Greetings to you! We had several major activities during the last three months. The most important was the WPA Thematic Congress, Melbourne Feb 25-28, 2018 which was exceedingly well organised. The theme was Innovation in Psychiatry: Effective Interventions for Health and Society. The participation of more than 1100 delegates from 66 countries was testimony to the big success of the event.

The EC had a very useful meeting during the Congress on February 22nd and 23rd and discussed many issues. The EC will be meeting again during the 1st International Perinatal Congress in Sinaia, Romania on 27-30, June for further deliberations. We are looking forward to the 18th World Congress of Psychiatry, Mexico City, Sept 27-30, 2018. The theme stand firm for mental health focuses on one of the most significant current imperatives. Hope all of you will join us there! Please let us know, if you need any help on this.

I had the occasion to speak about WPA at the Annual Conference of Indian Medical Association at Mumbai in December 2017 and the annual meeting of Indian Psychiatric Society at Ranchi in February, 2018. Both these meetings had huge attendance. The SG visit to WPA Secretariat Geneva is scheduled in April 2018.

Please visit our website www.wpanet.org and our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/World-Psychiatric-Association-160912140974697/ and send us your valuable comments. You can also follow us on twitter: @wpa_psychiatry and @wpa_president

Let me thank WPA President Helen Herrman, members of the EC, Board and Council for their help, support and cooperation.

ROY ABRAHAM KALLIVAYALIL
Secretary General, World Psychiatric Association

MESSAGE from the President

It highlighted for all of us the value of regional and global interactions as we work together on issues of mutual and singular interest.

HELEN HERRMAN

As April begins and the leaves here in Australia start to change colour, it is hard to believe we are already in the second quarter of the year. The first three months have been busy – and a celebration of firsts!

In February, we convened in Melbourne for the first WPA Congress of 2018 and the first WPA Congress of my term as President. The Executive Committee held its first meeting for 2018 (the second of this triennium) before the Congress and it was there that we officially welcomed Francesca Sotgiu into her new role as WPA’s first Chief Executive Officer. Francesca previously held the role of Interim CEO and we’re delighted to see her in her new role as WPA’s first Chief Executive Officer.

The Melbourne Thematic Congress, Innovations in Psychiatry: Effective Interventions for Health and Society, was very well received. With some 1100 attendees from 66 countries, we benefited from diverse perspectives on a range of topics, and a very strong scientific program as a result. Indeed I was heartened that the overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants was focused mainly on the high quality of the program, speakers and spirit of interaction. A big thank you goes to everyone involved in its development – it takes a great deal of work to ensure an event its size flows smoothly.

Immediately after the Melbourne Congress a number of us met at the European Congress of Psychiatry (ECP) in Nice where European Psychiatric Association President, Silvana Galderisi, welcomed WPA leadership as partners. It was an opportunity to meet with European colleagues to discuss integration, innovation and person-centred mental health. It highlighted for all of us the value of regional and global interactions as we work together on issues of mutual and singular interest.

Following the ECP, we convened a meeting of the WPA Alliance for Mental Health Responses to Adversity, Emergencies and Conflicts at the Lopez-Ibor Foundation in Madrid by courtesy of Maria Ines Lopez Ibor and her colleagues there. Bringing together leaders from WPA, citiesRISE, the Foundation, and the Colombian city of Bogota, it was a wonderful opportunity to launch this signature initiative of the WPA Action Plan 2017-2020. Subsequent to the meeting, I worked further with our colleagues at citiesRISE to develop both the practical and creative aspects of this exciting new partnership.

Rounding out the month, I visited Geneva where I met with WPA Secretariat staff before attending a WHO Consultation for the landmark Commission on NonCommunicable Diseases (NCD). For the first time the United Nations work on NCD includes mental health and I pay tribute to our colleague Prof Vikram Patel – a true ambassador for mental health and psychiatry in his role as a Commissioner.

Looking ahead, work continues on the next WPA World Congress of Psychiatry in Mexico City. It is just six months away now and I encourage all our members to register for another outstanding event!
I am pleased that since the start of the term for the current office bearers, WPA has been actively involved in a number of activities. We are working to promote and disseminate WPA’s mission and philosophy around the globe.

I am pleased to report about my participation in meetings held in Kazakhstan, Philippines, Australia and Spain. I was pleased to meet the leaders of “Association of specialists working in the field of mental health” who are very keen to join WPA list of member societies. I had an opportunity to meet the Health Minister of Kazakhstan and discuss different projects where WPA can assist their government in different areas of mental health.

The names of the planning committee have been finalised by the EC and I have started communication with all committee members to start our work. Following the current triennium’s action plan, the planning committee will also start its deliberations for the 2020-23 action plan. We hope this will provide a continuation to our current triennium’s work with a continuity and sustainability of the projects that would be started during 2017-20.

AFZAL JAVED

The first months of the triennium were rather busy, trying to catch up on the information one has to integrate, concerning not only the publications but also all the WPA governance. Among them are new perspectives opened by the General Assembly decision to create a standing committee on Science to take over the previous operational committees. It is of course a new challenge for the scientific publications among the other scientific fields covered by the EC members.

I am currently finalizing, with the help of the secretary for sections, the review of what has been published by WPA sections through their journal, and through the various books they have sponsored or supported. It is the first step of our ambition to list all the publications produced by WPA since its creation. We are encouraged to do so by three current issues:

- The preparation of a book session reviewing the WPA publications at the next world congress in Mexico
- The recent proposal to have some of these productions translated in Russian and French
- The need to review the pending issues concerning the rights and the financial issues related to these publications

The EC meeting in Melbourne gave us the opportunity to review the advances of these tasks and to draw new perspectives to explore, taking into account the very nice paper recently published in Global Psychiatry by the members of the former committee of publications. It is on the interesting work they have done on the crucial issue of scientific publications in the Low And Middle Income Countries, which are among the priorities of the triennium action plan.

MICHEL BOTBOL
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The new WPA triennium (2017-2020) was off to a great start with our Thematic Meeting “Innovation in Psychiatry: Effective Interventions for Health and Society”, in Melbourne, Australia, February 25th-28th. We held our first meeting of Section officers/delegates after the World Congress in Berlin last year. In attendance were leaders representing 13 Sections. The participants discussed the Secretary’s agenda for the current triennium and were in agreement that a major overhaul of the communication infrastructure was of paramount importance for the work of the Sections and the much desired intersectional activities. There was unanimous support for helping make the WPA Website a living document for the Sections’ work and communication. The participants emphasized the need to strengthen their ties with the Early Career Psychiatrists Section, in particular when it came to the selection of travel fellowships to WPA meetings. Finally, the Section delegates suggested making the Sections one of the cornerstones for “WPA housekeeping”, that is assisting the EC in evaluating educational programs, research activities, policy making, and achieving multilevel diversity at all components of WPA. The Secretary thanked the officers and delegates and assured them that their suggestions and wishes are in complete agreement with the agenda of the Executive Council. First tangible implementations are underway and await a thorough vetting process for which the Sections’ involvement will be pivotal. The next meeting of Section officers will take place at the WPA-co-sponsored “1st International Perinatal TOTAL Health Congress”, taking place in Sinaia/Romania from June 27th through 30th.

THOMAS G. SCHULZE

From the SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION

The beginning of the year 2018 was filled with exciting commencement of the WPA action plan (2017-2020) and my education work plan (2017-2020). WPA President, Prof Helen Herrman, President-Elect, Dr Afzal Javed, and I attended the International Congress of Asian Federation of Psychiatric Association (AFPA) co-organized with WPA in Manila from 24th January to 26th January 2018. Prof Helen Herrman delivered a keynote lecture on a global perspective in promoting mental health research in low and middle income countries. Dr Afzal Javed delivered a keynote address on the future work of AFPA in his capacity as the President of the AFPA. I also shared the results of WPA global survey on training provisions in national member societies in 2017 and moved forward to launch another research on fine-grained analysis of the training provisions in Asian national member societies in collaboration with AFPA. The month of February was concluded with the WPA Thematic Congress in Melbourne, Australia in collaboration with the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists. The congress was well attended by over 1000 delegates from more than 60 countries. All WPA executive committee members participated actively in different lectures, symposia and forums, with an aim to promulgate and execute the WPA Action Plan (2017–2020). Among the many educational activities in this thematic congress, in line with our WPA action plan and my education work plan, we have started to collaborate with the University of Melbourne to promote the WPA online diploma of International Psychiatry. This completely online and interactive graduate diploma was developed by the University of Melbourne in collaboration with WPA. The diploma allows primary care doctors and psychiatrists working in any part of the Globe to learn the most updated knowledge and acquire good clinical skills on mental health.

ROGER MK NG
Our first Congress of 2018 – Innovation in Psychiatry: Effective Interventions for Health and Society – brought together more than 1100 attendees from 66 countries at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre in Australia. Aiming to “face up to the challenges of innovation, novelty and reform to make psychiatry more relevant and effective for people with, and at risk of, mental illness” the Congress set itself the goal of providing a high-level scientific program that was different in both tone and ambition from other international forums of recent years.

“We didn’t want this Congress to be more of the same,” said WPA President, Prof. Helen Herrman. “We set out to create a program that was innovative not only in terms of what it covered, but also in how it was presented.”

Indeed the Opening Ceremony, whilst including words of welcome and wisdom from Australia’s Federal Health Minister Greg Hunt and former Australian Prime Minister and Mental Health Advocate Julia Gillard, steered away from the usual keynote address in favour of a moderated conversation led by Professor Patrick McGorry and featuring six mental health leaders from around the world.

This move away from a more typical program continued across the 61 symposia, 140 oral presentations and 300 short communications and e-posters. Plenaries included panel discussions, debates and increased audience involvement, while attendees also had the opportunity to attend “Breakfast with an Expert” and sponsored lunchtime symposia. These innovative sessions were particularly well received by audience members and provided for a lively Congress atmosphere both in and outside the meeting rooms.

“Melbourne has provided a strong start to our 2018 Congress program,” said Prof. Herrman. “And I look forward to enjoying an equally outstanding program at the end of September when we meet again for the WPA World Congress in Mexico City.”
**Belarusian PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION**

We are organizing the V National Congress of Psychiatry and Narcology. It will be held in the city of Grodno, Belarus, 17-18 May 2018. Different topics of contemporary psychiatry are going to be discussed in the context of the national strategic action plan: clinical psychiatry, biological psychiatry, molecular genetics issues, psychotherapy approaches to treatment, ethical issues and so on.

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**Canadian PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION**

Advancing psychiatry through education and clinical research has long been a hallmark of the Canadian Psychiatric Association (CPA), and this year is no exception. CPA released its highly anticipated clinical practice guidelines (CPGs) on schizophrenia in September 2017. Led by Dr. Donald Addington and funded by the Mathison Centre for Mental Health Research and Education, the CPG was published as a series of papers in the September issue of *The CJP*.

This year will see the release of several new position and policy papers. Media Guidelines for Reporting on Suicide and Quality Review in Psychiatry will be the first to be published in March 2018. The CPA is also proud to introduce PsychEd, a resident-driven psychiatry podcast developed by medical learners at the University of Toronto. PsychEd aims to enrich community and knowledge sharing via a high quality educational podcast. Through interviews with world-class experts, PsychEd explores core psychiatric educational content in an evidence-based, entertaining, clinically-relevant and socially responsible format. Visit psychepodcast.org for more information.

Psychiatry residents will also benefit from the CPA’s Junior Investigator Research Colloquium, which provides guidance, mentorship and encouragement to young investigators in a small-group setting. The Colloquium will be held during the CPA’s Annual Conference, which is taking place September 27 to 29, 2018 in Toronto, Canada.

The CPA will also offer its Alaska Conference in August 2018 and its International CPD Conference in South Africa in January 2019. These events are ideal for busy practitioners who want to combine vacation time with the opportunity to earn education credits.

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**PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION of Turkey (PAT)**

“Science, Ethics and Solidarity” is our motto. PAT also aims to improve psychiatric training, patient-rights, treatment standards and to develop mental health policies and implementations. Currently, while reaching to the end of the term, the members of executive committee are Prof. Timuçin Oral (president), Prof. Yıldız Akvardar (vice president), Assist. Prof. Yunus Hacımusalar (secretary general), Prof. Ömer Böke (treasurer), Prof. Nurper Erberk Özen (secretary for education), Dr. Şahut Duran (secretary for sections), Dr. Gamze Erzin (secretary for assistants). During 2016-2018 we have tried hard to realize mental health act since Turkey is one of the countries without a mental health act.

We have two nationwide meetings each year, one in autumn (The National Congress of Psychiatry) and the other in spring (The Clinical Training Symposium). Our Assistant Committee is very active in PAT and EFPT. Very recently a Young Psychiatrists Committee has been established. PAT is organizing training courses for supportive psychotherapy and cognitive behavioral psychotherapy which is welcomed by our members. Nowadays, as we are facing many difficulties in our country, we are very grateful for the support and solidarity of WPA, EPA and NPAs during recent arrests of Executive Committee of Turkish Medical Association, two of whom are psychiatrists. Hopefully peace will win.

PROF. YILDIZ AKVARDAR,
Vice President, PAT
The first inpatient psychotherapeutic institution, the department of psychotherapy of the V. M. Bekhterev National center has its 85 years jubilee and the psychotherapeutic congress to be held there is dedicated to this. V. M. Bekhterev was interested in the multidimensional research of the “brain diseases”. In 1933 the clinic for neurosis treatment was opened with attached departments of neurophysiology, medical psychology and electronic microscopy. In Russia it was first attempt to combine scientific work and inpatient care for neurotic patients. Then pathogenetic neurosis psychotherapy was developed, the best elaborated causal psychotherapy system in Russia with the consequent liaison between personality theory, neurosis pathogenesis and psychotherapeutic interventions. More than 40 years the head of the department was Prof. B. D. Karvassarsky, president of the Russian Psychotherapeutic Association, the sponsor of more than 100 research works. His impact in the development of the Leningrad-Saint-Petersburg school of psychotherapy and implementation of psychotherapy in the mental patients care services were immense. His disciples became chiefs of the mental health services in the different regions of Russia that allowed to build vertical system facilitating training and organization of further psychotherapeutic care. The annual psychotherapeutic congress will present the results of the long years of experience, besides the symposium on women health aimed to unite professionals involved in this new for Russia topic.

ALVYDAS NAVICKAS
President

Lithuanian PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

Lithuania for several years now, is giving special attention to mental health. This focus has grown significantly after the WPA Congress in Vilnius in May 2017. As a result, we are very grateful to the WPA leadership for a well-organized event and a significant influence on the decisions of the Lithuanian government. In the development of social psychiatry, there is a growing number of psychologists in the primary mental health sector, suicide prevention teams are being set up, activities of crisis prevention centers are further strengthened, additional psychosocial rehabilitation funding is started. The media is very influential in this case. Reporters are very active in raising public awareness and speeding up decision-making. Alcohol consumption, suicidal ideation, domestic violence, sexual harassment began to decline in Lithuania. For example, compared with 2015 and 2016, intentional self-harm for a hundred thousand inhabitants decreased from 30.8 to 28.7, assault decreased from 4.2 to 3.5, accidental poisoning by alcohol decreased from 8.7 to 6.7, accidental poisoning by narcotics decreased from 3.7 to 3.4, transport accidents decreased from 10.6 to 8.6.

The analysis of causes of death in 2017 is already being finalized in Lithuania, which preliminary suggests that the causes of external death have fallen even further. It inspires the mental health specialists in Lithuania to continue to carry out social psychiatric programs!

ALVYDAS NAVICKAS
President

AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

We look forward to seeing you at the American Psychiatric Association (APA) Annual Meeting, 5-9 May 2018, in New York City which will feature a diverse lineup of presenters from the international psychiatric community, including the World Psychiatric Association (WPA):

• “Transformative Partnerships for the Mental Health of Young People” and “Cooperation between American Psychiatrists and Colleagues in Developing and Emerging Countries,” featuring Prof. Helen Herrman, WPA President, will discuss local and global partnerships transforming systems in support of young people and challenges faced by mental health providers throughout the world.

• “Innovations in Global Psychiatric Education,” featuring Prof. Roger Ng, WPA Secretary of Education, will explore ways of addressing training gaps in countries with limited resources through online education and mentorship.

• “Social Discrimination and Mental Illness Around the Globe,” featuring Prof. Dinesh Bhugra, former WPA President, will discuss laws that discriminate against people with mental illness and how clinicians can help shape more tolerant policies in their respective countries.

• “The Future of Psychiatry,” featuring Prof. Norman Sartorius, former WPA President, will review the impact of globalization and other major social forces on the practice of psychiatry.

• “WPA Position Statement in Religion, Spirituality, and Psychiatry: Practical Implications” features Prof. Alexander Moreira-Ameida, WPA Chair of Section on Religion, Spirituality and Psychiatry. Additional programming focuses on global mental health and disparities in mental health treatment and care across cultures and countries. To learn more about the APA Annual Meeting and becoming an APA International Member, please go to www.psychiatry.org/annualmeeting.
A follow-up meeting on African Liaison for Mental Health was recently held on the 9th February 2018 at the University of the Witwatersrand (WITS) School of Public Health, 5th Global Mental Health Summit (GMHS) in Johannesburg (http://www.globalmentalhealth.org/events/5th-global-mental-health-summit-2018). The focus of this meeting was aimed on how to promote alliances towards integrated mental health care in Africa across stake holders in the field. As the meeting occurred in the context of the 5th GMHS, with its important emphasis on the participation and voice of persons with lived experience, users of mental health care services and families, this was an extremely important positioning for the meeting to take place.

The Mental Health Initiative (MHIN) http://www.mhinnovation.net/organisations/mental-health-innovation-network-africa-mhin-africa, has been recommended by the WPA-WHO AFRICA MENTAL HEALTH FORUM in November 2016. The meeting concluded that not any of the individual representatives attending the meeting may in their individual capacities be able to take the recommendations of the WPA-WHO AFRICA MENTAL HEALTH FORUM in November 2016 further, but with a continued mandate from the WPA and WHO all can play an active part. The meeting also believed that coordination within the WHO African Region, will best be done by our three WPA Zonal Representatives: Prof Nahla Nagy (Northern Africa); Prof Oswoaldho Udofia (Western and Central Africa), and Prof David Ndetei (Eastern and Southern Africa).

Our new new executives for the 2018-2020 are: Dr. Taiwo Lateef Sheikh (President), Dr. Ladipo A. Adepoju (Vice President), Dr. Joyce Ohiola Omoaregba (Secretary General), Dr. Appolos Chidi Ndukuba (Assistant Secretary General), Dr. Hannah, Iyabo Okunriboye (Treasurer), Dr. Kingsley Mayowa Okonoda (Auditor), Prof. Olatunji Aina (Editor, Nigerian Journal of Psychiatry) and Dr. Bassey Edet (Ex-Officio). American Psychiatric Association (APA) selected two early career psychiatrists presented by the APN- Dr. Justus Onu of the Federal Neuropsychiatric Hospital, Enugu and Dr. Olajide Abayomi of the Neuropsychiatric Hospital, Aro, Abeokuta, to attend the APA’s research colloquium.

With deep sense of sorrow and great loss, the APN announces the passing away of two distinguished members; Prof. Femi O. Fatoye, and Prof. Oluwole O. Famuyiwa. The deaths occurred on the 19th and 23rd of January, 2018 respectively. The duo were actively involved in the affairs of the APN and left indelible footprints in the annals of psychiatry in Nigeria. Prof. Famuyiwa was a one-time Chapter Chairman and College Vice President of the West African College of Physicians. Prof. Fatoye, was the Chair of the Faculty of Psychiatry, National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria.

Argentina: ASOCIACIÓN ARGENTINA DE PSIQUIATRAS

Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to inform you that our annual Congress will take place on September 5, 6 and 7, in the city of Buenos Aires at the NH City and Tower Hotel. We kindly ask you to relay this information in your publications. Heartly welcome to all!

INÉS V. ROSAN

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The RANZCP together with other specialist colleges, has contributed to the work of the Medical Board of Australia (MBA) in the design of its new Professional Performance Framework, which is a framework designed to ensure that all registered medical practitioners in Australia practise competently and ethically throughout their working lives.

The Australian community has high levels of trust in doctors and expects medical practitioners to provide safe care to patients. It is hoped that the MBA Framework will build a positive, respectful culture in medicine and psychiatry that benefits both patients and doctors.

The five key pillars of the Professional Performance Framework are:

• strengthened continuing professional development (CPD) requirements,
• active assurance of safe practice,
• strengthened assessment and management of medical practitioners with multiple substantiated complaints,
• guidance to support practitioners, and
• collaborations to foster a culture of medicine that is focused on patient safety, based on respect and encourages doctors to take care of their own health and well-being.

In parallel to this, the RANZCP has reviewed its own Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program requirements to make sure it is in line with that required by the MBA. The proposed MBA Framework will come into effect in 2020. The RANZCP is committed to ensuring that members are supported during this transition period and, in the longer term, the RANZCP will review and evaluate the effectiveness of the elements of the Professional Performance Framework.
Our 22nd National Psychiatric Conference was organised 17 to 19 November, 2017 at Hyderabad with the theme to “Promote Mental Health by Building Partnerships.” The primary goal of this conference was to bring together not only national and international mental health professionals to discuss various issues of mental illness, but also experts from all fields of life in an attempt to foster stakeholder partnerships among psychiatry and other fields of health, social sciences and general services. This conference was attended by over 1,000 national and international delegates with collaboration from 11 national and international organizations.

Two memorandum-signing ceremonies between Pakistan Psychiatric Society and Brain Trust- United Kingdom and British Pakistani Psychiatrists Association (BPPA), were organised on the occasion to foster international partnerships. Delegates from United Kingdom, United States of America, Canada, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Ireland, attended the conference. The rich scientific programme of 22nd National Psychiatric Conference included 32 pre-conference, conference and post-conference workshops, 30 plenary and scholarly lectures, as well as 40 free papers and research posters, young researchers’ contest, young research presenters’ contest, and best undergraduate research posters contest.

MOIN AHMED ANSARI
General Secretary

Section: PSYCHONEUROENDOCRINOLOGY

Our Section is actively present every year in various scientific forums, academic events, including lectures and conferences. We have recently participated in San Diego during the Annual Meeting of the APA, where a highly illustrative symposium on PNE of depression, was presented by Charles Nemeroff, Alan Schatzberg, Gustavo Tafet and Barbara Mason. Our 2nd International Conference on PNE of depression and anxiety disorders just took place in Buenos Aires, with the participation of Ned Kalin, Charles Nemeroff, Gustavo Tafet and Salvador Guinjoan, where Ned Kalin received his Honorary Degree by the Maimonides University. This Degree was previously granted to Alan Schatzberg (2013) and Charles Nemeroff (2015).

Our 3rd International Conference on PNE of depression and anxiety disorders will take place in Cuzco, Peru, with the participation of Alan Schatzberg and Gustavo Tafet. We recently participated in the World Congress held in Berlin, where a symposium on the regulation of the HPA system in depression and anxiety disorders was presented by Alan Schatzberg, Ned Kalin, Gustavo Tafet and Joseph Belanoff. In addition, a joint activity organized with the Section of Disasters was presented by Amresh Shrivastava and Diego Feder. We are currently developing our first educational program on PNE, coordinated by Gustavo Tafet and Andrea Lopez-Mato in the Maimonides University (for more details please contact psychiatry@maimonides.edu).

GUSTAVO TAFET
Human Sexuality Section and its members remain active in different parts of the world. We had a very useful Section meeting during WPA World Congress 2017 at Berlin. Another meeting was of the Human Sexuality Section of the Portuguese Society of Psychiatry and Mental Health. In Latin America, an event was held under the leadership of Ruben Hernandez along with - Clases – XIX Congreso LatinoAmericano de Sexología & Educación Sexual. The next joint meeting of our Section and EFS will be held in Portugal – Algarve in next May in a collaborative Symposium whose president is Kevan Wylie – President of EFS and Officer of our Section.

ANTONIO P PALHA
Chair

Section: CONFLICT MANAGEMENT & RESOLUTION

Our Section Meeting was held during the World Congress of Psychiatry, Berlin 2017. Prof Fernando Lolas (Chile) was elected as Chair, Prof Thomas Heise (Germany) as co-chair and Dr Arun Enara (India) as Secretary. As an innovation, we have decided on the draft layout for a website for the Section. The domain has been registered and as of now it is going to be https://cmcrwpa.wixsite.com/cmcr Matters like history of CMCR Section and activities of the Section will be available here. We should have the website up and about by the end of February.

ARUN ENARA
Secretary
**Section: POSITIVE PSYCHIATRY**

The Positive Psychiatry Section will be hosting a general election at the American Psychiatric Association (APA) annual meeting in New York City, May 5-9, 2018. The Section Meeting and General Election will be held in combination with the APA Caucus Meeting on Positive Psychiatry on Tuesday May 8, 2018 from 4:00 pm–5:00 pm in the Javits Center, Room 1A08, First Level 1, immediately following the Symposium on Positive Psychiatry International.

Available positions include Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, and Executive Committee Members. Please send nominations for the above-mentioned positions to Section Secretary, Dr. A'verria Martin at a8martin@ucsd.edu by April 15, 2018. Additional details will be sent via email to all Section members.

Please join us for additional Positive Psychiatry Sessions at the APA Meeting:
- Saturday May 5, 2018 – 1:00 pm–4:00 pm – Positive Psychiatry, Positive Psychology, and Positive Psychotherapy: Sociocultural, Clinical, and Global Perspectives (Session ID: 1859)
- Sunday May 6, 2018 – 1:00 pm–4:00 pm – Conceptualizing and Promoting Human Flourishing: What Are the Implications for Psychiatry? (Session ID: 1156)
- Monday May 7, 2018 – 9:00 am – 11:00 am – Building Resilience Through Applied Positive Psychiatry (Session ID: 1664)
- Tuesday May 8, 2018 – 1:00 pm–4:00 pm – Positive Psychiatry International Caucus on Positive Psychiatry (Session ID: 1366)

Additional information on the Positive Psychiatry Section can be found on the WPA website at the following link. To apply for membership to the Positive Psychiatry Section, please visit the WPA website at http://www.wpanet.org and click on “Join a Section” or contact Dr. A'verria Martin.

**Section: PREVENTIVE PSYCHIATRY**

WPA Section for Preventive Psychiatry organized a symposium during the Annual National Conference of Indian Psychiatric Society (ANCIPS-2018) held at Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi India. The theme of the symposium was “Tertiary Prevention and Psychiatric Rehabilitation”.

Dr U C Garg introduced the Section with work-plan for next three years and invited delegates to be members of the Section. Dr T V Asokan past President IPS and past Zonal Representative WPA spoke over the topic of Preventive Healthcare in Psychiatry, Dr Roy Abraham Kallivayalil WPA Secretary General delivered his presentation over the topic of Psychiatric Rehabilitation: models and examples from the developed world while Dr Adarsh Tripathi Ass. Prof. KGMU Lucknow gave presentation on the topic of Psychiatric Rehabilitation: models and examples from the developed nations.

The symposium was very well attended. President IPS Dr Ajit V Bhide, Immediate Past President IPS Dr MSVK Raju and newly elected General Secretary IPS Dr Vinay Kumar were among the attendees.

**U C GARG**
Secretary

Section Symposium at Ranchi, India. L to R: Adarsh Tripathi, U C Garg, Basudev Das, MSVK Raju, Roy Abraham Kallivayalil, T V Asokan
Section: IMMUNOLOGY AND PSYCHIATRY

Activities during 2017 and in the first quarter of 2018


Election of new Section officers: at the WPA World Congress, Berlin 2018, Angelos Halaris, MD was re-elected as Section Chair, Karl Bechter, MD was reelected as Section Co-chair and Michael Benros, MD was elected as Section Secretary.

New Members: We welcome the following new members: Benros Michael, MD, PhD – Denmark, Gonda, Xenia MA PharmD PhD – Hungary, Kim Yong Ku, MD PhD – South Korea, Najjar Souhel M.D, USA, Song, Cai, Ph.D – China, Su, Kuan-Pin Su, MD/Ph.D – Taiwan and Witte, L.D. de, MD PhD – USA

5th International Congress on Neurobiology, Psychopharmacology & Treatment Guidance held in Greece, May 25-28, 2017 with WPA co-sponsorship presentations by Dr. Angelos Halaris.

WPA World Congress of Psychiatry, Berlin, Germany, October 8-12, 2017
a. WPA Section Symposium: The Future of Psychoneuroimmunology: Promises and Challenges; Co-chaired by A. Halaris and K. Bechter/

14th Psychoimmunology Expert Meeting, Schloss Reisensburg, Germany, March 22-28, 2018:

a. WPA Section Symposium
Neuroinflammation in Affective Disorders. Co-chaired by A. Halaris and N. Mueller
b. WPA Section Workshop titled: Neuroprogression, depression and disrupted brain metabolism. Co-chaired by A. Halaris and C. Song

ZONAL news

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There continues to be lack of parity of resources and funding for psychiatric care compared to other medical care. Access to health care is entrenched in the Canada Health Act, however resources and funding are largely determined on a provincial level, creating a complex system to navigate when advocating for increased mental health resources. Psychiatric associations in Canada continue to advocate for parity.

National health policies pertaining to Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) and legalization of cannabis continue to evolve. National legislation on MAiD introduced in 2016 allows for MAiD if a person has a serious and incurable illness, are in an advanced state of irreversible decline, have intolerable suffering, and their natural death has become reasonably foreseeable. Mental illness is not specifically excluded, however applications for sole criterion mental illness would typically not fulfill the “reasonably foreseeable” natural death criterion. In addition to a mandated review on the implications of potential MAiD when mental illness is the sole underlying condition, for mature minors, and advance directives, there are also a number of legal challenges to the “reasonably foreseeable natural death” requirement of the legislation making their way through the courts. Regulated medicinal cannabis has been legal in Canada since 2001. The government continues to plan on having processes and legislation in place to allow for legalized cannabis in 2018. The Canadian Psychiatric Association and other organizations have worked to inform policy makers on potential mental health impacts, particularly on vulnerable youth populations.

K. SONU GAIND
Zonal Representative
**ZONE 2 USA**

The American Psychiatric Association (APA) Annual Meeting, 5-9 May 2018 in New York City, serves as a great opportunity for individuals and organizations from around the world to gather together and engage with one another. This year APA welcomes Prof. Wendy Burn, President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, for “The Gatsby Wellcome Neuroscience Project” which will highlight modifications to psychiatric training curriculum in the United Kingdom. Prof. Wolfgang Gaebel, former president of the European Psychiatric Association, is a featured presenter for “Innovative Quality Improvement Initiatives: International Perspective” and presenters from the Japanese Society of Psychiatry and Neurology will lecture on “Hikikomori: Recent Findings and Their Relevance to American Psychiatry.” The Annual Meeting is also set to celebrate the Fogarty International Center during “Global Mental Health Research and the Fogarty International Center’s 50th Anniversary,” which has, since 1968, supported global health research in the United States and abroad. Additionally, during “Emerging Ethical Considerations in a Globalized Psychiatry,” the 2018 APA Chester M. Pierce Human Rights Award will be presented to the Validity Foundation, an international non-governmental organization which uses the law to advance the human rights of people with mental health issues and intellectual disabilities worldwide. We welcome all to join us in New York City to connect and learn from one another! To learn more about the APA Annual Meeting and becoming an APA International Member, please go to www.psychiatry.org/annualmeeting.

EDMOND HSIN-TUNG PI
Zonal Representative

**ZONE 5 Southern South America**

A Regional WPA-APAL meeting, organised by Alfredo Cia and Cecilia Idiarte Borda, will be held on April 19th during the XXXIII APSA Annual Congress, with participation from the six countries of the region and other Latin America psychiatric national societies at Hotel, Mar del Plata, Argentina- April 18-21 2017. 5000 psychiatrists and other mental health professionals are expected to participate. The theme is: “Women Mental Health: Impact of the socio-cultural Changes along the Region”. Prof. Helen Herrman, WPA President will participate at APSA Congress and at WPA-APAL Regional Meeting, with two Main Lectures, about: “Women Mental Health in the World: Update and perspectives” and “WPA Action Plan 2017-2020:Strengthening the contribution of psychiatrists in response to emergencies and adversity. She will also join in a panel: “Psychosocial resources in the training of psychiatrists: Present, past and future” and will have an encounter with residents and young psychiatrists.

Some of the main topics to be discussed are:

- Psychiatric problems along the sexual life in women. Adolescence, pregnancy, puerperium, perimenopause. Update on clinics and therapies.
- Violence , Femicide and other forms of abuse.
- Changes in Substance and Behavioural Addictions in women during the last two decades.
- Primary and Secondary Prevention on Women Mental Health: Costs and benefits

ALFREDO CIA
Zonal Representative

**ZONE 7 Northern Europe**

The 32nd Nordic Congress of Psychiatry - "Psychiatry - shaping the future" will be held in Reykjavik, Iceland June 13th-16th 2018. The programme will focus on recent advances in clinical and basic mental health sciences and will include invited plenary lectures, parallel symposia, free presentations and poster sessions. The theme of the congress emphasizes the importance of psychiatry for future developments of psychiatric care in our health care systems. Among the plenary speakers are professor Allan Tasman, John Geddes, Elias Eriksson and Jan-Olav Johannesen. Excursions are also available through the congress website http://www.ncp2018.is

JYRKI KORKEILA
Zonal Representative

**ZONE 9 Central Europe**

Hereewith I would like to inform you about latest initiatives from Bosnia and Herzegovina, traditional annual Symposium of the Psychiatric Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina, 16th Psychiatric Days of Bosnia and Herzegovina that will take place in Hotel “Bosna” Banja Luka, in the period 21th – 23rd September 2018. I can confirm that last congress in Banja Luka was extraordinary, so we can repeat the same experience jointly.

STOJAN BAJRAKTAROV
Zonal Representative

**ZONE 10 Eastern Europe**

WPA co-sponsored First Congress of Young Psychiatrists of Eastern Europe: “Psychiatry, connecting hearts” took place in Minsk, Belarus, 16-17 March 2018. This was an outstanding event to implement the educational and scientific goals of the WPA policy by connecting the generations of professionals in psychiatry. It was the first step of regular scientific and educational gatherings among young psychiatrists of Eastern Europe. The Congress will be organized with the support of the Belarusian Psychiatric Association, Belarusian State Medical University and Republican Center of Mental Health. Young psychiatrists from Eastern Europe, will have the opportunity to take part in a number of high-level scientific congresses around Europe with the aim of integration of the up-to-date information in the different topics of psychiatry

PROF. OLEG SKUGAREVSKY
Zonal Representative

WPA-Servier Eastern European Educational Academy members: Upper row, from left to right: Salayev Rustam (Azerbaijan), Giorgi Sikharulidze(Georgia), Francois Camus (France), Belouga Olga (Belarus), prof. Morozov Petr Viktorovich (Russia), Pavlichenco Aleksey (Russia), Marachev Maxim (Russia). Lower row, from left to right: Frankova Iryna (Ukraine), Ismayilova Djamiyla (Azerbaijan), Fedchenko Viktoria (Ukraine), Polina Krasnova (Kazakhstan).
ZONE 11 Northern Africa

During the period 20-24 February two congresses were held in parallel. The 11th Kasr Al-Ainy Annual International Psychiatry Congress. The opening Plenary lecture given by Prof. Yehia El Rakhawy titled “Psychiatry: The Art of Creative Criticism of Human Text” was followed by debate between Prof. Tamer Gouali and Prof. Tarek Okasha around the topic “Personalized versus Manualized Psychiatry”.

The Egyptian Cognitive Behavioral Association held its annual Congress in Cairo with pre congress workshops covering the topics of CBT in ADHD, Substance abuse and personality disorder. International speakers Tullio Serinami from Italy discussed neuroscience of CBT in children and adolescents, Mehmet Sungur from Turkey discussed Multimodal Therapy and Arthur Freeman from USA discussed CBT for cluster B personality.

Coming soon the 14th international congress on psychiatry from 24th to 26th April 2018 from Ain Shams University Institute of psychiatry. The plenary lecture will be given by Prof. Ahmad Okasha under the topic “Arab treatment guidelines for the treatment of major depressive disorders”. Invited international speaker Thomas Schulze will discuss “Psychiatric genetics and its promise in clinical psychiatry”. One of the important forums will present “The innovative psychiatric services in Egypt” by Prof. Hisham Ramy and Menn Abdel Maksoud. We are expecting large number of psychiatrists from the Arab world and international to share experience and updated knowledge.

PROF. NAHLA NAGY
Zonal Representative

ZONE 15 Central & Western Africa

A non-governmental organisation, Horizon, arranged a training workshop on “Psychological challenges in teaching and child protection” in Peshawar, Pakistan. It was conducted with an aim to equip the participants with the skills to enable them to play a role in ensuring safe childhood and protecting kids from various forms of abuse. Most of the participants were male and female teachers from various schools, media persons, bankers, Pakistan Psychiatric Society Representatives, Representatives of Afghan refugee parents of the Army Public School terror victims students and minorities members were in attendance.

There were three sessions in the training. The first was on “Mahfooz Bachpan” (safe childhood), second on “Motivational Teaching” and third on “Sports as part of a healthy society”. The training was initiated with the session on ‘safe Childhood’ The participants were given orientation on the concept of safe childhood along with goal direction. The second session on motivational teaching was conducted by the principal of Rehman Medical College. Though his topic was “Motivational teaching”, he approached it through child protection and how the teachers could play a role in it. The final session was titled, “Sports as part of the Healthy Society”. A senior sports journalist dwelt at the importance of games and enumerated the functioning of the civil society organizations.

PROF. KHALID MUFTI
Zonal Representative

ZONE 17 Eastern Asia

The international congress of the Asian Federation of Psychiatric Associations/Philippine Psychiatric Association was held at Manila, Philippines, 23-26, 2018. There were 60 plus international delegates and PPA 400 plus members. The congress president was Azfar Javed (AFPA president), and congress director was René Samaniego (PPA president).

Among various programs such as young psychiatrists’ programme, the IC was highlighted with Tsuyoshi Akiyama’s chairing a plenary session “Asia’s Battle against Mental Health Stigma: Country Reports.” The session participants were Malcolm Hopewood (Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists), Lahargo Kembaren (Indonesian Psychiatric Association), Edgardo Tolentino (Philippine Psychiatric Association), Kim Savyon (Cambodian Society of Mental Health), Tsuyoshi Akiyama (Japanese Society of Psychiatry and Neurology), Porsche Poh (Singapore Psychiatric Association), Sherry Kit Wa Chan (Royal Kong Kong College of Psychiatrists), Hazli Zakaria (Malaysian Psychiatric Association), and Chia-Ming Chang (Taiwanese Society of Psychiatry). Every participant reported activities done by their national psychiatric societies to battle mental health stigma. WPA office bearers Helen Herrman (WPA-president), Azfar Javed (WPA president-elect), Roger Ng (WPA secretary for education), and Winston W. Shen participated in the Congress.

WINSTON W. SHEN
Zonal Representative
Our 62nd Annual Meeting will take place in New York City on May 3-5, 2018, titled “Pain and Distress: Psychodynamic Aspects and Collaborative Models of Care”. Opening night, WPA President Prof. Helen Herrman will describe how psychiatrists can catalyze change in global mental health and Altha Stewart will address the impact of childhood trauma on global mental health. The program includes over 90 speakers from 14 countries. There will be panels on bio psychosocially integrated care and developmental neuropsychoanalysis research and treatment of somatic symptom disorders.

International speakers from Europe, South America, and Asia, from the WPA and the World Association of Dynamic Psychiatry, will present on the place of psychodynamics in psychiatry in transcultural contexts. Other presentations will focus on countertransference, child/adolescent psychiatry, and collaborative care models for substance use disorders, mood disorders, chronic pain and somatic symptom disorders. Workshops on psychodynamics and psychopharmacology, legal challenges to ethical care, trauma focused hypnosis, and applied psychoanalysis will allow for small group discussions. Notable speakers include a presidential address by Jennifer Downey, and Mary Ann Cohen with a plenary address on creating health care environments for patients, physicians and their communities.

The research institute of German Academy for Psychoanalysis in Berlin, a member of World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry, celebrates its 50th anniversary and the 100th birthday of Günter Ammon, the founder of the German Academy for Psychoanalysis and of the World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry on 12th May 2018 in Berlin with a symposium entitled: “Peace, Identity and Group”.

Our next congress: 19th WADP congress / XXXII International Symposium of the German Academy for Psychoanalysis (DAP) e.V. 31.03.2020 to 04.04.2020, Berlin, Germany, “Peace and Aggression - A Societal Challenge for Psychiatry and Psychotherapy”

We wish to announce the Bowden-Massey Strategic Research Initiative in Bipolar Disorders. This first of its kind request for funding application (RFA) is made possible by a generous gift from the Dr. Charles Bowden and Mrs. Virginia Massey Bowden and the Bowden-Massey Foundation. Please visit the ISBD website at www.isbd.org to learn more about this funding opportunity!
The 7th International Congress of AFPA was held at Manila, January 22nd and 24th alongside with 44th Philippines Psychiatric Association Congress. About 280 international delegates from India, Pakistan, Australia, Indonesia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, China, Japan, China Taipei, United Arab Emirates, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Hongkong, Nepal, Bhutan, France and Germany have participated in the Congress. In a great tradition mixing the Philippines culture after a ceremonial welcome address of inauguration by the President of AFPA, Dr. Afzal Javed and by World Psychiatric Association President Prof. Helen Herrman, along with PPA President Rene Samaniego participated. There were 22 plenary sessions and 35 concurrent symposia. The highlight was, 14 young Psychiatrists from Japan, Indonesia, China Taipei, India, Hongkong, Philippines and Singapore presented their research and the three best posters were awarded Best Poster prizes. Dr Afzal Javed, Dr. G. Prasad Rao and Dr. Roger Ng conducted a three hour workshop for the young scholars of AFPA countries. It was a great success. Honorary board members from 28 countries participated.

The Asian Federation of Psychiatric Associations (AFPA)
AFPA Congress Manila Dr Mohan Isaac, Dr Afzal Javed, Dr G Prasad Rao, Brig MSVK Raju, Dr Winston Shen, Dr Roger Ng and others are seen.

Dr. G. Prasad Rao
Secretary, Education & Training

We are looking forward to our 26th Forum, which will take place in Bristol in July 2018. The Forum will involve working group sessions focussing on EFPT’s priority areas, which include the development of national trainees’ associations, the mental health of refugees and facilitating international exchange. The scientific day will explore exciting advances in neuroscience, in association with the Royal College of Psychiatrists’ Gatsby/Wellcome neuroscience project. There will also be an optional psychotherapy training day in collaboration with the Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust and a half day teaching delivered by the UEMS Section of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Visits to local clinics will allow delegates to see first-hand how psychiatric services operate in Bristol.

The General Assembly allows for the formal admission of new members and we are looking forward to welcoming more countries to the EFPT family again this year. We are particularly interested to hear from trainees in countries within the WHO Europe region which are not yet members of EFPT. More information is available at http://efpt.eu/bristol2018/.

Dr Howard Ryland
President
1st Russian Winter School of junior scientists and physicians on pharmacogenetics and personalized therapy: On February 13-16, 2018 in Moscow Russian Medical Academy of Continued Education and Society of Pharmacogenetics, Pharmacokinetics and Personalized Therapy received junior scientists from Moscow, Volgograd, Krasnoyarsk, Novosibirsk, Tomsk, Astrakhan, Ryazan, Saint-Petersburg, Kursk, Perm, Cheboksary, Nizhny Novgorod, Simferopol as well as guests from Belarus and Kazakhstan. During four days 74 participants, who passed competitive selection, communicated with lead specialists in the field of pharmacogenetics and personalized therapy, participated in interactive lectures, workshops and masterclasses.

Anastasia Boyko gave the presentation “Polymorphisms of the genes of neurotransmitter receptors and transporters in patients with schizophrenia with antipsychotic-induced tardive dyskinesia”. 16 junior scientists else gave oral presentations in Russian language among whom there were three junior co-workers of Mental Health Research Institute. Vladimir V. Tiguntsev gave the presentation “Contribution of polymorphic variant of the monoamine oxidase gene rs6323 to formation of neuroleptic hyperprolactinemia in schizophrenia”, Ivan Pozhidaev and Diana Osmanova gave the presentations “Polymorphic variants of the MDRI gene and genes of cytochromes P450 with drug-induced hyperprolactinemia in patients with schizophrenia” and “Prediction of risk for development of antipsychotic-induced hyperprolactinemia based on genetic indices”.

NIKOLAY BOKHAN AND SVETLANA VLADIMIROVA

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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

24-26 April 2018: 14th International Congress on Psychiatry, 2018, Ain Shams University “Innovation in Psychiatric Practice”, Cairo, Egypt. Organizer: Institute of Psychiatry, Ain Shams University. Contact: Prof. Nahla Nagy. E-mail: nahlanagy64@yahoo.com Website: www.asuip.edu.eg

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.wpacp2018.org/

JUNE 2018

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

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@fas20.com Website: www.fas20.com

SEPTEMBER 2018
21-23 September 2018: Fourth Meeting on Patient Reported Outcomes and Person Centered Care in Mental Health “Symptoms of Mental Disorders New Research, Treatments, Digital Health”, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAs), Washington, D.C., USA. Organizer: WPA Section on Mental Health Economics. Contact: Massimo Moscarelli. E-mail: moscarelli@icmpe.org

21-23 September 2018: XVI Psychiatric Days of Bosnia and Herzegovina with international participation “Comorbidity in Psychiatry and Psychiatric Comorbidity in Medicine”, Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Organizer: Psychiatric Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Collaboration: Faculty of Medicine, University of Banja Luka. Contacts: a) Professor Marija Burgić-Radmanović, MD, PhD, Primarius b) Dr. Goran Račetović, MD E-mails: a) mburgic@gmail.com b) graoctovic@yahoo.com c) upubih@upubih.com Website: www.upubih.com

26-28 September 2018: International Perinatal Mental Health conference of the Marce Society- Biennial Scientific Meeting 2018 “Global Experiences, Global Dialogue, Global Responses in perinatal mental health”, NIMHANS Convention Centre, National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences, Bangalore, India. Organizer: International Marce Society. Contact: Professor Prabha S. Chandra. E-mail: chandra@nimhans.ac.in Website www.marce2018.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 Psychoterapeutic 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 Pazyra. E-mail: pazyra@mental-health-russia.ru Website: www.mental-health-congress.ru

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2018
31 October-3 November 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

NOVEMBER 2018
8-9 November 2018: Healthier Longer Lives “Integrated Healthcare and Beyond, for people living with Serious Mental Illness”, Prohansky Auditorium, Gradate Center NYC. Organizer: Fountain House. Collaboration: WHO Collaborating Centre for Global Mental Health at Columbia University Medical Center, Grand Challenges Canada and citiesRISE. Contact: Pauline Nicholls - 917-518-2603. E-mail: organizer@healthierlongerlives.org Website: www.healthierlongerlives.org

21-23 November 2018: WPA Regional Congress, "Integrating Mental Health in Primary Care: Evidence, Experience and Innovation" Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

27-29 November 2018: 13th World Conference on Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Health Law “Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Medical Law”, Jerusalem, Israel. Organizer: UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa). Collaboration: World Medical Association (WMA); World Federation for Medical Education; International Federation of Medical Students Associations. Contact: Prof. Amnon Carmi. E-mail: amnoncarmi@gmail.com Website: www.bioethics-conferences.com

MARCH 2019
29-31 March 2019: Fourteenth Workshop on Costs and Assessment in Psychiatry “The Value of Mental Health Services”, Venice, Scuola Grande di San Giovanni Evangelista. Organizer: WPA Section on Mental Health Economics. Contact: Massimo Moscarelli. E-mail: moscarelli@icmpe.org

MAY 2019
16-18 May 2019: “Centenary of community-based psychiatry: landmarks and perspectives”, Moscow, Russia. Organizer: Russian Society of Psychiatrists (RSP). Contact: Dr. Olga Karpenko, M.D. E-mail: drkarpenko@yandex.ru Website: www.pzmak.com

21-24 August 2019: 19th WPA World Congress of Psychiatry “Psychiatry and Mental Health: Global Inspirations, Locally Relevant Action” Lisbon, Portugal. Organizer WPA in partnership with the Sociedade Portuguesa de Psiquiatria e Saúde Mental. Website: www.wcp-congress.com/2019
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