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Greetings

This Greeting comes at a time when we have been forcibly reminded of the interdependence of peoples and the importance of world organisations such as WPA and WHO. It is a poignant paradox that we celebrated World Health Day which promoted "Healthy Environments for Children" when military conflict has shown that these human disasters cause untold suffering for children and their parents. We must wish our President every success with the Presidential WPA Program on Global Child Mental Health, and hope that the WPA statement about the effects of wars on children is understood by politicians.

This issue of WPA News mentions a number of collaborative projects between WPA and WHO. Working together within the field of mental health, these organisations (which represent the expertise of clinicians and the clout of governments) can be powerfully effective. Both have the promotion of mental health in their mission statement.

The WHO World Health Report: "Mental Health: New Understanding, New Hope" rightly emphasised the scientific advances in psychiatry and the new ways of working which can give Users and Carers 'new hope'. There is also a new hunger for psychiatric knowledge from other health professionals. Mental Health is beginning to be seen as a core component of Public Health.

Yet there is a very long way to go!

Twenty-five percent of countries have no mental health law, while forty percent of countries have NO mental health strategy and in over a third of countries there are no community facilities. Some countries have less than one psychiatrist for every one million people.

The Secretariat recently sent a request to Member Societies for current information to update this WHO Atlas as a joint WHO/WPA initiative. This is a vitally important task and we thank you for your effort. If WPA could help to achieve a noticeable improvement in these statistics over a three-year period, then there would be enormous advantage for our patients. Rachel Jenkins' article in the February World Psychiatry, "Supporting Governments to Adopt Mental Health Policies" was particularly helpful and very practical. How many Member Societies know the names of the WHO mental health representative in their health ministries? How many Member Societies regard it as a core task to lobby their ministers and to work with civil servants to improve mental health law?

Is it possible that the recommendations from the joint WHO and WPA task forces on mental disorders (see table, page 2) about to be convened could, in alliance with patient groups, begin to change things? The new Psychiatric Clinical Officer Programme and the development of a mental health strategy in Uganda are examples of a way forward; whilst in Britain there is opposition to new mental health legislation because it appears to be more like a public order act.

Please let us and your Zonal Representative know about any new developments in mental health services in your country. We can also exchange opinions at the Forum meetings in San Francisco, Vienna and Caracas. May I suggest that a good starting point is to make links

between the WHO Regional offices and the leadership of the psychiatric societies? There is a long way to go in Europe in this regard.

John Cox
Secretary General WPA



The WPA welcomes our 123rd Member Society, the Association of Psychiatrists and Narcologists of Uzbekistan. The WPA currently represents 106 countries across the world.

WPA STATEMENT ON THE MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS IN CASE OF WAR IN IRAQ

The EC of the World Psychiatric Association expresses its deep concern regarding the possibility of a war against the people of Iraq. The humanitarian as well as health consequences of such a war must not be underestimated regarding their devastating effect on the people of the region, international relations and the possibility of a peaceful future for our planet. As psychiatrists we are entrusted with the mental well-being of all people of the world with no discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color or gender. The gravity of war in the region, which would have enormous tragic consequences for life, health and security of all involved, locally and across the world, should be considered.

A UN report issued on the 10th of December 2002 regarding the likely humanitarian scenarios following a war against Iraq indicates that there will be massive destruction of infrastructure: "Damage to the electricity network will result in collateral reductions in capacity in all sectors, particularly water and sanitation as well as health".

"Direct and indirect health casualties are estimated in hundreds of thousands; vulnerable population is estimated at 5.21 million including most pregnant and lactating women, and children. Vulnerable groups in need of rehabilitative programs can be foreseen to include thousands of persons confined to institutions, comprising orphaned children, the severely handicapped and children in detention, elderly, unaccompanied minors and 2 million internally displaced refugees, most of whom again will be women, children, the elderly and the

disabled. War traumas and displacements will be but a few of the life events that are awaiting the country's population of 26.5 million citizens". The provision of mental health care through national institutions will probably have to retreat in front of other services estimated as being more vital.

The EC of the World Psychiatric Association urgently calls on all its member societies to exercise their best efforts and contacts to prevent war and resolve the conflict in a peaceful manner, under the leadership of the United Nations and its competent structures.

Meeting the health needs of the most vulnerable groups across the world is already a major challenging task. Our mission is already difficult. We must do everything possible to prevent such regional and world wide major psychological and personal trauma.

THE WPA PRESIDENTIAL PROGRAMME ON GLOBAL CHILD MENTAL HEALTH IN COLLABORATION WITH WHO AND IACAPAP

It is a pleasure to announce that my proposal for a WPA presidential programme on Global Child Mental Health, in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (IACAPAP), has been accepted and funded by the Eli Lilly foundation. It is an unprecedented programme which will enhance the mental health of almost half the population of the world. It is surprising that up till now, there has been no global programme to increase awareness of child mental health, nor to establish primary steps in awareness prevention, early intervention and treatment to those who will lead the world in the present millennium.

Childhood mental disorders are under-recognized, under-diagnosed and under-treated worldwide. This programme will fill a gap following the UN resolutions that every child has right to develop with a healthy brain and should be provided with the best treatment available especially with the current advances in the management of child mental health disorders.

The objectives of the Global Child Mental Health Programme of the WPA are as follows: to increase awareness about the magnitude and severity of child mental health problems, including its early recognition and detection; to introduce measures of primary prevention; to offer support to the development of mental health services and to facilitate the use of effective methods of treatment; lastly to develop or adopt methods that can help the formulation of policies and programmes of child mental health.

The programme will, in the course of the three years of its duration, produce outputs in the form of: publication of critical reviews of the literature on child mental health; a functional network of individuals and institutions committed to the achievement of the programme objectives; manuals and guidelines concerned with awareness, prevention, early recognition and detection and treatment of mental disorders in childhood for health professionals and others concerned with child care and upbringing; internationally accepted guidelines for activities promoting child mental health and development of a healthier brain for our children; a data base containing information about the current epidemiological situation and about policies and programmes relevant to the promotion of child mental health in different parts of the world. The first meeting of the steering committee will be held in Geneva on the 23rd of April 2003.

The results of this programme will be presented during the XIII WCP in Cairo, Egypt, in 2005.

COMPOSITION OF WPA-WHO COLLABORATIVE TASK FORCES

Education and Research:

Profs. Ahmed Okasha, Pedro Ruiz, Roger Montenegro, and George Christodoulou

Publication (and the WHO Column in World Psychiatry):

Profs. Mario Maj and Pedro Ruiz

WHO New Strategies for Mental Health:

Profs. Ahmed Okasha, Juan Mezzich, John Cox, and George Christodoulou

Development of the Mental Health Component of ICD 11 and Related National Systems:

Profs. Juan Mezzich, Mario Maj, Sam Tyano, and George Christodoulou

Depression:

Profs. John Cox, Sam Tyano, and Mario Maj

Antistigma:

Profs. Ahmed Okasha, Juan Mezzich, and Pedro Ruiz

Disasters:

Profs. George Christodoulou and John Cox

Impact of Globalization:

Profs. Ahmed Okasha and Roger Montenegro

Young Psychiatrists:

Profs. Juan Mezzich and Mario Maj

Training Curricula:

Profs. Ahmed Okasha, Pedro Ruiz, and Roger Montenegro

NEWS FROM THE WPA EC MEETING IN CAIRO

In February of 2003, the WPA Executive Committee held its first meeting of the year in Cairo, Egypt. One of the major issues on the EC agenda was the preparation of the next World Congress of Psychiatry, which will take place in Cairo in September 2005. The EC has met with the leadership of the Egyptian Psychiatric Association. EC members have also visited the future site of the World Congress and met with representatives of the main PCO (Tilesa) and the local PCO (Emeco) in order to discuss the details of the contract and plan the next stages of work.

We encourage you to visit the Congress Website <http://www.wpa-cairo2005.com> to learn more about this exciting event.

Another issue on the agenda of the EC was finalizing the procedure for Permanent Secretariat bids. The announcements of opening the bids process have already been circulated to all WPA components. You will also find the full text of the invitation to bid within the current issue of WPA News. We regard this task as one of the most important and strategic the WPA has to consider at the present time and will regularly report to you on its progress. In the meantime, the EC is actively researching possibilities for the Interim Secretariat as need for a more satisfactory space had become critical after a series of reorganization at our present host institution. A new location is expected to provide facilities which would be adequate effective functioning of the WPA Secretariat in the interim period before a decision on the Permanent Secretariat has been taken.

The EC also reviewed applications for new admissions and decided to admit the Association of Psychiatrists and Narcologists of Uzbekistan as the 123rd WPA Member Society (on an ad-hoc basis, pending confirmation by the next General Assembly).

A warm welcome to our newest member!

Finally, we would like to encourage all our Member Societies and other components to disseminate news about WPA meetings, publications and other programs in their local publications in their own languages. Please remember that, in addition to the present newsletter as well as materials on key WPA activities published in our official journal, World Psychiatry, WPA Website continues to offer up-to-date information on WPA.

The site, www.wpanet.org, is maintained in collaboration between the Secretariat and the Education Coordination Center and remains the most comprehensive public reference source on our Association.



The WPA Executive Committee in Cairo this past February. First row, from left to right: President-Elect Juan E. Mezzich, President Ahmed Okasha, and Secretary General John Cox. Second row, from left to right: Secretary for Meetings Pedro Ruiz, Secretary for Publications Mario Maj, Secretary for Sections George Christodoulou, Secretary for Finances Sam Tyano, and Secretary for Education Roger Montenegro.

MEMBERS OF THE WPA STANDING AND OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES 2002-2005

The Standing Committee on Ethics

Prof. Driss Moussaoui, Committee Chair
Prof. Julio Arboleda-Florez, Member
Prof. Sydney Bloch, Member
Prof. Kenneth W. M. Fulford, Member
Prof. Mario Maj, Member
Prof. Amnon Carmi, Consultant

The Standing Committee on Nominations

Prof. Ahmed Okasha, Committee Chair
Prof. Amnon Carmi, Member
Prof. John Cox, Member
Prof. Rodolfo Fahrer, Member
Prof. Juan E. Mezzich, Member

The Standing Committee on Planning

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Prof. Srinivasa Murthy, Consultant

SPOTLIGHT ON ZONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Brian Martindale WPA Western European Zonal Representative (Zone 5)

Being the Western European Zone Representative for the WPA has been a very considerable and fascinating challenge. Although there is extensive exchange at scientific level in Europe, there has been previously been little exchange between national psychiatric organisations certainly in Western Europe.

Organisational relationships have therefore been my main focus. For psychiatry to improve its standing, we must be experts at developing our organisational functioning to promote a positive image of psychiatry and to influence health policy makers and to effectively support psychiatrists themselves.

In terms of the WPA in Europe, I think we need to rethink the current zonal structures so that we can develop organisational effectiveness within the European Union structures and provide the most effective networks to support the organisational development of psychiatry in Central and Eastern Europe. Since becoming involved with the WPA, together with my European Zone colleagues, I have been active in bringing together the main psychiatric organisations in Europe (the Association of European Psychiatrists, the Psychiatric Section and Board of the European Union of Medical Specialties and the European WPA zones and organisations as well as linking these with the WHO European Office). In June 2003, Vienna will be the setting for the third annual meeting of senior representatives of these European organisations. Previous meetings took place in London and Stockholm.



Prof. Brian Martindale (UK)

On a more personal note, I have a long interest in organisations and organisational functioning. I was the founder of a European wide psychotherapy organisation (the EFPP) and I have been playing a part in developing an international organisation to support psychological treatments of psychosis (the ISPS is now affiliated with the WPA). I was also involved in the founding of the WPA section on Psychoanalysis

in Psychiatry. In recent years I have become very interested in the potential of psychological treatments of persons with vulnerability to psychosis. I am used now to living with a creative tension between my interest in effective institutional functioning and in providing psychotherapeutic approaches to human mental distress and disturbance.

Update on the WPA-WHO Atlas Survey

As many of you already know, the World Psychiatric Association (WPA) is now joining hands with the World Health Organization (WHO) in the important task of preparing the new edition of the Atlas of mental health resources around the world. This joint endeavor between WPA and WHO is one of their ten collaborative programs planned to be achieved in the period 2002-2005.

The member national associations of the WPA can contribute significantly by providing more detailed information about their countries and by making a professional evaluation and corroboration of data documented by the Project Atlas. The WPA Secretariat has already circulated to the Presidents of all WPA Member Societies, by both e-mail and regular mail, information currently available to WHO regarding mental health services in their respective countries. Member societies are requested to critically evaluate, fill in the gaps and add to the information contained in the Atlas and send their comments to the WPA Secretariat. WPA Member Societies can also check the information about their countries by visiting the special website <http://mh-atlas.ic.gac.ca/database>.

If you have not yet submitted your response to the WPA-WHO Atlas Survey, we encourage you to set some time aside to do this now. It is hoped that this information will facilitate action by policy makers and researchers and will empower public health institutions, non-governmental organizations and consumer associations in their advocacy efforts.

Please remember to use the new mailing address of the Secretariat, as indicated on the first page of this newsletter. You may also use our e-mail, which has remained the same. The help provided by your Society will be acknowledged in future editions of the Atlas.

Thank you for making this important contribution.



PROF. OKASHA HONORED IN NORTH AMERICA

The Honorary Fellowship of the American College of Psychiatrists has been awarded to Prof. Ahmed Okasha, President of the WPA in a special ceremony in Vancouver, Canada on the 40th Anniversary of the College on the 15th of March 2003. This Honorary Fellowship has been bestowed only to twenty psychiatrists worldwide. It is given in due recognition of his achievements, outstanding scientific and clinical contributions in the field of psychiatry across the globe.



Prof. Okasha receiving the award from Prof. Jack W. Bonner(President) and Prof. Fawzy I. Fawzy (Treasurer) of the American College of Psychiatrists.

BIDS FOR THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT

Dear Colleagues,

In accordance with the decisions of the General Assembly in Yokohama held in August 2002, the Executive Committee at its recent meeting in Cairo, Egypt, decided to open the bidding process for the Permanent Secretariat of WPA. We regard the task of selecting a site as one of the most important and strategic the WPA has to consider at the present time. The clear need to establish a Permanent Secretariat to replace the present rotating system remains self-evident, and in this context the EC agreed to the new title Secretariat Chief Executive for Ekaterina Sukhanova. This change underlines the institutional maturity of the WPA and the need for a stronger infrastructure and greater visibility.

GUIDELINES FOR BIDS

An invitation to bid for the Permanent Secretariat of the WPA are extended to all:

- WPA officers and their home institutions
- Universities
- Hospitals

The bid should be organized as follows:

- Name and address of the organization making the bid and information about the contact person responsible for the bid.
- Description of the Site, including floor plan, photograph of the building and detailed map showing where the proposed offices are in relation to the main building.
- Bids should make clear how the criteria set by the General Assembly for selecting the site of a Permanent Secretariat are met.

At the Country Level

- Economic and political stability
- Tax exemption for non-profit organizations
- International accessibility
- Possibility of procuring work visas for Secretariat staff, should such necessity arise

At the City Level

- Communication technology facilities
- Relatively low costs of personnel, services and goods
- Availability of specialized personnel
- Proximity to international, academic and mental health organizations
- Easy travel accessibility

At the Site Level

- Minimal requirements: At least 800 sq feet., with the possibility of accommodating at least five fullsize work desks, with phones, modem and fax lines. The office should have an outlook and ambience suitable for the WPA Headquarters.
- Permanent or long-term availability of office space (at least 20 years)
- Low operational costs
- Independence from an existing institution. Please indicate which officer of your institution would sign an agreement regarding the use of space with WPA.

Include in this Section a description of the way in which your organization proposes to link with the Secretariat and in addition how you propose to ensure the visibility of the WPA and its Secretariat on your site (e.g. sign posting, postal address).

COST

Please provide full details of the facilities and utilities you are providing, as well as any costs for which the WPA would be responsible.

TIMEFRAME

Provide a timeframe in which you expect the space to become available should your bid be selected.

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Please provide details on financial regulations governing non-profit and easy transfer of funds internationally. The financial rules should allow WPA to keep independence in managing its bank accounts.

TIMELINE

A preliminary bid should reach the Secretariat (for the attention of the Secretary General) no later than August 15, 2003. Short-listing would be considered by the EC at its meeting in Caracas in October 2003. Further details and clarifications should be expected to be submitted by December 15 for a decision to be reached at the first EC meeting or teleconference in 2004.

Confirmation of the choice of the site for the Permanent Secretariat will be made by the General Assembly following consultations with the Board and the Council.

The bids should be sent for my attention at the following address:

WPA Secretariat
Dept. of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences

Metropolitan Hospital Center
New York Medical College
1901 First Avenue, Suite 4M-3
New York, NY 10029-7404, USA

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have regarding the bids submission. We are looking forward to your responses.

Cordially,
Prof. John Cox
Secretary General,
World Psychiatric Association

UPCOMING WPA CONGRESSES AND MEETINGS

Secretary for Meetings, Professor Pedro Ruiz
coordinates these events and welcomes initiatives for new ones.
Fax: (1-713) 500-2727, E-mail: pedro.ruiz@uth.tmc.edu

MAJOR UPCOMING WPA MEETINGS

June 19-22, 2003, WPA International Thematic Conference, Vienna, Austria, Diagnosis in Psychiatry: Integrating the Sciences. Contact: ICOS: Mag. S. Jurkovic, Tel: (43-1) 51280-9111, Fax: (43-1) 51280-9180, E-mail: wpa2003vienna@icos.co.at, Website: wpa2003vienna.at

October 1-4, 2003, WPA Regional Meeting and WPA International Congress, Caracas, Venezuela, Alliances for Mental Health. Contact: Prof. Edgar Belfort, Fax: (58-212) 232-1104, (58-212) 763-1184, E-mail: secretariaapal@cantv.net, belfort.ed@excite.com, Website: www.wpa2003.org

November 10-13, 2004, WPA International Congress, Florence, Italy, Treatment in Psychiatry: an Update. Contact: Prof. Mario Maj, Fax: (390-81) 566-6523, E-mail: majmario@tin.it, Website: wpa2004florence.org

March, 2005, WPA Regional Meeting, Athens, Greece. Contact: Prof. Georgios Christodoulou, E-mail: gnchrist@compulink.gr

September 10-15, 2005, XIII World Congress of Psychiatry, Cairo, Egypt, Five Thousand Years of Science and Care. Contact: Prof. A. Okasha, Fax: (20-2) 748-1786, E-mail: aokasha@internetegypt.com, Website: www.wpa-cairo2005.com

UPCOMING WPA MEETINGS

May 28, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored Symposium of Japan Young Psychiatrist Organization, Odaiba, Tokyo, Japan. Contact: Dr. Atsuo

Nakagawa, E-mail: nakagawa@keio-psychiatry.com

June 9-11, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored (in collaboration with WHO) 1st International Conference on the Role of Health and Culture in Conflict Resolution, Malta. Contact: Mark Freeman, Tel: (44-208) 678-5304, E-mail: markf@markallengroup.com, Dr. N.D. Minton, E-mail: nd.minton@btinternet.com, Website: m-a-i-c.com

June 26-28, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored International Seminar on Psychiatry, Coventry, United Kingdom. Contact: Dr. Afzal Javed, E-mail: afzal.javed@ntlworld.com

July 5-7, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored Conference of the Society of Psychiatry of Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brazil, Psychiatry and Primary Care. Contact: Dr. Rogerio Wolf de Aguiar, E-mail: wolfaguiar@uol.com.br, Website: www.sprs.org.br

July 9-11, 2003, Meeting of WPA Section on Epidemiology and Public Health on Theory, Evidence and Psychiatric Epidemiology, Paris, France. Contact: Scientific Committee President, Vivianne Kovess-Masfety, E-mail: europa@europa-organisation.com, Website: www.wpaedidemo-paris.org

August 3-5, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored (in collaboration with WPA Section on Rehabilitation) Eight World Congress of the World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation, New York, USA, A Better Future for Those with Mental Illness. Contact: Dr. Zebulon Taintor, Fax: (1-212) 426-7645, E-mail: office@wapr.net, Website: www.wapr.net

August 17-20, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored International Conference on Psychiatry, Colombo, Sri Lanka. Contact: Dr. Afzal Javed, E-mail: afzal.javed@ntlworld.com

August 23-28, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored 17th World Congress on Psychosomatic Medicine, Waikoloa, Hawaii, USA. Contact: Prof. Jon Streltzer, Fax: (1-808) 547-4031, E-mail: icpm2003@aol.com, Website: www.hawaii residency.org/icpm2003

September 12-15, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored XXVIII National Congress of the Mexican Psychiatric Association, Monterrey, Mexico. Contact: Dr. Marco A. Lopez Butron, E-mail: aspsiqm@prodigy.net.mx, Website: www.apmenlinea.org.mx

September 20-21, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored Satellite Conference on Ethnicity & Mental Health in Europe, Essen, Germany. Contact: Dr. Christian Haasen, E-mail: haasen@uke.uni-hamburg.de

September 22-25, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored Conference of International Society for the Psychological Treatments of Schizophrenia & other Psychoses, Melbourne, Australia, Reconciliation, Reform and Recovery: Creating a future for psychological interventions in psychosis. Contact: Prof. McGorry, E-mail: isps@conferencestrategy.com.au, Website: www.conferencestrategy.com.au

September 25-27, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored V World Congress of Depressive Disorders and International Symposium of Cognitive Disorders, Mendoza, Argentina. Contact: Prof. Jorge Nazar, Tel/Fax: (54-261) 429-5662/ 431-1209, E-mail: jorge_nazar@hotmail.com, Website: www.mendoza2003.com

September 28-October 1, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored XII International Congress of the European Society of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Paris, France. Contact: Dr. Philippe Jeammet, E-mail: philippe.jeammet@imm.fr

October 8-11, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored Conference, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, Together Against Stigma II: Stigma Across the Life Span. Contact: Dr. Julio Arboleda Flores, E-mail: arboledaj@hdh.kari.net, Website: meds.queensu.ca/medicine/psychiatry/locate.htm

October 9-12, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored XII Annual Conference of the Bulgarian Psychiatric Association, Varna, Bulgaria, Modern Technologies and Approaches in Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Lubomir Jivkov, E-mail: bga.bg@lycos.com, Website: bpa-bg.org

October 15-18, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored meeting of the Egyptian Psychiatric Association (in collaboration with WHO) on Religion, Spirituality and Mental Health, St. Catherine Monastery, Sinai, Egypt. Contact: Dr. Tarek Okasha, E-mail: tokasha@internetegypt.com, Attention: attendance by invitation only

October 21-24, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored X International Congress of the Argentinean Association of Psychiatrists, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Contact: Dr. Nestor F. Marchant, E-mail: aap@aap.org.ar, Website: www.aap.org.ar

November 9-13, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored Conference, St. Julians, Malta, Psychiatric Care Across Cultures: A Conference Week in Malta. Contact: Dr. Charles Pace, E-mail: charles.pace@um.edu.mt, cpace_malta@hotmail.com

January 29-February 2, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored International Conference on Schizophrenia of the Schizophrenia Research Foundation (in collaboration with WHO), Chennai (old Madras), India. Contact: Dr. R. Thara, E-mail: scarf@vsnl.com, Website: www.scarfindia.org

March 29-April 2, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored Pan-American Congress of Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Havana, Cuba. Contact: Dr. Cristobal Martinez Gomez, E-mail: crisma@informed.sld.cu, Website: www.sld.cu/eventos/psiquiatria/felices, www.loseventos.cu/saludmental2004

May 14-19, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored 18th Panhellenic Congress of Psychiatry, Island of Kos, Greece. Contact: Prof. George N. Christodoulou, E-mail: gnchrist@compulink.gr, diastasi@diastasitravel.gr

June 10-13, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored National Conference of the Czech Psychiatric Society, Spindleruv Mlyn, Czech Republic. Contact: Dr. Jiri Raboch, E-mail: raboch@beba.cesnet.cz

September 22-26, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored 14th World Congress of the World Association of Dynamic Psychiatry, Cracow, Poland. Contact: Dr. Maria Ammon, E-mail: maria.ammon@dynpsych.de, wadp.congress2004@dynpsych.de

October 6-9, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored 8th Congress of the International Association for Treatment of Sexual Offenders, Athens, Greece. Contact: Dr. Orestis Giotakos, E-mail: giotakos@tri.forthnet.gr, Website: iatsoathens.gr

October 24-27, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored XVIII World Congress of Social Psychiatry, Kobe, Japan, Globalization and Diversity: Challenges for Social Psychiatry. Contact: Prof. Yoshibumi Nakane, Fax: (81-95) 849-7296, E-mail: yonakane@net.nagasaki-u.ac.jp, Website: www.congre.co.jp/18wasp