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## 1st Quarter 2000

### GREETINGS

From the old structure of Regional Representatives to the current one of Zone Representatives, a rich institutional experience has emerged involving adaptation to changes generated by the growth of the World Psychiatric Association and the diversification of its activities. The WPA Zonal structure reflects a move towards decentralization, a disposition of the central governance to work more closely with Member Societies, and the increasing central role of these Societies in the WPA. Furthermore, as recently established in the new Statutes and By-Laws, Zone Representatives, through the Board, have the responsibility to review and approve WPA annual budgets and action plans.

A remarkable illustration of Zonal work is being provided by the WPA Northern European Zone. Under the coordination of its Representative, Dr. Kari Pylkkänen (Helsinki), our five Scandinavian Member Societies (from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden), carriers of a distinguished tradition of tightly knitted regional work, have been joined in recent years by our three Baltic Member Societies (from Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania) into an even more vibrant group (see photo below). The venerable Nordic Journal of Psychiatry has now become the Zone's Journal, adding a Baltic member to its editorial board, and circulating among all Member Societies in the Zone. In October 1999, the first Zonal Psychiatric Conference took place in Tallinn, Estonia, where participants from all countries in the Zone discussed the jointly selected theme Improving the Quality of Psychiatric Practice. The sharing of stimulating Zonal experiences shall continue in future issues, as they represent one of the main sources of institutional strength of our growing WPA.



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**ON THE WORK TRAIN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE SECRETARIAT**

The first semester of the new governance period of WPA has witnessed the advances of an energetic work train conducted by the Executive Committee (EC), supported by the Secretariat, and involving all WPA components. Organizational decisions as well as key activities in the various sectors of WPA life are taking place with greater efficiency, facilitated by the continuity of the Secretariat from the past triennium to the present one.

A few tasks (completed up to eight months earlier than before) illustrate this pace of work:

The appointment of Standing and Operational Committee members, incorporating a period of nominations from Member Societies and resulting in a greater female/male balance than ever before, was completed in October 1999.

The approval of the new yearly budget of WPA, after a first-ever consultation with Zonal Representatives, was completed by the EC in January 2000. The full minutes of the 1999 General Assembly were completed in consultation with Member Societies in January 2000.

A Summary of the Conclusions of the 1999 General Assembly was, for the first time, read and approved at the end of the session.

The 1999-2002 Informational Folder draft was presented and approved by the EC in March 2000 and is now being printed.

A comprehensive revision of the WPA Manual of Procedures, incorporating changes derived from the August 1999 amendments to the Statutes and By-Laws as well as improvements reflecting recent operational experience, was presented to and approved by the EC in January 2000.

In addition to efficiency gains, a range of important activities profile the EC's work over the past six months, as illustrated below:

The WPA President, Prof. J. J. Lopez-Ibor, met with WHO officers in Geneva in November 1999, to discuss the expansion of WPA-WHO collaboration, and has attended a number of meetings across continents to present WPA global perspectives.

WPA Institutional Programs on the Post Graduate Core Curriculum, Against Stigma and Discrimination because of Schizophrenia, on Service for Member Societies in Sub-Saharan Africa and Central Asia, and to promote the Professional Development of Young Psychiatrists, are being actively organized. Also, WPA Programs on Disasters and Mental Health and on Globalization and Mental Health are being initiated as requested by the 1999 General Assembly.

Consensus Statements on Neurasthenia, on Second-Generation Antipsychotic Medication, on Psychiatric Rehabilitation, and on Preventive Psychiatry are in the works, along with additional Specific Ethical Guidelines to supplement the Madrid Declaration. Educational advances are being made on new Educational Programs, Liaison Networks, Continuing Medical Education, and the upgrading of the WPA Website.

Our Publications program boasts highly successful series on Evidence and Experience in Psychiatry (with volumes hitting record sales in Hamburg) and on Images of Psychiatry, scholarly Forums in Current Opinion, and volumes originating from World Congress and Regional meetings and others produced by various WPA components. On a related note, Oxford University Press ([www.hrp.oupjournals.org](http://www.hrp.oupjournals.org)) is offering to WPA members a 20% discount rate in subscriptions to the Harvard Review of Psychiatry.

An extensive array of WPA World Congresses and Regional Meetings is being organized, along with Section Meetings and the granting of WPA co-sponsorship to meetings of various institutions (see p. 6)

Section activities include cross-sectional efforts on violence and psychosocial interventions, special projects on urban mental health and preventive psychiatry, and the promotion of Sections collaboration with Member Societies and Affiliated Associations.

Forum in San Diego this January, along with which a WPA EC Meeting and a WPA-APA leadership meeting were held. More recently, on March 8, the Director of the WHO Department of Mental Health visited the WPA Secretariat (see photo below) while attending United Nations meetings in New York.



Dr. B. Saraceno (Director WHO Dept. Mental Health) (center),  
with Prof. JE Mezzich (WPA Secretary General ) (right)  
and Prof. G. Caracci (Chair, WPA Section on Urban Health ) (left)

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### **WPA MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND DELINEATION**

At its meeting on January 28-30, 2000, the WPA Executive Committee (EC), upon completing a statutory consultation with Member Societies, Council and Zonal Representatives, admitted on an ad-hoc basis (pending confirmation by the next General Assembly) the Ghana Psychiatric Association and the Syrian Psychiatric Association as the 113th and 114th Member Societies of WPA. We warmly welcome them to our family! At the same EC Meeting, the application of the Costa Rican Psychiatric Association was found in order and the statutory consultation has started.

Also at its San Diego Meeting, the EC reviewed the results of a consultation with Member Societies on the appropriateness of admitting four psychiatric societies that were either not national in scope or not covering the general psychiatry field. In line with the consistent opinion of the respondents to the consultation, the EC declined their applications. Suggestions will be forwarded to the Planning Committee for clarification of the Statutes and By-Laws in this regard, and its eventual presentation to the 2002 General Assembly.

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### **ON WPA FINANCIAL PLANNING**

As presented to the 1999 General Assembly and more recently to the Executive Committee and the Zonal Representatives, a priority of the

WPA Secretary of Finances, Dr. Marianne Kastrup, is to enhance the transparency of WPA operations and to fulfill her fiduciary responsibilities in the use of WPA resources. In fact, our organization has made significant advances in these regards, with the encouragement of several WPA components. As it is known, for the first time ever, a triennial strategic and financial plan for the period 1999-2002 was approved by the latest General Assembly, and its implementation (including its financial aspects) will be evaluated by the next General Assembly in 2002.



Dr. M. Kastrup (WPA Secretary for Finances)(right)  
with E.B. Sukhanova (Administrator), at the Secretariat

A set of key financial perspectives and tasks follow:

Internal control procedures and guidelines for the daily financial running of WPA have been set in place, consistent with legal requirements in New York, where the Secretariat is established.

Building on experience gained over the past triennium, the Finances chapter of the Manual of Procedures has been updated.

The performance of the differential membership dues approved by the 1999 General Assembly will be monitored and, if necessary, adjustments in this structure will be proposed to the next General Assembly.

The plans to build the WPA Individual Membership will be carried out by the Secretariat and monitored by an ad-hoc advisory panel.

A strategic plan for the recruitment of Corporate Supporters will be finalized and implemented. Procedures for the management of educational grants will be evaluated and adjusted as needed.

Procedures to optimize the financial relations between WPA and its Educational Foundation will be developed.

The evolving financial report from the XI WCP will be reviewed and assistance will be given to financial planning for the XII WCP.

The investment of WPA assets will be carried out to optimize returns.

Assistance will be given to fund-raising activities and the exploration of additional sources of income.

WPA 2000 CORE BUDGET			
<b>Income</b>			
• Membership Dues	140,000	- Sec. for Finance visits to NY Secretariat	3,000
• Congresses (XI WCP and others)	160,000	- EC member assignments for secretarial & communicational support	56,000
• Functional Services to and Surplus from Educational & Other Programs	50,700	• Other WPA Components	
• Income from Publications	50,000	- Standing & Operational Committees	64,000
• WPA Foundation/EC Agreement on X WCP	41,500	- Zone Representatives (logistic support)	25,500
• Contributions from Corporate Supporters	30,000	- Board Meeting	6,000
• Bank Interest/Miscellaneous	5,500	- Special Section Projects	13,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>477,700</b>	• Other Expenses	
<b>Expenses</b>			
• WPA Secretariat		- Education Coordination Center	10,000
- Salaries, taxes & insurance	113,000	- Communicational & Informational Services (WPA News, Website, Informational Folder, General Survey, etc.)	23,000
- Office expenses	67,000	- Public Relations	2,000
- Legal & financial expenses	22,500	• Optional activities & unforeseen expenses	39,700
• Executive Committee (EC)		<b>Total</b>	<b>477,700</b>
- EC Meetings & Teleconferences	38,000		

## FROM APPRAISING THE XI WCP TO PLANNING THE XII WCP

Recently, a preliminary report of the XI World Congress of Psychiatry that took place in Hamburg, Germany, on August 6-11, 1999 was issued by its organizers. It shows that over 8,000 registrants from 117 different countries participated in 583 scientific sessions. Particularly appreciated were the debates and symposia. Among the highlights of the Congress were a thoughtful review of historical and ethical issues, and a Fellowship program, which selected 121 young psychiatrists from 73 different countries and offered them a focused scientific and social track. Now we are planning the XII World Congress of Psychiatry, which will take place in Yokohama (see adjacent photo), across the Tokyo Bay, on August 24-29, 2002. Under the overall theme Partnership for Mental Health, this will be the first World Congress of Psychiatry to meet in Asia, where half of mankind lives. The event will coincide with the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the host organizer, the Japanese Society of Psychiatry and Neurology.



Yokohama, Japan,  
site of the XII WCP

## LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE OF THE XII WCP IN YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, 24-29, 2002

**Congress President:** J.J. Lopez-Ibor, Jr. (*WPA President*)

## **ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

**Chair:** T. Okuma (Japan)

**Co-chair and Congress**

**Executive Director:** J. Suzuki (Japan)

**Co-chair:** D. Moussaoui (Morocco)

**Members:** A. Okasha (Egypt)

J.E. Mezzich (USA)

M. Kastrup (Denmark)

T. Hirose (Japan)

S. Ushijima (Japan)

(Plus chairs of the Japanese Committee clusters)

## **PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Chair:** A. Okasha (Egypt)

**Co-chair:** S. Ushijima (Japan)

## **FELLOWSHIP AND YOUNG PARTICIPANTS COMMITTEE**

**Chair:** J.E. Mezzich (USA)

**Co-chair:** K. Kosaka (Japan)

**Co-chair:** F. Hohagen (Germany)

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Chair:** M. Kastrup (Denmark)

**Co-chair:** Y. Kudo (Japan)

## **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

## **SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

**Chair:** N. Sartorius (Switzerland)

**Co-chair:** A. Okasha (Egypt),

**Co-chair:** Y. Nakane (Japan)

**Members:** J.E. Mezzich (USA), G. Christodoulou (Greece), M. Maj (Italy), R. Montenegro (Argentina), M.R. Jorge (Brazil), V. Krasnov (Russia), M. Olatawura (Nigeria), P. Deva (Malaysia), J. Cox (UK), H. Visotsky (USA), J. Garrabé (France), M. Sato (Japan), T. Yamauchi (Japan), W. Gaebel (Germany), D. Regier (USA), C. Haasen (Germany), Y. Ono (Japan)

### **Subcommittees of the Scientific Committee**

#### **Sub-Committee on Coordination with WPA Sections**

**Chair:** G. Christodoulou (Greece)

#### **Sub-Committee for the Review of Submissions**

**Chair:** C. Haasen (Germany)

**Co-chair:** Y. Ono (Japan)

#### **Sub-Committee on Continuing Medical Education**

**Chair:** R. Montenegro (Argentina)

**Co-chair:** Y. Nakane (Japan)

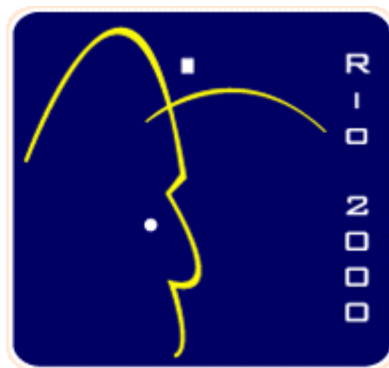
Advisory Council to the Scientific Committee  
Composed of WPA Section Chairs, Zone  
Representatives, and Council Members.

**Chair:** M. Maj (Italy)

**Co-chair:** H. Kazamatsuri (Japan)

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### UPCOMING WPA JUBILEE AND REGIONAL MEETINGS



"It was always pleasant crossing bridges in Paris", said Hemingway. This year, along with crossing the bridge into the XXI century, the World Psychiatric Association is crossing its own bridge into the future - the fifty-year mark from its First World Congress of Psychiatry at La Sorbonne in Paris in 1950.

To celebrate this event, we are gathering in Paris from June 26 to 30 for the International Jubilee Congress of WPA. The theme of the Congress is "From Clinical Practice to Research: Rethinking Psychiatry" ("De la clinique à la recherche: penser la psychiatrie"), subdivided into four main sub-themes: 1) European and world psychiatry; 2) Clinical practice and research; 3) Interdisciplinary issues in research; and 4) Current issues in psychiatry. French and English are the official languages of the Congress, but simultaneous interpretation into Spanish, German, and other languages will be available during the plenary sessions as well as during selected symposia and scientific sessions.

Rio de Janeiro, October  
25-27, 2000

A rich cultural program has been designed for congress participants and accompanying persons. The Congress venue, Palais des Congrès, is located within easy reach from Les Champs-Élysées.

Program details and electronic registration procedures are available at the Congress Website, <http://psydoc-fr.broca.inserm.fr>. (See additional contact information on p. 6). We encourage all our colleagues to take part in this historic WPA event, which promises to be scientifically and socially invigorating.

Another of the world's most beautiful cities, Rio de Janeiro, will be the site of a WPA Regional Meeting on October 25-27, 2000. Its extensive scientific program, having as overall theme "Psychiatry: Clinical Experience and Scientific Evidence", will seek to articulate art and technique, feeling and thought. Official languages will be English and Portuguese. An attractive cultural program will reflect the integration of native, European, African and Asian traditions into a dynamic and evolving mix. Further information is available at its Website: [www.cmeventos.com.br](http://www.cmeventos.com.br)

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### UNESCO: BUILDING A CULTURE OF PEACE

The United Nations have proclaimed year 2000 as the International Year for the Culture of Peace and also the period 2001-2010 as the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World. UNESCO's primary mission is to contribute to

peace and security in the world by promoting collaboration among nations through education, science, culture and communication.

As indicated in its September 1999 Sources, the Organization's objectives for 2000-2001 focus on promoting greater access to relevant education, networks to share knowledge, research to understand today's societies, media freedom and pluralism, and the protection of our cultural heritage and diversity. As argued by UNESCO Director General in the same issue of Sources, there can be no lasting peace, no security for nations or their peoples until the gaps between the haves and the have-nots have been bridged and the mental barriers overcome. Over the next biennium, UNESCO will encourage decision makers and social actors everywhere to seize the moment, to set an ethical basis for future action and to empower citizens to speak up and act.

Some relevant data and perspectives extracted from the 1999 UN Human Development Report follow:

People in industrialized countries live an average 77.7 years and enjoy a literacy rate of 98.7%. In the least developed countries, people live an average of 51.7 years and only 50.7% are literate.

The opportunities and benefits of globalization need to be shared much more widely

National and global governance should be reinvented, with human development and equity at their core.

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### **UPCOMING WPA CONGRESSES AND MEETINGS**

Secretary for Meetings, Professor Driss Moussaoui,  
coordinates these events and welcomes initiatives for new ones.

Fax: (212-2) 294-707, E-mail: [psych@casanet.net.ma](mailto:psych@casanet.net.ma)

June 30, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland, Parity in Psychiatric Care for Mentally Handicapped Persons.

Contact: Prof. Jose Guimon. Fax: (41-22) 3055-79966. E-mail: [mary.ritchie@hcuge.ch](mailto:mary.ritchie@hcuge.ch)

July 15-19, 2000, WPA Thematic Conference, Second International Congress on Hormones, Brain, and Neuropsychopharmacology, Rhodes, Greece.

Contact: Prof. U. Halbreich, Fax: (1-716) 892-0431. E-mail: [urielh@acsu.buffalo.edu](mailto:urielh@acsu.buffalo.edu)

September 13-16, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored IV World Congress on Depressive Disorders, Mendoza, Argentina.

Contact: Prof. Jorge Nazar. Fax: (54-261) 429-5662. E-mail: [jnazar@fmed2.uncu.edu.ar](mailto:jnazar@fmed2.uncu.edu.ar)

September 20-23, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored XXI Latin-American Congress of Psychiatry, Lima, Peru.

Contact: Profs R. Navarro & E. Gastelumendi, Fax: (51-1) 446- 6768, E-mail: [app@colmedi.org.pe](mailto:app@colmedi.org.pe)

September 26-29, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored Meeting of the Society of Psychiatrists in South Africa, Durban, South Africa.

Contact: Dr. C. Maud, Fax: (27-31) 265-0540, E-mail: [mauddoc@iafrica.com](mailto:mauddoc@iafrica.com)

October 10-12, 2000, Meeting of the WPA Section on Mental Health Economics, Cairo, Egypt, Mental Health Policy and Economics in Arab Countries and Sub-Saharan Africa.

Contact: Dr. M. Moscarelli. Fax: (39-02) 5810-6901. E-mail: [moscarelli@icmpe.org](mailto:moscarelli@icmpe.org) Website: <http://www.icmpe.org>

October 20, 2000, Meeting of the WPA Section on Psychiatry and Religion, New York, USA.



Contact: Prof. J. English, Fax: (1-914) 493-1015. E-mail: jtevalley@aol.com  
October 25-27, 2000, WPA Regional Meeting, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Psychiatry: Clinical Experience and Scientific Evidence.

Contact: Prof. M. Jorge, Fax: (55-11) 252-5994, E-mail: miguel.jorge@psiquiatria.epm.br  
November 8-12, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored Meeting, Cairo, Egypt, The Globalization of Psychiatry: Perspective for the New Millennium.

Contact: Prof. F. Antun, Fax: (961-9) 211-734 or 899-218, E-mail: antun@cyberia.net.lb  
November 17-19, 2000, Meeting of the WPA Section on Mass Media and Mental Health, New York, USA.

Contact: Prof. M. Materazzi. E-mail: cultura@geba.com.ar  
November 30-December 2, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored Meeting, Lyon, France, Schizophrenia: From Prediction to Prevention.

Contact: Prof. J. Dalery, Fax: (33-4) 3791-5102. E-mail: jean.dalery@ch-le-vinatier.fr  
March 13-17, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored 13th World Congress of the World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry, Munich, Germany.

Contact: Maria Ammon, Fax: (49-30) 313-6959.  
May 31-June 2, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored VIII Pan Arab Congress of Psychiatry, Tunis, Tunisia, Women and Mental Health.

Contact: Prof. S. Douki, Fax: (216-1) 601-555. E-mail: saida.douki@gnet.tn  
June 20-23, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored Meeting, Leipzig, Germany, Reducing the Stigma of Mental Illness.

Contact: Prof. M. C. Angermeyer, Fax: (49-341) 972-4539. E-mail: schb@medizin.uni-leipzig.de  
June 27-30, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored IVth Congress of the European Family Therapy Association, Budapest, Hungary.

Contact: Prof. J. Füredi, Fax: (36-1) 393-0281, E-mail: furediprof@mail.matav.hu  
July 7-13, 2001, WPA Regional Meeting, London, UK, A Mind Odyssey.

Contact: Royal College of Psychiatrists. E-mail: rllewellyn@rcpsych.ac.uk  
July 22-27, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored Congress of the World Federation for Mental Health, Vancouver, Canada, Respecting Diversity and Participation in Mental Health in a Changing World.

Contact: Prof. J. Arboleda-Florez, Fax: (1-613) 547-1501. E-mail: ja9@post.queensu.ca  
September 9-12, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored 3rd International Conference on the Synthesis between Psychopharmacotherapy and Psychotherapy, Tel Aviv, Israel.

Contact: Prof. S. Tyano, Fax: (972-3) 925-8361, E-mail: styano@post.tau.ac.il  
September 30-October 3, 2001, WPA European Congress, Madrid, Spain, New Commitments for Psychiatrists.

Contact: Prof. J.J. Lopez-Ibor, Fax: (34-91) 316-2749. E-mail: tilesa@wpa.es  
October 27-31, 2001, WPA Co-Sponsored 17th World Congress of Social Psychiatry, Science, Psychiatry and Society, Agra, India.

Contact: Prof. S. Sharma, Fax: (91-11) 243-2170, E-mail: ihbas@giasdl01.vsnl.net.in  
November 16-20, 2001, WPA Regional Meeting, Cancun, Mexico.

Contact: Asoc. Psiquiátrica Mexicana, Fax: (52-5) 652-5516. E-mail: apm@psiquiatras.com  
March 21-23, 2002, WPA Thematic Conference, Budapest, Hungary, Psychological and Psychiatric Consequences of Violence.

Contact: Prof. I. Bitter, Fax: (36-1) 210-0336 or 303-2352, E-mail: bitter@psych.sote.hu  
August 24-29, 2002, XII World Congress of Psychiatry, Yokohama, Japan, Partnership for Mental Health.

Contact: Prof. J. Suzuki, Fax: (81-3) 3814-2991, E-mail: wpa\_sec@c-linkage.co.jp  
September 2005, XIII World Congress of Psychiatry, Cairo, Egypt. Contact: Prof. A. Okasha, Fax: (20-2) 348-1786, E-mail: aokasha@internetegypt.com