describes the concept of multi-dimensional understanding of a person as an 'existential being', in the context of ethical, subjective and communicative perspectives. The second part, in its five chapters, thoroughly explores the importance of person centered integrative assessment including components of health experience and perspectives of a person and the family. The third part, in its seven chapters, has a detailed overview of interdisciplinary team approach in treatment, prevention and health promotion. In the fourth part, consisting of seven chapters, there is an in-depth exploration of current state, barriers and future guidelines in management of broad domains in psychiatry, including dementia, substance use disorders,

mood disorders, psychosis, personality disorders, sexual disorders, and, timeliest, trauma induced psychological conditions. This section also has specific chapters dedicated to child and adolescent psychiatry and psychiatry with general medical comorbidities. Uniquely, the fourth section comprises of a chapter on organization of psychiatric services in hospital, rehabilitation and community with a person centered approach. The role of spirituality, palliative care, person centered education and mental health research are elaborated in the last few chapters.

Overall, this book certainly fulfills the goal of informing the paradigm shift in psychiatric practice towards an inclusive realistic schema of modern day complexities. The chapters are thoroughly written with a broader conceptual overview of some of the key issues in the field.

Kamalika Roy and Michelle Riba

From the Secretary for Education

It is an honor to make

some of the activities

that had a major aca-

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the Secretary of Educa-

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Edgard Belfort

ciation Forums, inter- zonal activities, Educational Programs, through activities at the WPA International Congress, Regional, National, or Worldwide on different topics. For example, "Education and Leadership", "Primary Care", "Child and Adolescent Mental Health", "Teenage Pregnancy and Violence", "The Effects of Emotional, Physical and Sexual Gender Violence", "Practice of Psychiatry", "New Therapeutic Approach", "Violence", "Natural Disasters", "Migration", "Teaching Process", "Puberty and Mental Health", etc. Mental Health Statements with the Regional Delegates and the President of the WPA led in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and Dominican Republic, etc.

One important achievement is the document 'WPA Recommendation: Principles and Priorities for a Framework for Training Psychiatrists'. The work has been developed by the WPA Operational Committee which met several times in Madrid (Spain), Cape Town (South Africa), Cuenca (Ecuador), and Vilnius (Lithuania) with the logistic help of the Juan José López-Ibor Foundation.

My deepest acknowledgements to the Operational Committee on Education and to the Members of the Task Force: Casimoro-Querubin Maria-Luz (Philippines), Delgado Fabrizio (Ecuador), Ng Roger (Hong Kong),

Soldatos Constantin (Greece), Hermans Marc H.M. (Belgium), Coskun Bulent (Turkey), Fiorillo Andrea (Italy); Ruiz Pedro (USA), Gaviria Silvia (Colombia), Rosabal Virginia (Costa Rica), Casas Miguel (Spain), Collazos Francisco (Spain), Correa Javier (Spain), Pagnussat Freedy (Uruguay), Quintero Javier (Spain), Srinivasa Murthi (India), as well as each one of the members of the WPA Executive Committee, to other members of the WPA and partners for their collaboration, cooperation and international support. I'm really thankful for the opportunity of being part of such a distinguished institution with so many and excellent experts and colleagues because we were able to provide and maintain the dignity and mental health of our people.

Edgard Belfort

WPA Secretary for Education

World Psychiatry



Prof. Mario Maj

During the past triennium, the official journal of the *World Psychiatric* Association, *World Psychiatry*, has increased its impact factor from 12.846 to 26.561. It

ranks now no. 1 among psychiatric journals and no. 1 among all the journals in the Social Science Citation Index (SSCI) category. The number of psychiatrists receiving regularly the electronic or the paper version of the journal has increased from about 35,000 to more than 50,000. All the back issues of the journal can be freely downloaded from the PubMed system (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/ pmc/ journals/297/).

Issues or articles of the journal are available on the WPA website in ten languages: English, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, French, Arabic, Turkish, Japanese, Romanian and Polish. *World Psychiatry* has recently been praised by the World Health Organization for the representation of members from low and middle income countries in its Advisory Board, that is 10 out of 31 (32.26%), while among the remaining top ten psychiatric journals it is 11 out of 576 (1.91%). All WPA Member Societies and Scientific Sections are welcome to provide a list of their members who wish to receive regularly free of charge the electronic version of the journal.

Mario Maj Editor

Upcoming WPA Major Scientific Congresses

WPA Secretary for Scientific Meetings, Masatoshi Takeda, m-takeda@aino.ac.jp



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

Hearty welcome to the WPA XVII World Congress of Psychiatry, Berlin, 8-12 October 2017. The theme of the congress is: "Psychiatry of the 21st Century: Context, Controversies and Commitment".

This congress is being organised by the DGPPN (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Psychiatrie und Psychotherapie, Psychosomatik und Nervenheilkunde) in collaboration with the World Psychiatric Association. See highlights here below:

Top international gathering with a first-class programme

The highlight of this year's congress calendar is approaching: the WPA WORLD CON-GRESS OF PSYCHIATRY 2017, which is being hosted by the WPA in cooperation with the DGPPN, will soon open its doors in Berlin, Germany. The programme offers about 900 different events over five days.

Opening Ceremony: 8 October 2017 | 17:30-19:15

Sir Simon Wessely's lecture will ensure that the congress gets off to a flying start. The official presentation of the Jean Delay Prize to Jules Angst will also take place during the Opening Ceremony and the Bavarian Doctors Orchestra will provide musical entertainment. All congress participants are cordially invited to attend the Opening Ceremony and subsequent Networking reception in the evening of the first day of the congress.



Motif WCP 2017 Credit: sborisov/Fotolia

5 days, 900 sessions

The first-class Scientific Programme offers a comprehensive overview of current developments – together with practice-related knowledge for prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation. You can look forward to numerous existing formats, a comprehensive Educational Programme (CME and EACCME certified) and, first and foremost, top experts from around the world, including **Dinesh** Bhugra (WPA President), Helen Herrman (WPA President Elect), Wolfgang Gaebel (Germany), Stephen Scott (UK), Richard Sennett (USA), Linda Lam (People's Republic of China), Jair de Jesus Mari (Brazil) and Prabha Chandra (India). Numerous sessions with service users and family carers will emphasise the importance of involving all parties and promote communication and networking.

Psychiatry and art

Artwork, in the form of films, exhibitions, readings and musical presentations, is an integral part of the congress programme. Impressive **photography exhibitions** will show abandoned psychiatric hospitals in Italy and portray Ethiopians with mental illness, for example. You can also look forward to works by the composer Robert Schumann, played by the New York psychiatrist and pianist **Richard Kogan**. Another guest will be **Mohan Agashe**, the Indian actor and psychiatrist who received an award last year for his role as an Alzheimer patient in the **Film "Astu – so be it**". The topic of psychiatry in National Socialism will also be widely addressed in various programme elements: in addition to the **travelling exhibition "Registered, persecuted, annihilated"** there will also be an **exhibition** and **documentary film** on the life and work of **Dorothea Buck**. Visit www.wpaberlin2017.com or www.facebook.com/wpa2017berlin or www.wpanet.org

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WPA THEMATIC CONGRESS 25 - 28 FEBRUARY 2018 MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

"Innovation in Psychiatry: Effective Interventions for Health and Society"

Join leading mental health experts from across the globe at the World Psychiatric Association's Thematic Congress, Innovation in Psychiatry: *Effective Interventions for Health and Society* in Melbourne Australia, 25-28 February 2018.

New ideas, new discoveries, new ways of implementing advances and new technological solutions are fundamental to the work of modern 21st Century psychiatry.

This first congress of the new WPA term will explore how the challenges of innovation, novelty and reform can make psychiatry more relevant and effective for people with, and at risk of, mental illness around the world.

Decisive choices, strategic partnerships and antidotes to inertia are needed.

Take advantage of our great Early bird rates and register NOW to join the conversation.

This meeting will not be more of the same.

See you in Melbourne in 2018!



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1ST INTERNATIONAL PERINATAL TOTAL HEALTH CONGRESS - SINAIA, ROMANIA

We cordially invite you to this innovative and unprecedented Congress accessible in the link below: https://www.perinatal2018international.org/. Abstracts submissions deadline is 1 November 2017. This Congress is co-sponsored by WPA. We look forward to welcoming again our WPA colleagues in romantic Romania...! PERINATAL 2018 27-20 Anne Sensis Romania

Eliot Sorel, MD, Congress President

MATTERS FOR WPA NEWS

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News from Zonal Representatives

ZONE 2 (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

APA Takes Steps to Address Innovation and Burnout in Psychiatry: APA President Anita Everett recently stated, innovation should be used to "augment things like patient engagement and outcomes while [preserving] the core of what is uniquely special and healing about the practice of psychiatry". She announced that APA is beginning to think about how innovation can be incorporated into psychiatric care through the use of innovation tools such as ethnog-

ZONE 6 (WESTERN EUROPE)

Our work recently has been focused on the contribution of the organization of scientific discussions of two topics of major importance for Western Europe.

1) As WPA Zonal Representative and on behalf of the French Federation of Psychiatry, I have been appointed as member of the auditing committee on the place of psychiatry in the determinants and in the follow up of raphy, analogous learning, and technology augmentation and looks forward to continuing to explore the benefits of technology in modern health care structures.

A discussion of wellness at the APA's 2017 Annual Meeting involved APA members sharing their personal experiences with burnout and depression and also included a discussion of ways to address such difficult challenges facing physicians. One observation focused around the understanding that isolation is a serious problem for physicians and an important cause and effect of burn-

radicalized adolescents. Commissioned and financed by the French ministry of health, this committee is about to finish the first stage of its work (the audition of the experts from France and various countries of Western Europe, exposed to the same type of threat).

2) On behalf of the French Federation of Psychiatry and with the help of several colleagues from Western Europe, we are also preparing a survey on the current educationout. It was noted that just the experience of physicians being together and connecting with one another as colleagues can be affirming and fulfilling. The development of models and best practices around peer supervision, discussion groups, and other effective physician health programs, are slated for further discussion and development by APA. Please visit **psychnews.psychiatryonline.org.**

Edmond Hsin-tung Pi WPA Zonal Representative for Zone 2 (United States of America)

al system for Psychotherapy in Psychiatry. This has already given the base for a presentation at the Firenze World Congress organized by the World Association of Dynamic Psychiatry and to a conference on Psychotherapy organized in Rab by the Croatian Association of Psychiatry.

Michel Botbol Zonal Representative for Zone 6 (Western Europe)

ZONE 10 (EASTERN EUROPE)

On June 16-17, 2017 in St. Petersburg took place the IV scientific and practical conference "Psychotherapy and Psychosocial Work in Psychiatry" and the III School of Young Psychiatrists of St. Petersburg organized by the Russian Society of Psychiatrists (President-Prof. N. Neznanov) and St. Petersburg Psychiatric Hospital. Two hundred and sixty specialists from 16 different regions of Russia and eight foreign countries (Israel, Belarus, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Estonia, Sweden, Peru, and Azerbaijan) participated in the forum. Among them were researchers, psychiatrists and psychotherapists, medical psychologists and social work specialists.



Participants of the III School of Young Psychiatrists of St. Petersburg.



S. Babin, O. Limankin and P. Morozov at the Opening Ceremony.

Use of modern methods of psychotherapy, psychosocial treatment and rehabilitation in psychiatric institutions, treatment of cognitive disorders, results of neurocognitive studies, problems of clinical psychology, modern pharmacotherapy strategies within the biopsychosocial model of psychiatric care, phenomenology issues in psychiatry were discussed. The III School of Young Psychiatrists of St. Petersburg was held on the second day. A separate symposium was allocated to discuss the work of young specialists; scientists and physicians of practical health care institutions had a chance to present the results of their research work.

Peter Morozov Zonal Representative for Zone 10 (Eastern Europe)

ZONE 11 (NORTHERN AFRICA)

In Morocco, the new psychiatric hospital in the city of El Kelaa des Sraghna was opened in September 2017. The hospital was built on a land of 30,000 square meters. The new mental hospital forms part of the national mental health plan which includes the construction of four mental hospitals in Agadir, Kenitra, Beni Melal, and El Kelaa des Sragna, with a capacity of 120 beds for each hospital. It also aspires to make those mental diseases centers meet international standards. This step is important to improve mental health services in different parts of the country in addition to increasing numbers of psychiatrists and social workers.

The Sudanese Psychiatric Association is preparing for the 6th national annual conference in Khartoum 7-10 October 2017 with the theme of present psychiatric practice, emerging challenges and future prospects to cover all psychiatric specialities and related mental health issues in collaboration with the WPA, Arab Federation of Psychiatrists, and African Association of Psychiatrists.

Nahla Nagy Zonal Representative for Zone 11 (Northern Africa)

ZONE 14 (EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA)

The WPA Executive Committee accepted the application of the Botswana Psychiatric Association as an ad hoc new Member Society of the World Psychiatric Association. The WPA Collaborating Center for Research and Training in Kenya and the WPA Collaborating Center for Research and Training in Queen Mary University have formed common ground in grant writing. The teams from the different collaborating centers have been working together in exploring different ways of grant writing and management.

The Africa Mental Health Foundation (AMHF) center is particularly grateful to the London center in availing its resources and expertise towards increasing its capacity in grant writing. It is our common goal as collaborating centers to identify innovative approaches and solutions towards dealing with mental health challenges in both regions. AMHF centre is also collaborating with other institutions across the Globe on various mental health initiatives which includes Western University Canada (Global MINDS@Western Programme) and Open University, UK (International Prevalence and treatment of Diabetes and Depression - INTEPRET-DD).

David M. Ndetei Zonal Representative for Zone 14 (Eastern and Southern Africa)

ZONE 16 (SOUTHERN ASIA)

There are 11 Member Societies in the Zone and all have been very active. I have participated in the conferences of both the member societies from India- Indian Psychiatric Society and the Indian Association for Social Psychiatry. Besides, I have attended WPA Cape Town Congress and presented a paper on "Indian Sexuality" and the Harvard Students conference at Sydney in August 2017 and spoke on "Global Mental Health".

TV Asokan

Zonal Representative for Zone 16 (Southern Asia)



Liebelt Kate (USA), TV. Asokan, John Mendoza (University of Sydney), and Karn Ghosh (Australia) at the Harvard Students conference, Sydney.

News from Member Societies

SYRIAN ARAB ASSOCIA-TION OF PSYCHIATRY

The Syrian Association of Psychiatrists held its annual conference entitled mental health and the consequences of war in Damascus from 3-5 August 2017 and has participated in many research on the prevalence of mental disorders after the war have also been discussing a project to develop a code of practice for therapists threw at the Conference a number of systematic reviews in mental health prepared by the Syrian doctors posted in Cochran library.

The president of SAP advertise for the first time about Syrian Psychiatric Association Award for mental health researches.

Mazen Hedar President, Syrian Arab Association of Psychiatry



PHILIPPINE PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that the Asian Federation of Psychiatric Associations (AFPA) invites you to participate in its international congress to be held in Manila, Philippines, from January 26-28, 2018. The event, which will be locally hosted by the Philippine Psychiatric Association (PPA), is to coincide with the PPA's 44th Annual Convention. It features the timely theme, "Advances, Impacts, & Future Directions of *Psychiatry: The Asian Experience*", with the goal of portraying the distinctiveness of psychiatry in Asia. The program is poised to enhance and update the participants on scientific momentums, its impacts on current clinical practice, and future directions in the field, with a special focus on the Asian backdrop. The congress' strategic location at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) allows the delegates to experience the vibrant heart of the Philippine capital, a lively fusion of modernity and tradition of old walled cities infused with Fili-

pino warmth and hospitality. It is likewise a comfortable jump-off point for the many islands for which the country is internationally famed for, including Boracay, Palawan, Cebu, and Bohol. We look forward to welcoming you in Manila!

Rene M. Samaniego President, Philippine Psychiatric Association

JAPANESE SOCIETY OF PSY-CHIATRY AND NEUROLOGY

JSPN, Nagoya June 22-24, 2017: Every year the Japanese Society of Psychiatry and Neurology (JSPN) invites 12 early-career psychiatrists from around the world for Fellowship Award Program. Fellowship Award Program has three components, symposium, strategic meeting, and hospital tour. This year's theme of the "Fellowship Award Symposium" was "Autism spectrum disorder Case Vignette" and "Suicide Prevention". As for Case Vignette, each awardee presented how to evaluate, diagnose based on fictional cases which were suspected to be an autism spectrum disorder. About Suicide Prevention, young psychiatrists chosen from 10

countries talked about suicide prevention measures. Both topics were based on the differences in the medical system, culture and religion of each country. "Strategic Meeting for Future International Research Collaborations" was held, to maximize the output of the opportunity of Fellowship Award Program. We discussed future possible research collaborations, which resulted in development of several research projects including a) addiction b) training of young doctors c) stigma d) multi-lateral comparison regarding adult ADHD, suicide, EBM and DUP e) dementia f) psychotherapy g) AI usage. By inviting fellowship awardee every year and conducting international research, we will make active international networks between young psychiatrists from all over the world.



Participants of Early Career Psychiatrists programme at the JSPN Conference, Nagoya, June 22-24, 2017.

Tsuyoshi Akiyama Executive Board, Japanese Society of Psychiatry and Neurology

ARGENTINEAN PSYCHIA-TRISTS ASSOCIATION

We invite you all to participate in the XXX-III Argentine Congress of Psychiatry to be held between 18 and 21 April 2018 in the city of Mar del Plata, Buenos Aires, Argentina, with the title "Body and Psychiatry. From the biological to the social". More information at: www.apsa.org.ar/apsa2018.



Jorge Kuper (Org Committee) Argentinean Psychiatrists Association (APSA)

AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

Stress in Immigrant Children and Trending Topics in Psychiatry



As part of its series "Perspectives in Global Mental Health", The American Journal of Psychiatry pre-

sented a case study discussing the isolation and stress immigrant children living in the United States can encounter, including *ataque de nervios*. The study describes efforts to help children construct a cultural context for their lives through therapeutic techniques such as creating life narratives and valuebased interventions that support building therapeutic alliances based on genuineness, empathy, and an acceptance of one's situation. To learn more about this and other case studies from around the world, search "Global Mental Health" at **psychiatry.org**.

Some of the most popular trending topics on the APA Learning Center include online courses presented by renowned experts, including Dr. Nora Volkow, on the treatment of substance use disorders ("Myths and Misperceptions of Opioids and Cannabis"), a review of adverse drug side-effects ("Managing the Side Effects of Psychotropic Medications"), and cardiac safety considerations for patients taking psychotropic medications ("Cardiac Safety Risks of Psychotropic Drugs"). The latter topic includes a review of cardiac conduction and repolarization abnormalities alongside patient-specific risk factors, dosing parameters, and medical comorbidities. The Learning Center provides psychiatrists and mental health professionals with on-demand access to hundreds of online courses on psychiatric topics. To review the full catalog on the Learning Center or search one of the mentioned topics, go to education.psychiatry.org.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS

The RANZCP formally recognises and acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional owners and custodians of Australia, and their continuing spiritual connection to land and sea. The RANZCP, guided by our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health Committee, is committed to contributing to the reduction of inequality in health and mental health outcomes between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. In May this year, the RANZCP President, Dr. Kym Jenkins, was invited to witness the signing of the important collaboration agreement, Partnering for Good Health and Wellbeing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. The agreement sets out how the Australian Government, represented by the Hon Ken Wyatt AM, MP, Minister for Indigenous Health, will work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak bodies and service providers to reduce the current gap in health outcomes and life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. The agreement will aim to reduce barriers to access health care due to cost, remoteness or cultural safety reasons, and includes integrating mental health care as one of its key focuses. The RANZCP recognises reconciliation as an approach to help address the issues that impact on achieving good mental health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples, and the RANZCP's current *Reconciliation Action Plan 2016–18* adds to the College's effort in advocating for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to have access to culturally safe mental health and psychiatric care. It aims to ensure accountability and transparency for the actions taken by the College, including measurable outcomes.

LITHUANIAN PSYCHIATRIC Association

We are very grateful to Prof. Dinesh Bhugra, Prof. Helen Herrman and the WPA members for their help, encouragement, active participation and input to organize the WPA Inter Zonal congress in Vilnius, Lithuania. We have gained new and useful knowledge that will have a positive impact on the evolution of psychiatry in Lithuania. Currently, various processes are taking place in Lithuanian psychiatry, one of the main activity is confirmed Amendments to the Law on Alcohol Control. From next year, persons under 20 years of age will not be able to buy or use alcoholic beverages. The sale time of alcohol is shortened in shops and catering establishments on working days from 10 AM to 8 PM, on Sundays from 10 AM to 3 PM. Alcohol advertising is completely prohibited, except for places where alcoholic beverages are traded. The Parliament of the Lithuanian Republic is also seeking to introduce a monopoly on the sale of alcohol. Another new important issue is the reorganization of the Centers for Addictive Disorders. According to Minister of Health Prof. Aurelijus Veryga, after the reorganization, equal access to treatment services will be ensured and the range of services provided will be increased.



Alvydas Navickas President, Lithuanian Psychiatric Association

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KYRGYZ PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

We unite the majority of mental health experts: psychiatrists, narcologists, child psychiatrists, psychotherapists, medical psychologists, speech therapists. Since the organization has started its work in 2000, it focuses on the great practical and scientific potential of employees who have been directly involved in the reforming of the

BRAZILIAN ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHIATRY

ABP in partnership with the Federal Council of Medicine - CFM, carries out its suicide prevention campaign: the Yellow September. Initiated by the World Health Organization (WHO), the campaign was brought to Brazil in 2014 by ABP and has already impacted mental health service. The KPA includes the staff of leading universities of the country who are engaged in the training of medical personnel also in the sphere of mental health system for many years. Some of the main directions of the reforms in psychiatry in accordance with the State Program on the Protection of Mental Health of the Kyrgyz Republic population for 2017-2030 are the following: Revision of the Kyrgyz Republic state policy in the field of public health by prioritizing mental health, Complete revision of the legal framework regulating the protection of mental health and the provision of psychiatric care, and Expanding access to services in the mental health system with the closest approach to population.

Tatiana Galako President, Kyrgyz Psychiatric Association

over 50 million people, being the largest anti stigma campaign in the world. With this campaign, ABP aims to reduce the stigma that hangs over mental illnesses, helping to prevent suicides not only in Brazil, but also in Latin America. Every year, ABP works intensively on this campaign's dissemination and realization. Since 2014, the Yellow September Campaign is coordinated by Dr. Antônio Geraldo da Silva, ABP CEO and presidentelect of the Psychiatric Association of Latin America - APAL. More information at www.abp.org.br/setembroamarelo.

TURKISH NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY

Archives of Neuropsychiatry: Official Journal of the Turkish Neuropsychiatric Society has been included in PubMed Central. AoNP has been published since 1964, and founded by Prof. İhsan Şükrü Aksel and colleagues in Istanbul. AoNP is a peer-reviewed scientific online journal published quarterly both in English and Turkish and publishes articles on psychiatry, neurology, clinical neuroscience and behavioral sciences. The content covers original research articles, reviews, letters to the editor, and case reports. Since 2006, two chief editors-one from the discipline of Psychiatry and one from Neurology- are in office. In 2009, the journal has been included in Science Citation Index - Expanded (SCI-E). The journal is currently published online with open access by AVES Publishing. Journal's archive is now available in PubMed starting with the August 2013 issue. Submissions that address topics in the interface of neurology and psychiatry are encouraged. Further information is available on the journal's web page. All manuscripts must be submitted via the online submission system, which is available at www.noropsikiyatriarsivi.com. We would be very pleased to welcome scientific contributions from all over the world.



Cem Atbaşoğlu, Chief Editor-Psychiatry Erdem Tüzün, Chief Editor-Neurology Evrim Göde Öğüten, EC Member, TNS Turkish Neuropsychiatric Society

PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION OF RIO GRANDE DO SUL (APRS)

Initiating the celebrations of the 80th anniversary of APRS, we had organized the 13th Gaucho Congress of Psychiatry, August 17-20, 2017 at Bento Gonçalves, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. More than 600 participants enjoyed high-quality presentations from diverse fields, including seven international speakers: Dr. Alejandro Arias Vasquez (Netherlands), Dr. Carl G Leukefeld (USA), Dr. Vicent Balanzá Martinez (Spain), Dr. Elizabeth León Mayer (Chile), Dr. Jorge Oscar Folino (Argentina), Dr. Marianne Leuzinger-Bohleber (Germany), and Dr. Norberto Marucco (Argentina). The event was structured upon three main axis of interest: clinical psychiatry, neuroscience and psychotherapy. It also held other parallel activities such as the 2nd Brazil/Argentina Forensic Psychiatric Meeting, the 6th Brazilian Symposium on Women Mental Health, the 1st Gaucho Psychotherapy Research meeting, the 2nd Gaucho Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Meeting, the 5th Interdisciplinary Forum about Malice, Ethics, and Daily Corruption, and the 1st "Congressinho" ("Kid's Congress" - a long list of fun activities for all the participants' children during the days of the congress). Once again our association was able to keep its tradition of high-quality scientific events and happy social activities.

Felipe Picon Secretary, Section on Early Career Psychiatrists



13th Gaúcho Congress of Psychiatry - Psychiatric Association of Rio Grande do Sul. Seen in the photo (from left to right): Andréia Sandri, Fernanda de Paula Ramos, Luciano Isolan, Matias Strassburger (vice-president), Flávio Shansis (president), Ana Cristina Tietzmann, Eduardo Trachtenberg, and Anahy Fagundes Dias Fonseca.

BANGLADESH ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHIATRISTS

The 9th International Conference on Psychiatry, Bangladesh will be held on **11-12 December 2017** in Coxs Bazar (Sayeman Beach Resort), Bangladesh. The theme of the conference is **"Urbanization and Mental Health:** Issues and Concerns". The Scientific Committee is pleased to invite your participation in oral presentation/poster presentation/workshop/ symposium. Participants must be registered. Last date of abstract submission is 15 October 2017. Please send to: 9thicp@gmail.com Mohammad Muntasir Maruf Md. Faruq Alam Bangladesh Association of Psychiatrists

INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL PSYCHIATRY

The 24th national conference of IASP will be held on 17-19 November 2017 at Hotel Radisson Blue, Guwahati, Assam, India. The theme of the conference is "Cultural Diversity and Mental Health". There will be invited lectures, symposia, award and free papers. The conference information can be accessed at http://www.nciasp2017.in/.

And please do visit our newly designed website http://iasp.org.in/.

Mamta Sood Secretary General, Indian Association for Social Psychiatry



INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL PSYCHIATRY

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PAKISTAN PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY

You are cordially invited to the 22nd National Psychiatric Conference of Pakistan Psychiatric Society, being organized in the historical city of Hyderabad on 17-19 November 2017. The theme of the conference is **"Promotion of Mental Health-Building Partnerships"**. This conference is being organized with the key objective in mind to gather mental health professionals on a platform to explore new avenues of mental health promotions and alliance with all the stakeholders in order to develop a broader and stronger framework leading to a state of the art service provision, academic excellence, and research culture enhancement. Details of the Conference are as follow: Venue: Indus Hotel, Hyderabad, Pakistan. Contact person: Prof. Moin Ahmed Ansari. Emails: psycon.ppshyd@gmail.com, dr.moinansari@gmail.com.

Website: psyconppshyd.org.

INDIAN PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY



Indian Psychiatric Society, National Mid Term CME Visakh. Seen in the picture are NN Raju, Vishal Indla, Roy Abraham Kallivayalil (Sec Gen WPA), T. Ravi Raju (Vice-Chancellor), Brig MSVK Raju (President, IPS), Ajit Bhide, Gautam Saha, Tophan Pati, Mukesh Jagiwala, and TSS Rao.

of Indian Psychiatric Society was held in Visakhapatnam on 12th and 13th August 2017 for which more than 700 delegates from all over the country have participated. The EC meeting was held on 11th August 2017 at 5.00 PM under the chairmanship of Brig MSVK Raju, President IPS. The EC members have actively participated in deliberations.

National Midterm CME

The CME was inaugurated on 12 August 2017 by Chief Guest Prof. T. Ravi Raju, Vice Chancellor, NTR University of Health Sciences, Andhra Pradesh and was presided by Brig MSVK Raju, President IPS. Prof. Roy Abraham Kallivayalil, Secretary General of the WPA was the Guest of Honour. Dr. Gautam Saha, Dr. NN Raju and Dr. GVS Murthy spoke on the occasion, and a lecture of Dr. Bhaskar Mukherjee on Genetics in Psychiatric Disorders.

Many renowned specialists in the country delivered lectures and conducted hands on experience workshops on the latest developments and newer perspectives. The speakers included Bhaskar Mukherji, Y.C. Janardhan Reddy, Aravind Nongpiur, TSS Rao, Anurag Srivastav, Amrit Pattajoshi, Adarsh Tripathi, Kaushik Chatterjee, PSVN Sharma, Jyothsna Chandur, Malay Dave and Raguram. Dr. G. Bhagya Rao was Chief Guest at the valedictory function, which was presided by Brig M.S.V.K Raju. The Vice President Dr. Ajit Bhide, General Secretary Dr. Gautam Saha, Treasurer Dr. Mukesh Jagiwala and Editor Dr. TSS Rao spoke.

MSVK Raju, President Gautam Saha, General Secretary NN Raju Indian Psychiatric Society



News from WPA Sections

WPA Secretary for Scientific Sections, Afzal Javed, afzal.javed@ntlworld.com



EVOLUTIONARY PSYCHIATRY

We will be holding a symposium entitled: "Stress, immunology, and the brain - implications for psychiatric disorders", at the forthcoming WPA Congress in Berlin on Wednesday, 11 October, 5-6.30 pm. Also, the Evolutionary Psychiatry Special Interest Group (EPSIG) at the Royal College of Psychiatrists (UK) will be holding its second symposium at the RCPsych HQ in London on 12 January 2018 and registration is now open for this event. The event can be booked through the college website: <u>http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/</u> workinpsychiatry/specialinterestgroups/evolutionarypsychiatry.aspx. Interested delegates from all disciplines are welcome.

Riadh Abed Secretary, Section on Evolutionary Psychiatry

HIV/AIDS PSYCHIATRY

The Comprehensive Textbook of AIDS Psychiatry - A Paradigm of Integrated Care edited by Cohen, Gorman, Volberding, Jacobson, and Letendre was published by Oxford University Press in May 2017 in print and online. Our textbook has 135 contributors more than half of whom are members of the WPA Section on HIV/AIDS Psych edited. For a description of the book and table of contents, https://global.oup.com/academic/ access: product/comprehensive-textbook-of-aids-psychiatry-9780199392742?q=mary%20ann%20 cohen&lang=en&cc=us#. Our HIV Psychiatry Quarterly Updatable Annotated Bibliography can be accessed at: http://www.apm.org/ library/articles/2016-Q4/hiv.shtml.

Members of our section presented at 2017 WPA meetings throughout the world and at the APA, AAPDP, APM, and EAPM annual meetings. Drs. Alfonso, Ashley, Cohen, Cozza, and other members are presenting Section and Intersectional Symposia at the 2017 WPA World Congress in Berlin. Our Section now has nearly 400 members. We will hold meetings of our Section at the 2017 World Congress in Berlin in October 2017 and at the APM Annual Meeting in Palm Springs, California, in November 2017. Our Section now has a new listserv address: hiv-aids@list.apm. org. We invite you to attend our meetings and explore our web page at: http://apm.org/sigs/ oap/. We welcome new members and invite you to join our SIG at: http://www.apm.org/ sigs/oap/signup.shtml.

Mary Ann Adler, Chair Jordi Blanch, Secretary Section on HIV/AIDS Psychiatry



WPA Section on HIV/AIDS Psychiatry meeting held in November 2016 at the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine in Austin, Texas: Seen from left to right are: Drs. Mallika Lavakumar, David Karol, Mary Ann Adler Cohen, Kevin Donelly-Boylen, Kelly L. Cozza, and Luis Pereira.

STIGMA AND MENTAL HEALTH

Together Against Stigma 2017 Conference, Copenhagen, September 20-22, 2017

The Stigma and Mental Health Section is co-sponsoring the 8th international conference to address the science and practice of stigma reduction. The theme of the conference is *Overcoming Barriers in Minds and Society* and it is being hosted by *One of Us*, the Danish anti-stigma program. The conference goals are to establish links between the representatives of stigma programmes across different nations and professions; create an overview of research, campaigns, and other activities currently combatting stigma; and provide a deeper understanding of methods that can effectively challenge knowledge attitude and behaviour that constitutes barriers in minds and societies. A main focus will be on the application of knowledge to practice. The conference is relevant for a broad audience, including professionals, researchers, anti-stigma campaigners, politicians, people with lived experience of a mental illness and other with a special interest in this field. For more information, visit the conference website *www.againststigma2017.com*.

Heather Stuart Secretary, Section on Stigma and Mental Health

PSYCHIATRY, MEDICINE AND PRIMARY CARE

We are presenting a joint symposium on Psycho-oncology and Primary Care at the Berlin World Congress. The Section is also presenting a symposium on "Mental Health and Primary Care: Role of Exercise and Sport". The Section is also completing a manuscript on Integrated Interdisciplinary Mental Health Education in Primary Care. Dave Baron Chair, Section on Psychiatry, Medicine and Primary Care

PSYCHOTHERAPY



Members of the WPA Psychotherapy Section from USA, Malaysia and Cambodia at a pedagogical workshop, 2017 meeting of the International Association for Suicide Prevention in Kuching, Borneo.

Our Section has 70 members from 40 countries and continues to expand, remaining active and relevant. Elections results for the next triennium are as following: César Alfonso-USA (Chair), Allan Tasman-USA (Co-Chair), Rizky Aniza Winanda-Indonesia (Secretary), and Daniel Nahum-USA, Dusica Lecic Tosevski-Serbia, Renato Alarcón-Peru, Hazli Zakaria-Malaysia, Ekin Sömnez-Turkey (Committee Members). We are holding a section meeting and three sectional and intersectional symposia in Berlin. Our mission has been revised and the WPA Psychotherapy Section seeks to provide a forum for the collegial exchange of diverse ideas and theoretical constructs in order to advance the practice of psychotherapy treatments within Psychiatry.

Section goals include: Provide a forum for constructive exchange of ideas for psychiatrists practicing a variety of psychotherapy treatments, Study core factors of psychotherapies, Coordinate WPA intersectional collaborations, Determine standards for competency in psychotherapy for psychiatry, Explore innovative ways of teaching and assessing psychotherapy competency and others.

César A. Alfonso Secretary, Section on Psychotherapy cesaralfonso@mac.com

PHILOSOPHY AND HUMANITIES IN PSYCHIATRY

Our Section has recently elected Werdie (C.W.) van Staden, Bill (KWM) Fulford and Michael TH Wong as Chair, Co-chair and Secretary. **Prof. van Staden** is Nelson Mandela Professor of Philosophy and Psychiatry and the Director of the Centre for Ethics & Philosophy of Health Sciences at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. He is senior editor of *Philosophy, Psychiatry & Psychology*. He co-edited with John Sadler and KWM Fulford, the Oxford Handbook of Psychiatric Ethics. **Prof. Fulford** is a Fellow of St Catherine's College and Member of the Philosophy Faculty, University of Oxford. He is Lead Editor for the Oxford book series International Perspectives in Philosophy and Psychiatry. With Giovanni Stanghellini and John Sadler he founded and continues to run the International Network for Philosophy and Psychiatry (INPP). **Prof. Wong** is Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Monash University, Melbourne, Australia. He is Chair of the Section of History Philosophy & Ethics of Psychiatry of Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists. He convenes the Organizing and Scientific Committees for the 20th Annual Conference of INPP scheduled to be held in Hong Kong in October 2018.

Michael TH Wong

Secretary, Section on Philosophy and Humanities in Psychiatry

EARLY CAREER PSYCHIATRISTS

Early Career Professionals working in Addiction Medicine have launched a global network

In June 2017, early career professionals from fifteen different countries met at the first World Health Organisation Forum on Alcohol, Drugs, and Addictive Behaviours. In Geneva, under the leadership of Dr. Dzmitry Krupchanka the WHO Forum saw the launch of an international Network of Early Career Professionals working in the area of Addiction Medicine (NEC-PAM). This network aims to strengthen leadership, build capacity and empower early career professionals worldwide. The network was initiated with the support of the World Health Organization (WHO). Our young, driven and vibrant board would like to invite professionals from various disciplines working in the area of Addiction Medicine to join this network. This includes but is not limited to nurses, doctors, psychologists, social workers, public health advocates and researchers. For more information



on membership please email us on contact@ necpam.com.

<u>Current board members</u> are: Chair – Dr. Dzmitry Krupchanka (Belarus), Co-Chair – Dr. Nirvana Morgan (South Africa), General Secretary – Dr. Hussien Elkholy (Egypt). *Regional* Representatives: Tomohiro Shirasaka (Japan), Mohammed Aljneibi (UAE), Paolo Grandinetti (Italy), and Sidharth Arya (India).

Hussien Elkholy Chair, Section on Early Career Psychiatrists

PSYCHIATRY AND HUMAN SEXUALITY

This Section as a group of members have been involved in the last three decades in many activities related with Human Sexuality and in promotion of Sexual Health and also Human Sexual Rights. We intend to reinforce our interaction with World Association of Sexual Health, EFS (European Federation of Sexology), AISM (International Academy of Medical Sexology), WAMS (World Association of Medical Sexology) and some regional societies and associations of Sexology and Psychiatry Mental Health like SASSM (Asian Society for Sexual Medicine), FLASSES (Latin American Federation of Sexology and Sex Education) and so on. For the Action Program, we would like to improve the collaboration in activities and the research in a Psychiatric Sexology. We also plan to attract more members from countries not yet represented in our Section. We are also thinking to produce our own newsletter with more specific matters related with psycopathology/behaviours and human sexology.

António Pacheco Palha Chair, Section on Psychiatry and Human Sexuality

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION (1990-2017)

The Conflict Management and Conflict Resolution Section of the WPA was founded and ratified by the WPA Executive Committee in Oslo, Norway in August 1990 and launched at the XII World Congress of Social Psychiatry in Washington, DC in October 1990. It held its first WPA symposium in Budapest, Hungary in 1991, with the theme "Conflict aggression, and violence: The healing roles of religion, psychiatry & diplomacy".

Section members have made significant inputs in joint collaboration with other sections on issues such as workplace mental health; mental health issues in the diaspora; global mental health; mental health service delivery and research in Africa and other developing countries; trans-cultural psychiatry; spirituality and mental health, and intersection of policy and research.

Now in its 27th year, having produced more than 70 WPA symposia, three books, three



Mental Health in the Diaspora Meeting, November 21 2016, Cape Town. L to R: Solly Rataemane (Section Chair), Jimmy Volmink (Dean -Stellenbosch University), Eliot Sorel (USA), David Ndetei (WPA- Zonal Rep), and Rahn Bailey (APA).

book chapters, two DVDs, and a Consensus Statement, the Section will make important scientific contributions to the WPA 2017 Berlin Congress. These include a symposium on "Ethical dilemmas at the end of life in medicine and especially in psychiatry"; a workshop of the Global Mental Health Mentees and Mentors Network; and will contribute to the symposium dedicated to the memory of Professor Juan Jose Lopez-Ibor, Jr, with the theme, Psychiatry: Current status and future perspectives. We cordially invite all interested colleagues to attend our scientific programs listed above. We also invite you to partake in our Section's leadership elections on Monday, October 9th at noon.

Solly Rataemane, Chair Eliot Sorel, Founder Section on Conflict Management and Conflict Resolution

POSITIVE PSYCHIATRY

Positive Psychiatry is continuing to grow as a branch of psychiatry targeted toward the science and practice of promoting positive psychosocial health, resilience and wellbeing. As part of continued growth and interest in Positive Psychiatry, Section members are presenting at a number of upcoming academic forums in the Fall 2017.

At the World Psychiatric Association XVII World Congress of Psychiatry in Berlin October 8-12, Dilip Jeste will co-chair and speak at a session on Positive Psychiatry and Spirituality. Amresh Shrivastava will chair the inaugural Positive Psychiatry Symposium titled "Perspectives on Positive Psychiatry: Transition from Illness to Wellness". Within this symposium, Section members Beverley Cassidy and Kiran Rabheru will speak on "The Fountain of Health: Positive Psychiatry at the Interface of Primary Care" on October 13th.

Positive Psychiatry will also be well represented at the 9th Canadian Conference on Dementia

in Toronto, Ontario, November 2-4. **Dilip Jeste** will speak on "Secrets of Successful Cognitive and Emotional Aging", Keri-Leigh Cassidy on "The Fountain of Health Initiative: A Unique Canadian Strategy to Promote Brain Health and Resilience" and Beverley Cassidy, Linda Gobessi and Kiran Rabheru will lead a workshop on the same topic.

Amy Gough Associate Editor, Section on Positive Psychiatry

PREVENTIVE PSYCHIATRY

In addition to two major books in 2016, "Crises and disasters: mental health context and responses" (ISBN: 978-1-4438-8944-5) and "Person-centred Psychiatry" (ISBN: 978-3-319-39722-1), our Section has contributed to the upcoming 4th volume of the WPA's book series "Advances in Psychiatry" with two chapters: Adarsh Tripathi: Prevention in Psychiatry: A Narrative Review of Conceptual Basis and Current Status, Nikos Christodoulou: Preventive Psychiatry: Can a better undergraduate psychiatry curriculum be developed based on preventive psychiatry?

In addition to books, our Section's members have been active in several conferences, including Cape Town 2016 (Michael Berk, Vlasis Brakoulias, Roy A. Kallivayalil and others), Corfu 2017 (Nikos Christodoulou, Vasilis Kontaxakis and others), while we will be participating actively at the World Congress of Psychiatry in Berlin with a symposium titled "Exploring the diverse roles of preventive psychiatry in the community" and several contributions to other symposia, as well as individual presentations.

Nikos Christodoulou, Chair UC Garg, Secretary Section on Preventive Psychiatry

PSYCHIATRY, LAW AND ETHICS

The Section had a number of activities, mainly in collaboration with other Sections of the WPA or with scientific societies, members of the WPA. In the upcoming World Psychiatric Congress, our Section, in collaboration with the Section on Evidence based Psychiatry, has organized two round tables. These round tables address important and controversial themes of applied, clinical psychiatry like involuntary treatment or risk assessment and also present the medicolegal status of mental health patients in South Asia. In the 35th International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Prague organised by the International Academy of Law and Mental Health (IALMH) members of our section presented the present harsh condition of mental health services in Greece. With collaboration with the Forensic Psychiatric Section of the Hellenic Psychiatric Association our Section presented the latest data, concerning the application of euthanasia in psychiatry, in the Greek National Psychiatric Congress.

In July and in the journal of Annals of General Psychiatry an article with the title "Islam, Mental Health and Law: a general overview" was published. Authors of the aforementioned article are the Secretary and the Chair of our section.

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PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION

The WPA Section on Psychiatric Rehabilitation is continuously busy in organising different meetings and supporting educational and training events in the field of Psychiatric Rehabilitation.

During this year the Section has organised meetings in collaboration with Malaysian Psychiatric Association, Japanese Society for Psychiatry and Neurology, Psychiatric Association of Thailand, and Taiwanese Society of Psychiatry. We along with WAPR organized an educational programme called Psychosocial Rehabilitation across the Life Span at the

EMERGENCY PSYCHIATRY

The Section will collaborate with Professors Neils Mulder (Rotterdam University) and Sam Tyano (Tel Aviv University) to organise a WPA co-sponsored conference on Crisis, Coercion and Intensive Treatment in Psychiatry (CCITP) to be held in Rotterdam, 17-19 October 2018. A previous conference was held in 2007 in Dresden and the expected attendance is 400-600 participants with seven to ten international plenary speakers, each of whom is an

Psychiatric Rehabilitation Section members at

the 5th Asian Congress of Schizophrenia Re-

search, 1-3 September 2017, Bangkok, Thailand.

international meeting in Chiang Mai, Thailand earlier this year as well as a workshop on "Implementation of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Practices: A Practical Approach" at the recently held conference (The 5th Asian Congress of Schizophrenia Research) on 1-3 September 2017 at Bangkok, Thailand. We also plan to do one educational symposium at the WPA Berlin congress in October.

Pichet Udomratn Johannes Wancata Afzal Javed Section on Psychiatric Rehabilitation

international expert in this field.

Pier Maria Furlan Chair, Section on Emergency Psychiatry

News from WPA Affiliated Associations

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ETHNOPSYCHOLOGISTS AND ETHNOPSYCHOTHERAPISTS

In 2018, we shall celebrate the 20th anniversary of the IAEE. In 1998 founders of the IAEE decided to study interrelation of norm and psychopathology for specialized medical aid rendering and improvement of health in people of the world and achievement of unity of the language through psychiatric classifications by the way of integration of basic scientific research, psychotherapy and pharmacotherapy, establishment of statistical compatibility and optimization of diagnostic criteria in different ethnoses. Presentation of achieved results at the international congresses serves fulfillment of these goals and publications of our scientists broaden representation of our association within biopsychosocial research of the world.

Nikolay Bokhan

President, International Association of Ethnopsychologists and Ethnopsychotherapists

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF PSYCHIATRIC TRAINEES

The 25th EFPT annual meeting was held in Istanbul. EFPT member country representatives, local psychiatric trainees, medical and clinical psychology students came together in Istanbul, between 30th of June and 4th of July 2017. Fifteen successful young professionals participated in the pre-forum course on leadership and professional skills, led by Prof. Norman Sartorius and Prof. Levent Kuey. A wide range of professional and scientific topics were on the agenda, to be discussed by over hundred participants from 35 countries: From an update on the status of refugees in Europe, to recent changes in diagnostic systems, to how to protect ourselves from burnout and much more.

The Forum was held with the unconditional support of the Psychiatric Association of Turkey. Several local and international associations also generously shared their support, reflecting the signifance of EFPT to the psychiatric community. We now have four new member associations under the Federation's umbrella, including the psychiatric trainees' associations of Azerbaijan, francophone Belgium, the Czech Republic, and FYR Macedonia.



Howard Ryland President, European Federation of Psychiatric Trainees

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL APPROACHES TO PSYCHOSIS



ISPS is an international organization promoting psychotherapy and psychological treatments for persons with psychosis (a term which includes persons diagnosed with "schizophrenia"). We are committed to advancing education, training and knowledge of mental health professionals in the treatment and prevention of psychotic mental disorders. We seek to achieve the best possible outcomes for service user/survivors of psychosis by engaging in meaningful partnership with health professionals, service user/survivors, families and carers. The ISPS book series, published by Routledge for over 10 years, contains 20 books illuminating the efficacy of psychological approaches in the treatment of psychoses. In 2009, the ISPS also began publishing the journal 'Psychosis: Psychological, Social and Integrative Approaches' (4 issues per year).

The 21st International Congress of the ISPS will be held on 28 August-1 September 2019 at

Rotterdam, The Netherlands. Find out more about ISPS at www.isps.org

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR BIPOLAR DISORDERS

We are pleased to invite you to our 20th Annual Conference which will be held in Mexico City from 7-10 March 2018. The theme for the meeting is "Bipolar Disorders: Creating Global Innovations." The conference will once again serve as the hub for a plurality of fresh perspectives and emerging data from leading researchers and clinicians working in diverse settings around the world. Registration for the conference is now open, with early bird rates available through 13 December. Please go to www.isbd2018. com for more details. We hope to see you in Mexico City!



WPA POSITIONS / CANDIDATES FOR 2017 ELECTIONS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITIONS

PRESIDENT ELECT:

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Edgard Belfort (Venezuela)	A	fzal Javed (UK)	Michelle B. Riba (USA)

SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION:



SECRETARY FOR SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS:

Mohammed Abou-Saleh (UK)	Michel Botbol (France)	Christopher Paul Szabo (South Africa)

SECRETARY FOR SCIENTIFIC SECTIONS:

T. V. Asokan	Marc Hermans	Solomon Rataemane
(India)	(Belgium)	(South Africa)



Thomas G. Schulze (Germany)

ZONAL PRESENTATIVE POSITIONS

Karandeep S Gaind (Canada) Zone 1 (Cand)	Edmond Hsin-tung Pi (USA) Zone 2 (United States of America)	Virginia Rosabal Camarillo (Costa Rica) Zone 3 (Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean)

Silvia Gaviria (Colombia) Zone 4 (Northern South America)	Carlos López Jaramillo (Colombia) Zone 4 (Northern South America)	Alfredo Cia (Argentina) Zone 5 (Southern South America)



Jyrki Korkeila (Finland) Zone 7 (Northern Europe)	Konstantin Fountoulakis (Zone 8 (Souther)	(Greece) Zone 8	emishlany (Israel) 8 <i>(Southern Europe)</i>





Mvuyiso Talatala (South Africa) Zone 14 (Eastern and Southern Africa)	Khalid Attaullah Mufti (Pakistan) Zone 15 (Central and Western Asia)	Rakesh Kumar Chadda (India) Zone 16 (Southern Asia)



October 2017

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

10-12 October 2017: "ASEAN Conference on Healthy Ageing 2017", Sarawak, Malaysia. Organizer: Malaysian Healthy Ageing Society. Contact: Prof. Dr. Philip George. E-mails: a) drphilgeorge@gmail.com b) info@healthyageing.org Website: www.acha2017.com/

13-15 October 2017: "Medical Science and Health Paradigm Change", Milan, Italy. Organizer: Person-centered Medicine International Academy. Collaboration: Niguarda Hospital, Milan School of Medicine. Contacts: a) Laura Frigerio MD (laura.frigerio@healthparadigmchange.it) b) Prof. Giuseppe R. Brera (gbrera@unambro.it) c) Scientific coordination (cviolato@umn.edu) Websites: a) www.healthparadigmchange.it b) www.personcenteredmedicineblogwordpress.com

19-21 October 2017: 17th Czech-Slovak Psychiatric Convention "Together for Changes in Psychiatry", Bratislava, Slovakia. Organizer: Slovak Psychiatric Association. Contact: Lubomira Izakova. E-mail: luba.izakova@nextra.sk Website: www.psychiatry.sk

26-29 October 2017: 19th Annual Conference of International Society of Addiction Medicine "Addiction Medicine New Frontier", Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Organizer: International Society of Addiction Medicine. Collaboration: National Rehabilitation Center, Abu Dhabi. Contact: Dr. Tarek Gawad. E-mail: Tarek.gawad@nrc.ae Website: www.isam2017abudhabi.ae

26-29 October 2017: 19th Annual ISAM Conference on Addiction Medicine "New Frontiers", Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Organizer: National Rehabilitation Centre Abu Dhabi. Contact: Dr. Tarek. A. Gawad. Email: Tarek.Gawad@nrc.ae Website: isam2017abudhabi.ae

27 October (meeting)/28 October (webinar) 2017: "Medicina Personalizzata in Psichiatria (Personalized Medicine in Psychiatry) + Webinar", Milan, Italy. Organizer: Hermanas Hospitalarias. Contact: Lara Papagni. E-mail: l.papagni@ospedaliere.it Website: www. hospitalarias.org

November 2017

2-5 November 2017: World Federation for Mental Health World Congress 2017 "Partnerships for Mental Health", New Delhi, India. Organizer: Caring Foundation, New Delhi. Contact: Dr. Sunil Mittal. E-mail: sunil.manu@gmail.com Website: www.wfmhindia.com 10-12 November 2017: 14th Biennial Conference of Indian Association of Child and Adolescents Mental Health "Positive Mental Health for Children and Adolescents", Kolkata, India. Organizer: Indian Association of Child and Adolescent Mental Health (IACAM). Contact: Dr. Devashish Konar. E-mail: devkon59@yahoo.com Website: https://www.childindia.org/

16-19 November 2017: IV Congress of Psychiatry of Bosnia and Herzegovina with international participation "Psychiatry and Mental Health: Dilemmas and Perspectives", Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Organizer: Psychiatric Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Collaboration: 1) University Clinical Center of the Republic Srpska, Banja Luka 2) School of Medicine, University of Banja Luka. Contacts: a) Prof. Marija Burgić-Radmanović (mburgic@ gmail.com) b) Dr. Goran Račetović (gracetovic@yahoo.com); kongres@ upubih.com Website: www.upubih.com/4kongres/en

16-20 November 2017: XXV National Congress of Mexican Psychiatric Association "Psychiatry in Mental Health: Neurosciences, Clinical and Community Psychiatry", Merida, Yucatan, México. Organizer: Mexican Psychiatric Association. Contact: Virginia Rosabal. E-mails: a) virginiarosabal@gmail.com b) aspsiqm@prodigy.net.mx Website: http://www.psiquiatrasapm.org.mx/

17-19 November 2017: 22nd National Psychiatric Conference "Promotion of Mental Health-Building Partnerships", Hyderabad, Pakistan. Organizer: Pakistan Psychiatric Society. Contact: Prof. Moin Ahmed Ansari. E-mails: a) psycon.ppshyd@gmail.com b) dr.moinansari@gmail.com Website: www.psyconppshyd.org

17-19 November 2017: 24th National Conference of Indian Association for Social Psychiatry "Cultural Diversity and Mental Health", Guwahati, India. Organizers: 1) Department of Psychiatry, Gauhati Medical College and Hospital 2) Indian Association for Social Psychiatry. Contacts: a) Dr. Utpal Bora b) Dr. Mamta Sood. E-mails: a) drubindia77@rediffmail. com b) soodmamta@gmail.com Website: www.iasp.org.in/

22-24 November 2017: 5th International Conference of Psychotraumatology and Mediation 2017 (5PM-2017) "Wars, Trauma, Migrations and Global Mental Health for refugees in Developed countries and in Developing countries for civil populations and refugees: what innovations in the treatment, in mediation, conflict management and human rights", Centre International de Conférences, Geneva (CICG), Switzerland. Organizers: Institute of Psychotraumatology and Mediation University of Geneva, Geneva University Hospitals. Collaboration: State of Geneva, Swiss Federal Government and many other national and international humanitarian and professional associations, and organizations, etc. Contact: Dr. Issack Biyong, E-mail: ibiyong@ipm-int.org

27-29 November 2017: "First National Conference of the Addiction Psychiatry", New Delhi, India. Organizer: Department of Psychiatry

& Nat. Drug Dep. Treatment Centre, All Indian Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India. Collaboration: Indian Association for Social Psychiatry. E-mail: nddtcnca17@gmail.com Website: http://nca2017.com/

December 2017

11-12 December 2017: 9th International Conference on Psychiatry, 2017 "Urbanization and Mental Health: Issues and Concerns", Chittagong, Bangladesh. Organizer: Bangladesh Association of Psychiatrists (BAP). Contact: Dr. Mohammad Tariqul Alam. E-mails: a) bap@agni. com b) sum.tariq@gmail.com Website: www.bapbd.org

15-17 December 2017: 10th SAARC International Psychiatric Conference "Psychiatry in developing world – Alternative models", Kolkata, India. Organizer: SAARC Psychiatric Federation. Contact: Dr. Gautam Saha. E-mail: drgsaha@yahoo.co.in Website: www. saarcpsycon2017.com (under construction).

January 2018

18-20 January 2018: International Conference "Promoting the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children, Adolescents and Mothers", Almaty, Kazakhstan. Organizer: UNICEF Kazakhstan. Collaboration: European Psychiatry Association, European Brain Council. Contact: Prof. Marco Sarchiapone. E-mail: marco. sarchiapone@me.com

24-26 January 2018: AFPA International Conference and 44th Annual Convention of Philippines Psychiatric Association "Advances, impacts and Future Directions of Psychiatry", Manila, Philippines. Organizers: 1) Asian Federation of Psychiatric Associations 2) Philippines Psychiatric Association. Contacts: a) Afzal Javed (afzalj@gmail.com) b) Rene M. Samaniego (dr.rene. sam@gmail.com)

February 2018

13-15 February 2018: 3rd International Women's Mental Health Conference, Al-Khobar, Saudi Arabia. Organizer: International Society of Women's Mental Health. Contact: Dr. Nada Al-Zaidi. E-mail: dr_nmz@hotmail.com

22-24 February 2018: Annual conference of the EACBT "CBT & Medication in the treatment of Psychiatric Disorders; from Therapy to Practice", Cairo, Egypt. Organizers: Egyptian Association of Cognitive Behavior Therapy. Contact: Reham Abdelsamie Aly. E-mail: rehamaaly@hotmail.com Website: www.eacbt.org

25-28 February 2018: WPA Thematic Congress 'Innovation in Psychiatry: Effective Interventions for Health and Society', Melbourne, Australia. Contact: Andrea Pound. E-mail: andrea. pound@unimelb.edu.au Website: http://wpamelbourne.kenes.com/

April 2018

18-21 April 2018: XXXIII ARGENTINE CONGRESS OF PSYCHIATRY "The body in psychiatry. From the biological to the social", City of Mar del Plata, Argentina. Organizer: Argentinean

Psychiatrists Association (APSA). Contact: Dr. Juan Cristóbal Tenconi. E-mail: info@apsa.org.ar Website: www.apsa.org.ar

May 2018

2-4 May 2018: Emerging mental health challenges across the globe "Epidemiology and Public Health", New York, USA. Organizer: Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. Contact: Katherine M. Keyes. E-mail: kmk2104@columbia.edu Website: www. wpaepi2018.org/

22-26 May 2018: 6th Macedonian Psychiatric Congress and International Meeting "Psychiatry and Mental Health in the 21st Century", Ohrid, Macedonia. Organizers: Psychiatric Association of Macedonia (Republic of Macedonia - FYROM). Contact: Dimitar Bonevski. E-mail: pam@pzmak.com Website: www.pzmak.com

June 2018

27-30 June 2018: 1st International Perinatal TOTAL Health Congress "The First Thousand Days of Life: Innovations & Transdisciplinarity", Sinaia, Romania. Organizers: Romanian Associations of Ob-Gyn, Neonatology, Pediatrics, Family Medicine, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, Public Health and Epidemiology. Collaboration: 1) WONCA (World Family Doctors Association) 2) World Federation of Public Health Associations 3) World Association for Social Psychiatry 4) Carol Davila Medical University 5) Politehnica University of Bucharest. Contact: Prof. Eliot Sorel. E-mail: ESorel@gmail.com Website: www.perinatal2018international.org

June-July 2018

28 June-1 July 2018: 2nd International Congress on Evidence Based Psychiatry: From research to clinical practice, Kavala, Greece. Organizer: International Society on Neurobiology and Psychopharmacology. Collaboration: WPA Section on Evidence Based Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. KN Fountoulakis. E-mail: kostasfountoulakis@gmail.com Website: www.psychiatry.gr

July 2018

5-7 July 2018: XIII WAPR World Congress "Recovery, Citizenship, Human Rights, Reviewing consensus", Madrid, Spain. Organizer: World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation (WAPR). Contact: Sandra Mérida. E-mail: smerida@fase20.com Website: www.fase20.com

October 2018

19-21 October 2018: II Congress on Mental Health: Meeting the Needs of the 21st Century "Mental Health and Education", Moscow, Russia. Organizers: 1) Union for Mental Health of Russia 2) Russian Society of Psychiatrists 3) Russian Professional Psychotherapeutic League 4) Russian Psychological Society. Collaboration: 1) European Psychiatric Association (EPA) 2) World Council for Psychotherapy (WCP) 3) Action for Mental Health (AMH) 4) International Association on Social Security (ISSA). Contact: Dr. Olga Pazyna. E-mail: pazyna@mental-health-russia.ru Website: www.mental-health-congress.ru

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The WPA organizes the World Congress of Psychiatry, International and Regional Congresses, and Thematic Conferences. With its 72 scientific sections, it promotes collaborative work in specific domains of psychiatry. It has developed ethical guidelines for psychiatric practice, including the Madrid Declaration.

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



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- 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 evidencebased 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
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