

# WPA NEWS

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## WPA upcoming events

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6-8 June Thematic Conference "Coercive Treatment in Psychiatry: A Comprehensive Review", Dresden, Germany  
20-23 Sep. WPA Regional Meeting & CSP Annual Congress, Shanghai, China  
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## Greetings

'Think globally, act locally' could have been an excellent motto for WPA but instead was the theme of a 'Save the Planet' film shown as part of the Swedish 300th Anniversary Celebrations of the birth of Carl Linnaeus.

Linnaeus was a practicing doctor (trained in Holland) as well as a botanist and his apostles travelled the world introducing his plant classification system.

Perhaps the WPA, I mused, should establish a Task Force to consider the mental health consequences of global warming (migration, drought, natural calamities, etc.) and join international action to raise awareness about this impending disaster.

The Secretariat is reducing the distribution of paper copies of minutes, which will in future be sent electronically; and our Website is being re-designed to accommodate easier access to journals and improved information flow. The Executive Committee at its recent meeting in Seoul decided also that the Website management would continue in Geneva from September 2007.

One of the highlights of this Quarter was the highly successful WPA Regional Conference in Nairobi, from which comes the cover photograph.

The updated Informational Folder, useful for the promotion of WPA, will remain as a paper copy but with a more restricted circulation. A promotional Leaflet is being considered for Congress bags so that individual members of

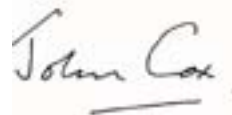
Member Societies will know what WPA stands for, and what is under its global scientific umbrella.

Other news is that our offices will soon be enlarged by the Geneva University Hospital (HUG) to provide an office suitable for the Archives; as well as access to a wash room and kitchenette.

Anna Engstrom and Pamela Atiase, as you have noticed, are driving forward the vision of a Permanent Secretariat with assistance from the Executive Committee. We have had few teething problems considering the complexity of the move and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank them for their commitment and professionalism.

The President is spearheading increased links to other world organizations in Geneva, and in this way to raise further the profile of WPA.

In the spirit of Linnaeus let us hope that ICD-11 and DSM-5 will reflect the best of the past, but also respond to the demand for a more integrative multifaceted classification which will reflect our humanistic concern about people and their environment.



Prof. John Cox, WPA Secretary General

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L to R: Profs. J. Cox (WPA Secretary General), H. Ghodse (RCPsych International Director), S. Hollins (RCPsych President), JE. Mezzich (WPA President), A. Machage (Kenya's Deputy Minister of Health), F. Njenga (African Psychiatric Association President), Dr. D. Kiima (Kenya's Director of Mental Health), F. Kigozi (WPA Zonal Representative for Southern and Eastern Africa), and O. Gureje (WPA Zonal Representative for Western and Central Africa) meeting during the WPA Regional Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, March 21, 2007.

## ■ January 2007 Meeting on the Development of WHO's ICD-11

A major aspect of the collaboration of WPA with WHO involves the development of the 11th Revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11) and in particular its chapter on mental disorders. The first meeting of a high level committee organized for this purpose by the WHO Department of

Mental Health and Substance Abuse, including the participation of the WPA President, took place in Geneva on January 11 and 12, 2007 (group photo below). Extensive discussions were held on the basis of the revision from disorder terminology to definitional features to prospective psychopathological and methodological workgroups to differentiated attention to specialty and primary care arenas and to the value of harmonizing ICD efforts with work being carried out around the world by professional associations such

as the American Psychiatric Association (APA), the Latin American Psychiatric Association and the Chinese Psychiatric Society. Financial resources for the ICD revision are quite limited and the plan is to keep the revision as basic as possible. The next meeting of the Advisory Group is scheduled for September 24-25, 2007.



L to R: Drs. V Poznyak, ME. Medina-Mora, D. Goldberg, X. Yu, O. Gureje, G. Andrews, A. Coenen, JE. Mezzich, B. Saraceno, S. Hyman, M. Klinkman, N. Sartorius, R. Thara, S. Saxena, G. Reed, S. Chtaerjii, K. Saeed, TB. Ustun, and R. Blickle-Ritter at the first meeting of the International Advisory Group for the Revision of the ICD Mental and Behavioral Disorders, WHO Geneva, January 11-12, 2007.

## ■ Major Inter-Institutional Visits in Geneva this January

On January 10, 2007, Prof. JE Mezzich (WPA President), Prof. F. Ferrero (Geneva University Psychiatry Chair), and Ms. A. Engstrom (WPA Secretariat Administrator) visited Mr. B. Gruson (Director of Geneva University Hospitals) at his office in downtown Geneva (*photo below*), to thank him for the University's ongoing support for the WPA Secretariat's physical plant and to explore an enhancement of this support. Mr. Gruson expressed interest in such enhancement as well as in further collaboration with WPA in areas of common interest. As part of this, a Geneva Conference on Medicine and Psychiatry for the Person organized by WPA with sponsorship from the University of Geneva is being planned for the Spring of 2008.



L. to R: Ms. A. Engstrom, Prof. JE Mezzich, Mr. B. Gruson, and Prof. F. Ferrero at the Office of the Director of the University of Geneva Hospitals, January 10, 2007.



L to R: JE. Mezzich (WPA President), A. Engstrom (WPA Secretariat Administrator), and O. Kloiber (WMA Secretary General) at the headquarters of the World Medical Association in Ferney-Voltaire, France on January 10, 2007.

Also on January 10, the President and the Secretariat Administrator of WPA journeyed to the headquarters of the **World Medical Association (WMA)** in Ferney-Voltaire, France, near Geneva to visit with its Secretary General, Dr. Otmar Kloiber (*photo above*). The current membership of WMA encompasses the medical associations of 84 countries. WMA's major concerns are medical ethics as well as other scientific and social issues in medicine. The Declaration of Helsinki on Medical Ethics, WMA's best-known statement, was first adopted in 1964 and its current version was published in 2004. WMA's latest well known initiative has been on *Caring Physicians of the World*, profiling in a richly illustrated volume in several languages the life and perspectives of distinguished physicians nationally nominated as inspiring examples of dedication to their patients. The WPA President has been invited for the first time to participate at the next WMA's Council meeting to take place in Berlin.

■ Making further time on January 10, the President and Secretariat Administrator of WPA visited the headquarters in Geneva of the **Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences (CIOMS)**, in the Executive Committee of which WPA is presently represented. CIOMS was established jointly by WHO and UNESCO in 1949 to promote scientific work in the medical field and more recently also ethical and regulatory matters. In the 1980s, it organized an International Dialogue on Health Policy, Ethics and Human Values. It has collaborated with WHO on the development of an International Nomenclature of Diseases and in 1993 it promulgated the *International Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical Research Involving Human Subjects*. On January 23, 2007 it held its latest Executive Committee meeting attended by the WPA President (*adjacent photo*).



Seated L to R: Drs. JE Idaanpaan-Heikkila (Senior Adviser), MB. Vallotton (President), and G. Kreutz (Secretary General). Standing L to R: Drs. F. Vilardell, S. Ross, JH. Bryant, O. Kloiber, JE. Mezzich, I. Matsuda, P. Arnio, and A. Cernak, all members of the Executive Committee of the International Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences meeting in Geneva on January 23, 2007.

## ■ WPA Central European Regional Meeting in Budapest

On January 20-21, 2007 a WPA Regional Meeting took place in Budapest, Hungary. It primarily involved a leadership and academic encounter among representatives of WPA governance and of our Member Societies in Central Europe (*photos below*). One session covered issues on regional collaboration including presentations from Profs. JE Mezzich (WPA President), D Lecic-Tosevski (WPA Zonal Representative for Central Europe), G Christodoulou (WPA Ethics Committee Chair and Psychiatric Association of Eastern Europe and the Balkans President), and F Tury (Hungarian Psychiatric Association President and Conference Organizer). Another dealt with educational issues and prospects, with presentations from Profs. A Tasman (WPA Secretary for Education), I Bitter and J Furedi. A third session discussed

suicide, with papers presented by Profs. G Christodoulou, T Kurimay, and Z Rihmer.

A full meeting of the WPA Executive Committee took place after the scientific program. The President reported on his recent successful meetings with the Director General of the Geneva University Hospitals, Mr. B Gruson and with the University's Psychiatry Department Chair, Prof. F Ferrero, with the Secretaries General of the World Medical Association and the Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences, and as a member of the WHO Advisory Group for the development of the ICD-11 Classification of Mental Disorders. The Secretary General reported on the improving operational level of the Secretariat, plans for WPA News and progress on the Informational Folder and Leaflet. The Jamaican Psychiatric Association and the Libyan Association of Psychiatry, Neurology and Neurosurgery were admitted as ad-hoc Member Societies and the World Fellowship for Schizophrenia and Allied Disorders

as an ad-hoc Affiliated Association. The Executive Committee also reviewed preparations for the World Congress of Psychiatry



L to R: Profs. I. Bitter, J. Furedi, and A. Tasman, speakers at the Session on Educational Issues and Prospects in the WPA Regional Meeting in Budapest, January 21, 2007.



L to R: Profs. G Christodoulou, T. Kurimay, and Z. Rihmer, speakers at the Session on Suicide, in the WPA Regional Meeting in Budapest, January 21, 2007.



Participants in the WPA Regional Meeting in Budapest, January 21-21, 2007.

in Prague, reports on first year fulfillment of the Strategic Plan 2005-2008, work on the Manual of Procedures 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, plans for the WPA General Survey 2005-2008, and issues concerning WPA registration in Geneva. Also reviewed were advances on WPA sectoral activities on finances, meetings, education, publications and sections. In order to attend the Executive Meeting of the CIOMS in Geneva the President delegated to the President-Elect the chair for the last portion of the WPA Executive Committee meeting in Budapest.

## ■ Lahore Conference on Psychiatry in Developing Countries

On February 15-17, a Conference organized by the WPA Section on Psychiatry in Developing Countries took place in Lahore, Pakistan. It was attended by the WPA President and other

leaders of our organization and its Member Societies. In addition to a substantial scientific program, a number of institutional activities took place including a session on WPA Region IV, Asia & Australasia, which focused on regional development and disaster response (*photo at left*) and on the formation of an Asian Federation of Psychiatric Societies. Furthermore, several academic facilities of the hosting Fountain House were inaugurated by the Presidents of WPA and the WFMH (*photo at right*).



Seating L to R: Profs. AKM Nazimuddowla Chowdhury, G. Christodoulou, JE. Mezzich, H. Chaudhry, and N. Shinfuku. Standing in the center: Profs. N. Gambhera, MT Abou-Saleh, and C-C Chen, at the WPA Regional IV (Asia/Australasia) on Regional Development and Disaster Response, during the Lahore Conference, February 15-17, 2007.



Standing on the foreground L to R: Profs. H. Chaudhry (WPA Zonal Representative for Western and Central Asia and Conference Organizer), JE. Mezzich (WPA President), and S. Sturgeon (WFMH President) inaugurating Fountain House installations at the Lahore Conference, February 15-17, 2007.

## ■ Meeting with the RANZCP Western Australia Branch

On February 21-22, the WPA President visited in Perth with the Western Australia Branch of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) and with leaders of the University of Western Australia Department of Psychiatry (*photo below*). Among these leaders were Profs. Assen Jablensky and Alexandar Janca, who are the Chair and Secretary, respectively, of the WPA Section on Measurement Instruments for Psychiatric Care. Additionally, the WPA President participated and lectured on those days at a well attended Conference on Mental Health Promotion in Perth.



Standing at the center L to R: Profs. A Jablensky, JE Mezzich, and A. Janca, at a meeting of the RANZCP Western Australia Branch and the Western Australia University Department of Psychiatry, in Perth, February 20, 2007.

## ■ Path-opening WPA Regional Conference in Nairobi

On March 21-24, 2007, a special WPA Regional Conference took place in Nairobi, Kenya. Profs. F Njenga (Organizing Committee Chair) and O Gureje (Scientific Committee Chair) offered a truly outstanding scientific program on mental health development as well as a rich set of cultural activities. The scientific sessions presented cutting-edge research findings on Africa and emerging professional perspectives such as in a Symposium on Psychiatry for the Person (*photo A below*). A WPA Forum facilitated communication and interactions among leaders present on what WPA as an umbrella organization is offering (*photo B below*). Prof. Njenga is providing additional details about this Conference in this Newsletter (*page 9*).



A) L to R: Profs. P. Ruiz, T. Akiyama, F. Kigozi, H. Herrman, NN, T. Udristoiu, M. Maj, J. Cox, JE. Mezzich, G. Christodoulou, Ms. S Kostka (WPA Core PCO), S. Tyano, and J. Raboch at the WPA Forum, Regional Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, March 21-24, 2007.



B) Seated L to R: Profs. S. Hollins, JE. Mezzich, H. Herrman, L. Kuey, and J. Cox. Standing L to R: Profs. NN, G. Christodoulou, P. Garrison, S. Sturgeon and J. Friedman, all participants in the Symposium on Psychiatry for the Person at the WPA Regional Conference in Nairobi, March 21-24, 2007.

## Central American Psychiatric Association Meets in El Salvador

On March 28-31, 2007, in San Salvador took place the yearly Congress of the Central American Psychiatric Association (ACAP), chaired by Dr. Gerardo Rivera. It was attended by the leaders and many members of the psychiatric societies in that part of the world who have been meeting regularly since 1990. It was also attended by the WPA President and corresponding Zonal Representative. An Executive Committee meeting of the ACAP this year focused on a revision of statutes and the establishment of a Secretariat to be headed by Dr. Sara Murillo (past WPA Congress Fellow and twice president of the Honduran Psychiatric Association).



Seated L to R: Drs. M Sanchez, Y. Obando, JE. Mezzich, S. Murillo. Standing L to R: L. Aleman, H. Ponce, M. Aguilar, L. Fortin and F. Javier at the Executive Committee meeting of the Central American Psychiatric Association, San Salvador, March 29, 2007.

## Formal Collaboration Agreement Signed by WPA and WFMH

*A formal agreement of collaboration between the World Psychiatric Association (WPA) and the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH), presumably the first agreement with each other in their long institutional histories, has just been completed. It was drafted by the WFMH Secretary General and the WPA President in New York and recently signed by the Executive Committees of both institutions. The agreement text follows.*

The World Federation for Mental Health and the World Psychiatric Association are

seeking a collaborative relationship with each other. The missions of WFMH and WPA have as common denominator the promotion of mental health across the world, including ethical health care and respect for the dignity of the persons involved. For this purpose, each institution engages its particular constituency and utilizes its specific goals and procedures.

The World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) was organized in 1948 as a global membership organization with the mission of improving care and treatment of people with mental and behavioural disorders, preventing such disorders, promoting mental health and well-being and protecting the human rights and dignity of people with mental disorders. WFMH is a non-governmental, independent organization chartered under the statutes of the District of Columbia, USA. WFMH has special consultative status as a nongovernmental organization with the United Nations, the World Health Organization and other specialized agencies of the UN.

The World Psychiatric Organization (WPA) was founded in 1950 in Paris with the goal of assembling psychiatrists from all continents in order to promote psychiatry and mental health across the world. Its membership presently includes 131 national psychiatric societies, clustered into 18 zones and four continental regions. It has established 65 scientific sections covering a wide range of professional areas. It organizes a World Congress every three years, an International Congress in intermediate years, and a number of Regional Congresses and Conferences. It publishes *World Psychiatry* as main official journal in addition to a number of other journals and bulletins as organs of its sections and components as well as several book series. It organizes a number of educational programs as well as a continuing medical education credit system. It maintains *WPA Online* as a growing website. WPA has entered into consultative relations with the UN and WHO and strives to collaborate with other major international organizations relevant to its mission.

## Principal Areas of Collaboration

WFM and WPA wish to seek opportunities for collaboration and mutually supportive activities in the following events and programs. Collaboration would be conducted at both global as well as regional/zonal levels.

- WFMH World Mental Health Day, as an annual activity
- WFMH Initiative on Transcultural Mental Health
- WFMH Initiative on Mental Health in Africa
- WPA Institutional Program on Psychiatry for the Person
- WPA Institutional Program on Infant and Perinatal Psychiatry
- WPA Institutional Program on Disasters and Mental Health
- WPA Institutional Program on Psychiatry and Mental Health in Asia
- Joint collaboration on prevention and health promotion
- WFMH World Congress in Hong Kong, August 2007
- WPA International Congress in Melbourne, November 2007
- WPA World Congress in Prague, September 2008

This Memorandum of Collaboration will cover the period from the date of its approval by both organizations through 31 December 2008.

*Approved by the Executive Committees of the WFMH and the WPA*

*Shona Sturgeon (WFMH), March 30, 2007*

*Juan E. Mezzich (WPA), April 18, 2007*



*L to R: Juan E Mezzich (WPA President) and Shona Sturgeon (WFMH President)*

## ■ WPA's Institutional Achievements in a First Year of Governance

A few months ago, at the completion of the first year of the present institutional triennium, the Executive Committee initiated a review of the fulfillment so far of the Strategic Plan 2005-2008. This review, based on reports from members of the Executive Committee and other leaders with programmatic responsibilities, has been finalized and some of its highlights are presented below.

**General Governance.** - The WPA Governance Plans 2005-2008, the first in WPA's history, encompassing the Strategic Plan approved by the General Assembly in Cairo and the triennial workplans of the members of the Executive Committee, Zonal Representatives, and chairs of Standing and Institutional Programs, has been published and distributed. The appointment of Standing and Operational Committees based on a call for proposals sent to all our Member Societies was a successful exercise in participatory governance. Preparation of the Fourth Edition of the Manual of Procedures, one of our major tools for enhancing effectiveness and transparency, was largely carried out during this triennium's first year. The Nominations Committee has already prepared guidelines for the electoral process, has recommended statutes amendments towards an independent Electoral Commission and is exploring electronic voting mechanisms. The Permanent Secretariat in Geneva is being fully implemented. The financial bases of our institution have received pointed examination and optimizing policies have been adopted.

**Promotion of Member Societies.** - Leadership meetings with officers of Member Societies, large and small, have substantially increased in this triennium's first year. During this

period, the WPA President attended 21 national and regional congresses, three-fourths of them in developing countries. A significant new structural development has been the actual emergence of the four WPA Continental Regions, i.e., the Americas, Europe, Africa & the Middle East, and Asia/Australasia, starting with inaugural meetings at the Istanbul International Congress.

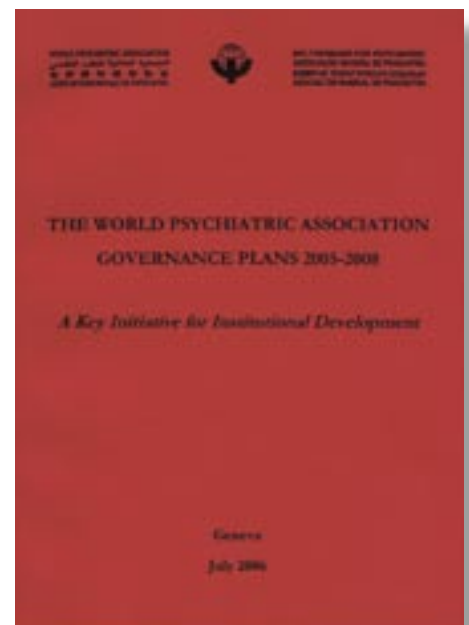
**Sectoral Activities.** - In the Educational Sector, new educational programs on Depression and on Personality Disorders have been started and the Continuing Medical Education Credits Program is being enhanced. Concerning Publications, *World Psychiatry* has become indexed, the book series on Evidence and Experience in Psychiatry continues to be published and other series are starting with volumes from the Cairo Congress and from the Psychiatry for the Person Program. A new 65<sup>th</sup> Section on Perinatal Psychiatry and Infant Mental Health has been established. Funding for particularly worthy Scientific Section Projects has been resumed. The Section on Classification and Diagnostic Assessment has started organizing a consortium of national classification sections to contribute to the development of ICD-11 and related diagnostic systems.

**Special Programs and Task Forces.** - The Institutional Program on Psychiatry for the Person through its Conceptual Bases, Clinical Diagnosis, Clinical Care and Public Health components is already making contributions and attracting wide interest. The Institutional Program on Disasters and Mental Health spearheaded an updated WPA Disasters Response Plan, has coordinated local Task Forces on the South Asia Tsunami, North America Hurricanes, and Kashmir Earthquake, has promoted a Disaster Fund, and contributed to the first WPA-WHO Joint Statement on the Role of Psychiatrists in Disaster Response. Task Forces on Mass Violence and Mental Health

and on Brain Drain were appointed by the Executive Committee following recommendations of the latest General Assembly.

**Collaboration with WHO and Other International Organizations.** - The level and pace of collaboration with WHO has increased over the past year, particularly concerning ICD-11 and related diagnostic systems, and WPA-WHO Joint Statements. Other major WPA global partnerships are engaging the World Federation for Mental Health, the World Federation of Neurology, the World Organization of Family Doctors, the World Medical Association, and the Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences, as noted elsewhere in this issue.

**In conclusion,** we can perceive that through the dedication of the Executive Committee, Board, Council, Sections, Member Societies and other WPA components, measurable progress is being made towards the fulfillment of the 2005-2008 Strategic Plan.



Cover of WPA Governance Plans

## ■ Focus on WPA Finances – Reviewing the Past and Looking into the Future



Prof. Sam Tyano  
WPA Secretary for Finances

The discussion on WPA Finances has been a high priority item on the WPA Agenda during the past couple of meetings held by the Executive Committee (EC), and with good reason as the WPA needs to develop a sustainable financial policy that is up-to-date and corresponds to the needs of the association, its activities and its Members.

The Finance Committee chaired by Prof. Sam Tyano met on two occasions last year in 2006; once in the beginning of the summer at the Permanent Secretariat in Geneva, and once during the International Congress in Istanbul. The discussions and reports produced from these sessions were then presented to the Executive Committee in early December 2006 during the WPA Regional Meeting in Lima, where half a day was dedicated towards the planning of the financial future of the Association.

Much of the discussion that was held in Lima was based on figures that had already been presented to the General Assembly in Cairo 2005, illustrating the slow but steady rise in income over the past decade – with the exception of the profit generated by the 2004 International Congress in Florence, which managed to put the WPA in a favorable financial position.

The policy analysis provided the background to the predicted budget for 2007 which was approved at the EC Meeting in

Budapest January 2007, and subsequently sent to the Board for comment. The figures speak for themselves – 2007 will not be a good year with a predicted deficit of USD 165,450.00, obliging the WPA to dip into reserved funds, which have been kept aside for a rainy day to assist in such circumstances.

At present the main sources of income of the WPA are Membership Dues, Congresses and Corporate Supporters. Funds are then allocated accordingly to the WPA Components, Task Forces, and the Permanent Secretariat. Maintaining financial stability is paramount due to the changes that take place at an executive level in-between General Assemblies; consequently financial policies tend to develop rather than dissolve in order to maintain continuity.

Member Societies are recommended to declare the full number of psychiatrists and pay their dues respectively stressing that Individual Members of Member Societies are also members of the WPA. Although not all Membership Dues have been collected, Member Societies are responding positively and are paying their dues covering 2006 and 2007 notifying the Permanent Secretariat of any changes in registered psychiatrists.

Congresses play an increasingly important role financially and scientifically; a Congress that can guarantee a high scientific content and quality will almost automatically secure a substantive financial outcome. Nevertheless, legally binding contracts between the Organizing Committee and the Professional Congress Organizers have tremendous impact with regard to financial agreements – parties involved are strongly urged to discuss any matters that are legally binding with the Secretary for Meetings and the Secretary for Finances.

The WPA has various Congress categories, the more well-known being the World Congress of Psychiatry (WCP) that takes place triennially, and the Regular International Congress which takes place

### ■ In Memory - Our Friend and Colleague, Prof. Oakley Ray.

The Finance Committee sadly lost a dear friend and colleague earlier this year on 7 February 2007.

Prof Ray Oakley, aged 76, had been a member of the WPA Finance Committee for the past nine years, and was one of the top leaders in developing WPA financial policies. He was a colleague, but above all a very close friend, and offered his creative inspiration even at the most difficult of discussions with a good sense of humor.

The Finance Committee will find time during the next meeting to commemorate this very sad event.

**Oakley, we will miss you.**

two years in a row in between the WCPs. The main difference between the two is that the WCP responds to the global goals of the WPA and institutional decisions are taken at a formal level together with the Member Societies at the General Assembly, and the Regular International Congress focuses on being a source of profit for WPA Educational Activities.

Furthermore, during the recent EC Meeting at the Regional Congress in Seoul, Korea, an additional Congress category was developed. The EC unanimously agreed to the “Guidelines of the Special International Congress” which serves to produce high quality scientific meetings aiming to produce enough income to bring financial stability to the WPA and its Components, without hampering the plans of already scheduled Congresses world-wide.

Corporate Sponsorship causes a lot of stir and controversy, and the WPA has often been criticized for the partnerships developed together with the Pharmaceutical Industry. Currently, the WPA has signed two Corporate Supporter Agreements with Eli Lilly and Servier, which secures an annual payment over three years of USD 110,000.00 and USD 65,000.00, respectively.

The WPA acknowledges the critic received, but believes firmly that the WPA acts with the utmost transparency together with ethical guidelines and collaboration with IPCAA (International Pharmaceutical Congress Advisory Association). The WPA does not preach any double-standards and accepts that many associations, such as the WPA have a symbiotic relationship with the industry and needs the income in order to survive financially.

However, it should be noted that with regard to myth vs. reality, although the WPA is a global organization, we do not operate on a massive budget - most of our Member Societies from developed countries have access to resources and budgets that are largely superior to those of the WPA.

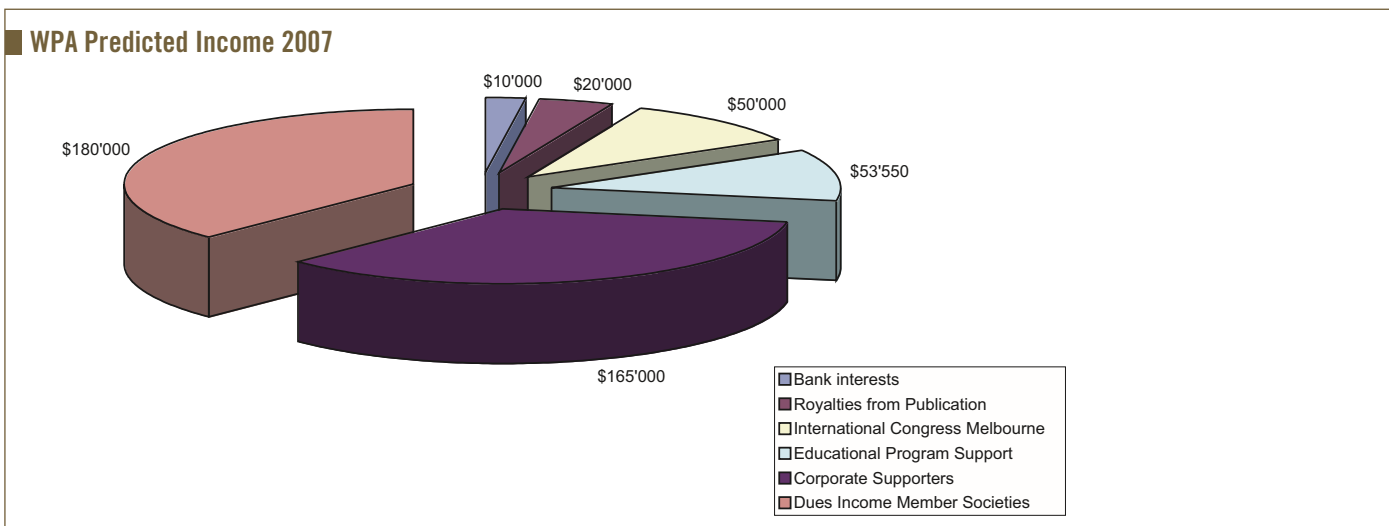
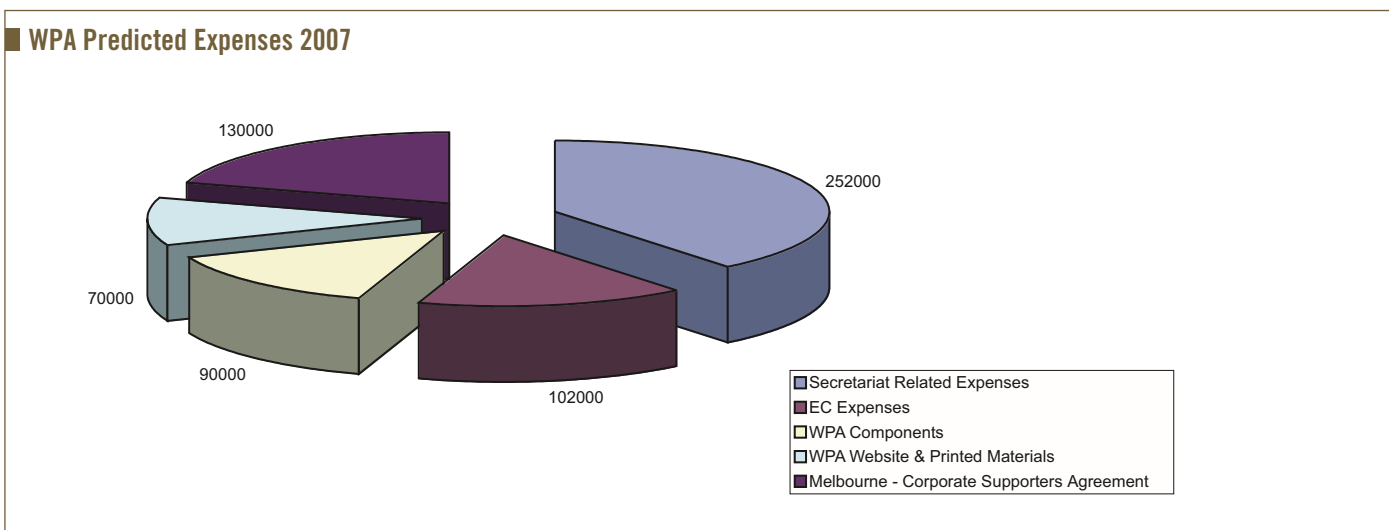
The funds that have been allocated to WPA Components in 2007 have been

kept in line with budgets from previous years – such as funding activities of the Zonal Representatives, WPA Standing & Operational Committees, Sections, and the development of an up-to-date website to expand communications and heighten external exposure of WPA activities.

Working with a tight budget entails that expenses are kept to a minimum; at present the Permanent Secretariat is comprised of only two full-time staff. A recent decision by the EC on recommendation of the Board is to cut down on printed materials and take advantage of the electronic era. Moreover, the Permanent Secretariat is hosting more Institutional Committee Meetings, and of course participants at Congresses take advantage of being ‘on-site’ and arrange for smaller meetings.

With the institutional developments that have taken place, together with the establishment of the Permanent Secretariat, and heightened visibility, other sources of income are being actively explored. Pharmaceutical Industries are still being approached, as are other private companies who favor corporate responsibility programs, as well as private and public foundations.

The WPA tries to develop policies that encompass all of our Member Societies, which take cultural, economic, and social factors in consideration; a possibility that can only be made a reality if our Member Societies respond actively. Any ideas or suggestions are highly welcome which the Finance Committee would be happy to discuss at their next meeting at the end of July 2007.





## International Conference on Schizophrenia 2006 (IConS) of SCARF

The Schizophrenia Research Foundation (SCARF) is a non-governmental organization committed to mental health and located at Chennai in south India since 1984. SCARF is also a Collaborating Centre of WHO for Mental Health Research and Training.

The second International Conference on Schizophrenia (IConS) was held from 13-15 October 2006 at the Hotel Savera. During the Conference, the best of psychiatric and behavioral research based on the theme "Blending research with care" was showcased.

Over sixty internationally acclaimed researchers from India, UK, USA, Australia

and Canada presented papers, and about a hundred poster presentations were made by students and trainees during the three-day Conference. It was attended by about 400 delegates from over a dozen countries including Switzerland, Canada, UK, USA, Hong Kong, Italy, Iran, Sri Lanka, Australia, Pakistan, Norway, New Zealand, Romania and India.

The Conference was co-sponsored and recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO), World Psychiatric Association (WPA) and the Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS).

Some of the eminent speakers were B. Saraceno from WHO, A. Jablensky, V. Carr, J. McGrath and H. Herrman from Australia, Byron Good, Alex Cohen, Ellen Corin, Rahul Manchanda, Max Birchwood, Graham Thornicroft, and many others.



Left, Dr Thara (convener of IConS), Director of WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Mental Health, and Director of SCARF, with Dr Benedetto Saraceno, Director of the Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse, WHO, Geneva.

Prof. Dr. Jiri Raboch (Chairman of the Organizing committee of the XIV World Congress of WPA, Prague, 20-25 September 2008) on his trip to the WPA Regional Meeting in Seoul, visited Thailand Psychiatrists in Bangkok. He met the General Secretary of the Psychiatric Association of Thailand, Col. Nawaporn Hirunviwatgul at her Department of Psychiatry and Neurology of Phramongkutklao Hospital. He informed the leading Thailand psychiatrists about the preparations of the World Congress and invited them to organize

there a special symposium on drug addiction. On this occasion he participated in the Phramongkutklao Hospital in celebrations of the New Year (Song Kran festival).

From left to right: Hana Raboch, Col. Nawaporn Hirunviwatgul (General Secretary of Psychiatric Association of Thailand), Prof. Aron Showanasai (President of Royal College of Psychiatrists of Thailand), Prof. Jiri Raboch, and Dr. Wasin Bamrungcheep (Naval Medical Department).



## WPA 2007 Nairobi Regional Meeting

21 – 23 March 2007

The World Psychiatric Association Regional Meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, was held from 21 to 23 March 2007. Forty different countries around the world were represented by a total of about 340 participants. These countries included Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, South Africa, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, United States of America, United Kingdom, Germany, Nigeria, Sudan, amongst many others. Seventy-five percent of the total participants were from Africa while 25% came from the other continents.

Feedback received from participants indicated that the focus on development and men-

tal health was first rate and very useful. The presentations focused on the sub-themes of the Conference, namely, provision of mental health care in low-resourced countries: challenges and opportunities, HIV, the brain and development; mental health within the general health service: peculiarities and needs, mental health economics and policies, psychopathology, disability and well being and the mental health workforce.

Prior, to the conference, a study group organized by Prof. Brian Robertson and IACAPAP was held from 17 – 20 March 2007.

A Course on Leadership and Professional Skills for Young Psychiatrists followed immediately after the Conference from 24 – 25 March 2007 organized by Prof. Norman Sartorius.

The overall conclusion was that the Conference was very highly rated and exceeded the expectations of all the participants present in the Conference, the study groups, and the leadership course.



Dr. Frank Njenga  
Conference Convener

Standard registration for international delegates:  
1 May to 31 July 2007



## The 2007 WPA Shanghai Regional Meeting & CSP Annual Congress, Shanghai, China 20-23 September 2007

*Theme: Globalization and Mental Health – The Regional View*

The Conference will offer a special opportunity to discuss some of the most important topics of our field within an international framework. Such topics will cover forensic psychiatry, clinical diagnosis, approaches to care, and cultural issues. High profile speakers will include Juan Mezzich, WPA President, and Ming-Yuan Zhang, a top scholar of Chinese psychiatry.

We have offered China tour options and packages; for example, full/half day city tours or stopover tours in Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai, Lhasa. Information on this will be uploaded into the Congress website [www.wpa2007shanghai.com](http://www.wpa2007shanghai.com) in mid-May 2007.

- The deadline of call for abstract symposia, workshops and free papers is 31 May 2007.



## WPA International Congress 2007 Melbourne, Australia 28 Nov. – 2 Dec. 2007

From **28 November – 2 December 2007**, the spectacular city of **Melbourne**, Australia will be host to the 2007 WPA International Congress **“Working Together for Mental Health: Partnerships for Policy and Practice”** – the largest mental health Conference to be held in the Asia-Pacific in 2007.

Mental health professionals, policy makers, researchers, consumer and carers will converge on Melbourne to engage in interdisciplinary discussions on leading trends and research findings and the latest advances in treatment, service provision and mental health care.

Abstracts have been received from over 70 countries to present symposia, workshops, free papers and posters. We have confirmed an impressive lineup of international and national speakers to present in each stream. Further details can be found on the website [www.wpa2007melbourne.com](http://www.wpa2007melbourne.com)

Melbourne is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city with over 3 million people – the perfect backdrop for an international Congress. Renowned as the food and wine capital of Australia, the city has something for everyone: chic fashion stores to laneways buzzing with cafes and trendy bars; the beautiful botanic gardens to some of the world's best sports stadiums; film and comedy festivals to galleries and magnificent theatres. With easy access to some of the world's most spectacular coastline and beaches, Melbourne is a truly great city to visit.

The Congress Social Program will provide you with a taste of the “Aussie” Outback and the opportunity to experience the many cultures that comprise the city of Melbourne. And we mustn't forget the highlight of the Social Program – the Gala Dinner. You will experience a night of elegance and glamour under the magnificent stained glass ceiling at Australia's most visionary art gallery – the National Gallery of Victoria International.

Melbourne will be glorious at that time of year ... after all it's the celebration of the start of summer.



We invite you to participate in what will be a truly outstanding Congress both in terms of the Scientific Program and Social Program.

We look forward to welcoming you to Melbourne in November!

**Register Now – Early Bird Registration closes 31 July 2007**

**Organisers:**

The Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists

**Website:** [www.wpa2007melbourne.com](http://www.wpa2007melbourne.com)

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February 2008

## WPA European Congress Paris, France, 6-9 February 2008

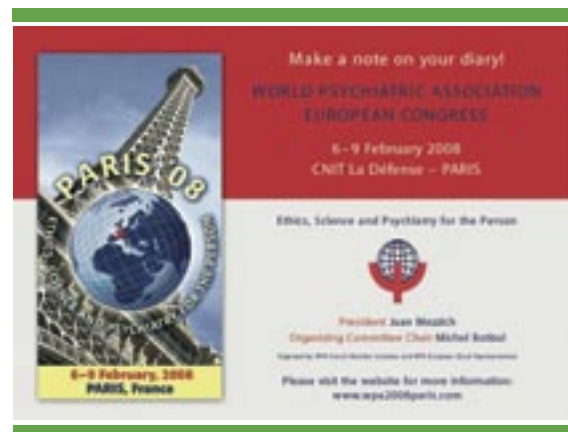
### *Ethics, Science and Psychiatry for the Person*

Paris will host the next WPA European Congress from 6 to 9 February 2008 on the theme "Ethics, Science and Psychiatry for the Person". With the WPA French Member Societies and the WPA European Zonal Representatives, we are happy to invite you to join us in our common objectives:

- to present European psychiatry in the whole scope of its diversity from research to practice, and ethics to science;
- to confront European psychiatry to international psychiatric values traditions and practices in science and humanities, in developed and developing countries;
- to discuss the Psychiatry for the Person approach.

We want this Congress to be a true sample of our continental tradition weaving the many strands involved in our field (from molecule to subjectivity, from pharmacotherapy to psychotherapy, from prevention to rehabilitation), in a real representativeness of our WPA European Region's psychiatry.

Michel Botbol, Chair of the Organizing Committee  
WPA Zonal Representative for Western Europe  
President of the Association of WPA French Member Societies



September 2008

## XIV WORLD CONGRESS OF PSYCHIATRY Prague, Czech Republic 20-25 September 2008

We are pleased to announce that the invitation from the Organising and Scientific Committees of the XIV World Congress of Psychiatry to hold Special Lecture and to organise Special Symposia has already been accepted by:

### Special Lectures

Jonathan Aarli, Norway. Michaela Amering, Austria. George Christodoulou, Greece. Robert Cloninger, USA. John Copeland, UK. Jorge A. Costa e Silva, Brazil. John Cox, UK. KWM Fulford, UK. Helen Herrman, Australia. Paul Hoff, Switzerland. Assen Jablensky, Australia. Rachel Jenkins, France. Miguel R. Jorge, Brazil. Siegfried Kasper, Austria. Lawrence Kirmayer, Canada. Otmar Kloiber, France. Gottfried Kreutz, Switzerland. Felice Lieh-Mak, Hong Kong. Juan J. Lopez-Ibor Jr., Spain. Roger Montenegro, Argentina. Mohammed Mullick, Bangladesh. Christoph Mundt, Germany. Ahmed Okasha, Egypt. Jana M.

Petrenko, Czech Republic. Jiří Raboch, Czech Republic. Zoltan Rihmer, Hungary. Pedro Ruiz, USA. Wolfgang Rutz, Sweden. Javier Saavedra, Peru. Ihsan Salloum, USA. Luis Salvador-Carulla, Spain. Benedetto Saraceno, Switzerland. Norman Sartorius, Switzerland. Tom Sensky, UK. Steven Sharfstein, USA. Kenneth Schaffner, USA. Larry Siever, USA. Costas Stefanis, Greece. Dan Stein, South Africa. Shona Sturgeon, South Africa. Allan Tasman, USA. Sam Tyano, Israel. Bedirhan T. Üstün, Switzerland.

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More information can be found at:

[www.wpa-prague2008.cz](http://www.wpa-prague2008.cz)

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## World Psychiatric Association International Congress Florence, Italy 1 - 4 April 2009

*Treatments in Psychiatry:  
A New Update*

The WPA International Congress "Treatments in Psychiatry: A New Update" will take place in Florence, Italy, from 1 to 4 April 2009. It will be the follow-up to the 2004 WPA International Congress "Treatments in Psychiatry: An Update", which was the second most attended psychiatric congress worldwide in that year, with almost 7,000 participants. This time, more than 8,000 participants are expected.

The Congress aims to provide a high-quality, comprehensive overview of all evidence-based treatments currently available for all mental disorders. Many of the most renowned experts in the various treatment areas will be among the speakers.

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**Congress website:** [www.wpa2009florence.org](http://www.wpa2009florence.org)

## Future WPA Scientific Meetings

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### June 2007

**6-8 June 2007:** WPA Thematic Conference "Coercive Treatment in Psychiatry: A Comprehensive Review", Dresden, Germany.

**Organizer:** Eunomia Study Group.

**Contact:** Prof. Thomas Kallert.

**E-mail:** [Thomas.kallert@mailbox.tu-dresden.de](mailto:Thomas.kallert@mailbox.tu-dresden.de)

**Website:** [www.WPA2007dresden.org](http://www.WPA2007dresden.org)

**8-10 June 2007:** "5th Pan Hellenic Congress of Child Psychiatry: Violence, Children, and Institutions: Interdisciplinary Approaches", Athens, Greece. **Organizer:** Hellenic Association for Child Psychiatry. **Contact:** Dr. Dimitris Anagnostopoulos.

**E-mails:** a) [danagnost@med.uoa.gr](mailto:danagnost@med.uoa.gr) b) [danagnos@otenet.gr](mailto:danagnos@otenet.gr)

**Website:** [www.hscapcongress2007.com](http://www.hscapcongress2007.com)

**11 June 2007:** "Bienestar y Calidad de Vida en el Siglos XXI: Mistificacion y Desmitificacion del Uso de Drogas", Buenos Aires, Argentina. **Organizer:** WPA Section on Mass Media and Mental Health. **Contact:** Dr. Miguel A. Materazzi. **E-mail:** [materazzi@arnet.com.ar](mailto:materazzi@arnet.com.ar) **Website:** [www.FINTECO.8k.com](http://www.FINTECO.8k.com)

**18-22 June 2007:** VI Simposio Internacional "Aspectos Biologicos y Farmacoterapeuticos de los Transtornos Mentales", Habana, Cuba. **Organizer:** Cologio Cubano de Neuropsicofarmacologia.

**Collaboration:** Cuban Society of Psychiatry.

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**27-28 June 2007:** "Mental Health International Conference of United Arab Emirates Theme: Direct and Indirect Self-Destructive Behaviours and Mental Disorders - Transcultural Differences", Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

**Organizer:** WPA Section on Suicidology.

**Contact:** Dr. Jean Pierre Soubrier.

**E-mail:** [pr-jp-soubrier@mail.com](mailto:pr-jp-soubrier@mail.com)

**27-29 June 2007:** "Annual Meeting of the Egyptian Psychiatric Association", Cairo, Egypt.

**Organizer:** Egyptian Psychiatric Association.

**Contact:** Dr. Tarek Okasha. **E-mail:** [tokasha@internetegypt.com](mailto:tokasha@internetegypt.com)

### July 2007

**18-20 July 2007:** "Segundo Congreso Iberoamericano de Trastornos de Ansiedad", Quito, Ecuador. **Organizer:** Ecuatorian Psychiatric Association. **Contact:** Dr. Carlos Leon.

**E-mail:** [cleon@pi.pro.ed](mailto:cleon@pi.pro.ed) **Website:** [www.congresodeansiedad.med.ec](http://www.congresodeansiedad.med.ec)

**26-29 July 2007:** "Congreso Latinoamericano de Adicciones: Adicciones un Desafio a la Mente", Medellin, Colombia.

**Organizer:** Asociacion Latinoamericana de Adicciones (ALAD). **Contact:** Dr. Elvia Velazquez.

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### August 2007

**25-29 August 2007:** "13th International Congress of the European Society for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry", Florence, Italy.

**Organizer:** European Society for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

**Contact:** Cecilia Sighinolfi. **E-mail:** [Cecilia.sighinolfi@azzurro.it](mailto:Cecilia.sighinolfi@azzurro.it)

**Website:** [www.escap-net.org](http://www.escap-net.org)

**26-30 August 2007:** "Conference: Hypothesis, Neuroscience and Real People", Sun City, South Africa.

**Organizer:** International Network for Philosophy and Psychiatry.

**Collaboration:** WPA Section on Philosophy and Humanities in Psychiatry. **Contact:** Dr. Kenneth W.M. Fulford.

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### September 2007

**5-7 September 2007:** "9º Congreso Argentino de Neuropsiquiatria y Neurociencia Cognitiva & 5º Congreso Latinoamericano de Neuropsiquiatria", Buenos Aires, Argentina.

**Organizer:** Asociacion Neuropsiquiatrica Argentina (ANA).

**Contact:** Dr. Ignacio Brusco. **E-mail:** [info@neuropsiquiatria.org.ar](mailto:info@neuropsiquiatria.org.ar)

**20-23 September 2007: “WPA Regional Meeting”, Shanghai, China. Organizer: Shanghai Mental Health Center. Contact: Dr. Zeping Xiao. E-mail: xzpdgj@online.sh.cn Website: www.WPA2007shanghai.com**

**21-23 September 2007: “First Congress of the Psychiatric Association for Eastern Europe and the Balkans”, Thessaloniki, Greece. Organizer: Psychiatric Association for Eastern Europe and the Balkans. Contact: Dr. George Christodoulou. E-mail: gchristodoulou@ath.forthnet.gr Websites: a) www.paeeb.com b) www.diasitstravel.gr**

**24-27 September 2007: “XIV Congress of the Argentinean Association of Psychiatrists”, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organizer: Argentinean Association of Psychiatrists (AAP). Contact: Dr. Nestor F. Marchant. E-mail: congresos@aap.org.ar Website: www.aap.org.ar**

**24-29 September 2007: “Annual Meeting Spanish Society of Psychiatry & Spanish Society of Biological Psychiatry”, Santiago de Compostela, Spain. Organizer: Spanish Society of Psychiatry. Collaboration: Spanish Society of Biological Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Julio Vallejo. E-mail: secretria@psiquiatriasantiago07.es**

**27 September 2007: “Prejuicio y Mass Media”, Asuncion, Paraguay. Organizer: WPA Section on Mass Media and Mental Health. Contact: Dr. Miguel A. Materazzi. E-mail: materazzi@arnet.com.ar Website: www.FINTECO.8k.com**

**27-29 September 2007: “Annual Meeting Paraguayan Society of Psychiatry”, Asuncion, Paraguay. Organizer: Paraguayan Society of Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Jose Vera Gomez. E-mail: spp@rieder.net.py**

#### October 2007

**4-7 October 2007: “Annual Meeting of the Psychiatric Association of Serbia and Montenegro”, Novi Sad, Serbia and Montenegro. Organizer: Psychiatric Association of Serbia and Montenegro. Contact: Dr. Dusica Lecic-Tosevski. E-mail: dusica.lecictosevski@eunet.yu**

**9-11 October 2007: “APAL Regional Bolivarian Congress & III Encounter Ecuatorian - Peruvian”, Quito, Ecuador. Organizer: Ecuatorian Psychiatric Association. Collaboration: Latin American Psychiatric Association. Contact: Dr. Fabrizio Delgado. E-mail: fdelgado@bgye.org.ec Website: www.aepsiquiaria.org.ec**

**11-13 October 2007: “6th Congress on Mental Health in Intellectual Disabilities”, Zagreb, Croatia. Organizer: European Association for Mental Health in Intellectual Disability (EAMHID). Collaboration: WPA Section on Intellectual Disability/Mental Retardation. Contact: Dr. Ljiljana Igric. E-mail: ljiljana.igrig@zg.htnet.hr. Websites: a) www.zagrebcongress2007.org b) www.mhid.org**

**21-25 October 2007: “XIX World Association for Social Psychiatry Congress”, Prague, Czech Republic. Organizer: World Association for Social Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Shridhar Sharma. E-mail: wasp@nda.vsnl.net.in**

**23-28 October 2007: “Annual Meeting of the International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM)”, Cairo, Egypt. Organizer: International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM). Collaboration: WPA Section on Addiction Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Nady El-Guebaly. E-mail: nady.el-guebaly@calgaryhealthregion.ca**

#### November 2007

**6-8 November 2007: “X Pan Arab Congress”, Algiers, Algeria Organizers: a) Arab Federation of Psychiatrists; b) Algerian Psychiatric Society. Contacts: a) Dr. Saida Douki; b) Dr. Farid Kacha. E-mails: a) Saida.Douki@gnet.tn b) F.Kacha@caramail.com**

**23-25 November 2007: “XVI International Symposium Sexuality: Pleasures”, Caracas, Venezuela. Organizer: WPA Section on Psychiatry and Human Sexuality. Contact: Dr. Ruben Hernandez. E-mail: rubenhernandez@cantv.net**

**28 November-2 December 2007: “WPA International Congress”, Melbourne, Australia. Organizer: The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP). Contact: Sharon Brownie. E-mail: Sharon.brownie@ranzcp.org Website: www.ranzcp.org**

**28 November-2 December 2007: “Third International Congress on Brain and Behavior”, Thessaloniki, Greece. Organizer: International Society on Brain and Behavior. Collaboration: WPA Section on Private Practice. Contact: Dr. Kostas N. Fountoulakis. E-mail: Kfount@otenet.gr Website: www.psychiatry.org**

#### February 2008

**1-5 February 2008: “5th National Congress, National Institute of Social Security & II Regional WPA Zone 3 Conference”, Mexico City, Mexico. Organizer: Instituto Mexicano de Seguro Social. Collaboration: a) WPA Zone 3; b) Latin American Psychiatric Association (APAL). Contact: Dr. Enrique Camarena Robles. E-mail: camarena@avantel.net**

**6-9 February 2008: “WPA European Congress & Regional Meeting”, Paris, France. Organizer: Association of the French Member Societies of WPA. Contact: Dr. Michel Botbol. E-mail: michel.botbol@wanadoo.fr Website: www.wpa2008paris.com**

**14-16 February 2008: “II Congreso Internacional Medicina y Salud Mental de la Mujer: Asimilando la Diferencia Para su Abordaje”, Medellin, Colombia. Organizer: CES Faculty of Medicine. Contact: Dr. Silvia Gaviria. E-mail: sgaviria1@une.net.co Website: www.ces.edu.co**

#### March 2008

**14-17 March 2008: “ISAD 4th Biennial Conference”, Cape Town, South Africa. Organizer: International Society for Affective Disorders (ISAD). Collaboration: WPA Section on Affective Disorders. Contact: Caroline Holebrook. E-mail: caroline.holebrook@iop.kcl.ac.uk Website: www.isad.org.uk**

**16-20 March 2008: “Third World Congress on Women’s Mental Health”, Melbourne, Australia. Organizer: International Association of Women’s Mental Health. Collaboration: WPA Section on Women’s Mental Health. Contact: Dr. Donna Stewart. E-mail: Donna.Stewart@uhn.on.ca Website: www.IAWMHCongress2008.com.au**

#### April 2008

**16-20 April, 2008: “Reflections and Ideas for an Innovation Psychiatry Conference”, Fuggi, Italy. Organizer: WPA Section on Ecology, Psychiatry & Mental Health. Contact: Dr. Giuseppe Spinetti. E-mail: gspinetti@libero.it**

#### June 2008

**5-7 June 2008: “International Congress of Dual Pathology”, Madrid, Spain. Organizer: Spanish Society of Dual Pathology. Contact: Carolina Garcia Sicilia. E-mail: carolina.g.sicilia@tileasa.es Website: www.cip2008.com**

**19-21 June 2008:** “WPA Thematic Conference on Depression and Relevant Psychiatric Condition in Primary Care”, Granada, Spain. Organizers: a) World Psychiatric Association; b) Wonca-Europe; c) Spanish Psychiatric Association; d) Spanish Society of Family and Community Medicine (SEMFYC). Collaboration: Grupo Andaluz de Investigacion en Salud Mental“ (GAISAM). Contacts: a) Dr. Francisco Torres-Gonzalez; b) Patricia Serrano (PCO). E-mails: a) ftorres@ugr.es b) patricia@fase20.com Website: www.WPA2008granada.org

#### August 2008

**5-8 August 2008:** “Mental Health Toward 2020: Working Together for Better Mental Health in Asia” & “Annual Meeting of the South Forum for Mental Health and Psychiatry (SAFMHP)”, Bangkok, Thailand. Organizers: a) Asean Federation for Psychiatry and Mental Health (AFPMH); b) South Asian Forum for Mental Health and Psychiatry (SAFMHP). Collaboration: a) The Psychiatric Association of Thailand; b) The Royal College of Psychiatrists of Thailand; c) Department of Mental Health, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand. Contact: Dr. Pichet Udomratn. E-mail: upichet@medicine.psu.ac.th

#### September 2008

**20-25 September 2008:** “XIV World Congress of Psychiatry”, Prague, Czech Republic. Organizer: Czech Psychiatric Association. Collaboration: World Psychiatric Association. Contact: Dr. Jiri Raboch. E-mail: raboch@mbox.cesnet.cz

#### October 2008

**16-19 October 2008:** “Third Dual Congress on Psychiatry and Neurosciences”, Athens, Greece. Organizer: Hellenic Society for the Advancement of Psychiatry and Related Sciences. Collaboration: a) International Neuropsychiatric Association; b) World Federation Societies of Biological Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Constantine Soldatos. E-mail: egslelabath@hol.gr

#### October - November 2008

**30 October-2 November 2008:** “13th Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists”, Tokyo, Japan. Organizer: Japanese Society of Transcultural Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Tsuyoshi Akiyama. E-mail: akiyama@kmc.mhc.east.ntt.co.jp

#### November 2008

**6-8 November 2008:** “Second International Conference on Intellectual Disability/Mental Retardation”, Bangkok, Thailand. Organizer: World Health Organization (WHO). Collaboration: WPA Section on Intellectual Disability/Mental Retardation. Contact: Dr. Shekhar Saxena. E-mail: bangkokconference2007@ssss.gouv.qc.ca Website: www.bangkok-id-conference.org

**19-22 November 2008:** “XXV Congreso de la Asociacion Psiquiatrica de America Latina (APAL)”, Isla Margarita, Venezuela. Organizer: Latin American Psychiatric Association (APAL). Contact: Dr. Edgard Belfort. E-mail: belfort.ed@excite.com. Website: www.apal.2008.org

#### April 2009

**1-4 April 2009:** WPA International Congress “Treatments in Psychiatry: A New Update”, Florence, Italy. Organizer: Italian Psychiatric Association. Contact: Dr. Mario Maj. E-mail: majmario@tin.it Website: www.psichiatria.it

#### June 2009

**16-20 June 2009:** “II Thematic Conference on Legal and Forensic Psychiatry”, Madrid, Spain. Organizer: Spanish Society of Legal Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Alfredo Calcedo Barba. E-mail: forensicpsychiatry2009@gmail.com

#### September 2009

**24-26 September 2009:** “VII World Congress of Depressive Disorders and International Symposium on Posttraumatic Stress Disorder”, Mendoza, Argentina. Organizer: Dr. Jorge Nazar. Collaboration: University of Cuyo. Contact: Dr. Jorge Nazar. E-mail: Jorge\_Nazar@hotmail.com

#### April 2010

**15-18 April 2010:** “WPA Regional Meeting”, Yerevan, Armenia. Organizer: Armenian Association of Psychiatrists. Contact: Dr. Armen Soghoyan. E-mail: soghoyan@yahoo.com

#### September 2010

**1-5 September 2010:** “WPA Regional Meeting”, Beijing, China. Organizer: Chinese Society of Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Yizhuang Zou. E-mail: yzouy@263.net Website: www.psychiatryonline.cn

#### January 2011

**26-28 January 2011:** “WPA Regional Meeting”, Cairo, Egypt. Organizer: Egyptian Psychiatric Association. Contact: Dr. Tarek A. Okasha. E-mail: tokasha@internetegypt.com

#### September 2011

**September 2011:** “XV World Congress of Psychiatry”, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organizers: a) Argentina Association of Psychiatrist (AAP); b) Association of Argentinean Psychiatrists (APSA); c) Foundation for Interdisciplinary Investigation of Communication (FINTECO). Contact: Mariano R. Castex. E-mail: mcastex@congresosint.com.ar Website: www.congresosint.com.ar



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