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GREETINGS

As we approach the completion of the 1996-1999 triennium of the World Psychiatric Association, we can appreciate the advances we all together made in and towards the fulfillment of our organization's mission and objectives. Our institutional base has reached 112 Member Societies and is being energized through increased communication among all WPA components. The democratic spirit of our Association revealed its vitality with the striking response rates of the General Survey and with the Action Plan that followed, prepared by the Executive Committee (photo below).

Operational transparency and effectiveness are being upgraded with the finalization of the long-ambitioned Manual of Procedures. The organizational capacity and possibilities of the Association have achieved new levels with the work of the Zonal Representatives. Innovative advances are taking place in education, publications, meetings, consensus statements, and scientific endeavors.

All these achievements and prospects shall be discussed at the upcoming General Assembly, for which is essential the well informed participation of all our Member Societies. This and other institutional activities (see list below) have as exciting framework the XI World Congress of Psychiatry this August in the Hanseatic City of Hamburg, Germany. Here a rich scientific program involving all WPA Sections and an extensive social and cultural program, will serve as setting for the exercise of the aspirations that psychiatrists and other mental health professionals are cultivating, within our institutional umbrella, for almost fifty years.



L. to R.: Profs. J. E. Mezzich, N. Sartorius, and J. J. Lopez-Ibor, and, standing, Ms. E. Sukanova (Administrator) and Profs. M. Maj. Okasha, M. C. Kastrup, D. Moussaoui and R. Montenegro

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN ETHICAL STANDARDS AND THEIR OBSERVANCE

The promotion of the development and observance of high ethical standards in psychiatric practice, training and research has always being a fundamental concern of WPA. The Standing Committees primary responsible for WPA work in this field are that on Ethics, chaired by Professor Ahmed Okasha and that on Review of Abuse of Psychiatry, chaired by Doctor Marianne C. Kastrup. Recent activities in this area include the following:

The Madrid Declaration, translated now into fifteen languages, constitutes the current set of ethical codes and principles for psychiatric practice that all Member Societies are expected to observe.

The WPA General Survey, as reported last year, found that the quality of the Madrid Declaration was rated by 95% of those familiar with it as excellent or good.

A number of suggestions offered by the General Survey to advance ethical standards have been followed up in recent years. One includes the development of additional guidelines for ethical practice in specific situations. The following three guidelines are expected to be presented for adoption at the General Assembly this August: On Ethic Discrimination, on Genetic Research and Genetic Counseling in Psychiatric Patients, and on Psychiatrists Addressing the Media. Three others, on psychotherapy, managed care and relationship with industry, are still being completed through a process of consultation with Member Societies and Sections.

The Annual Reports from Member Societies that followed the latest General Survey revealed that 79% of them had already completed endorsement of the Madrid Declaration and that 58% of them had actually established a permanent committee on the observance of ethical standards. The WPA Ethics Committee is engaging the remaining Societies to work with them in fulfilling these objectives.

The Review Committee has considered over the past three years 17 specific cases or complaints, a summary of which will be reported to the General Assembly.

Additionally, the Review Committee has worked on the reformulation of its terms of reference to be presented to the General Assembly along with other proposed amendments to the WPA Statutes and By Laws. According to this proposal, the Committee will, more proactively than before, review complaints and initiate investigations on the violations of the Madrid Declaration and subsequent guidelines.

This Committee has also prepared more detailed and explicit operational rules for its work, which will be incorporated in the Manual of Procedures. These outline the criteria for receivability of cases, information required to start a case, the various steps in the various steps in the investigation process, and its outcome.

TAKING NOTE OF RECENT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

The World Health Organization (WHO) announced this June the organization of a **Fifth Global Conference on Health Promotion** to take place from 5 to 9 June 2000 in Mexico City. Under the theme Bridging the Equity Gap, the Conference will discuss the added value to public health derived from incorporation health promotion strategies. A particular focus will be people living in advance circumstances.

Also this June, Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland, WHO Director General has called on the governments of the Group of Eight (G-8) to use health as a lever to rescue the over one billion people in the world living in absolute poverty.

The American Psychiatric Association (APA) held its latest Annual Meeting this May in Washington, which offered a number of opportunities for WPA activities and contacts. Among these was an encounter of the leaderships of WPA and APA, which discussed several paths for collaboration, including joint symposia on Ethics and Human Rights and on Cultural Competence for Clinical Care, CME and other educational programs, publication ventures, individual membership, and participation in the XI World Congress of Psychiatry.

The Chinese Society of Psychiatry is preparing the Third Revision of the **Chinese Classification of Mental Disorders (CCMD-3)**, which is the adaptation of ICD-10 for the most populated country in the world. A technical meeting was held in Shenzhen, 30~31 May 1999, organized by Professor Yangfang Chen, Chair of the CCMD-3 Committee, and attended by experts from throughout China, Hong Kong and Taiwan as well as by the WPA Secretary General and chair of the WHO Committee on Evaluating and Updating the ICD-10 Mental Health Component.

Professor Alvaro Gallegos, a leading Latin American psychiatrist, passed away this May in San José, Costa Rica, his native city. He studied medicine in Barcelona and psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. He reached the highest professional positions in his country and was well known throughout Latin America for his outstanding contributions to clinical, pharmacological and community psychiatry.

ADVANCES ON EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professor Roger Montenegro, WPA Secretary for Education, is working energetically to develop an innovative educational structure for WPA, with the dedicated support of the Standing Committee on Education (SCE), which includes Professors David Goldberg, R. Srinivasa Murthy, Pedro Ruiz, Constantin Soldatos and Samul Tyano. Among the major WPA developments in education, the following can be listed:

Fluent communication with Member Societies and Zonal Representatives regarding education needs in their countries and zones and about WPA educational contributions. Through surveys such needs are being identified and through regular contacts WPA educational materials and proposals are being offered.

Development of the Educational Activities chapter of the WPA Manual of Procedures.

Creation of the WPA Educational Liaison Network (WPA-ELN). The WPA-ELN is made up of psychiatrists who work in the field of education in several countries. They are asked to get involved in the organization and promotion of WPA educational activities in their own countries, under the coordination of the SE. They have contributed to the following task: distribution, implementation and evaluation of educational programs (EP); follow up of the programs; CME credits; developing a database of schools of medicine and health ministries; and promoting the use of the WPA Website.

Educational component of the WPA Website. This aims at the progressive development and interactive functioning of this important communication tool. Some of its icons are presented in the adjacent exhibit.

Creation of an educational oriented procedure for the distribution of all programs. Illustratively, distribution of the WPA PTD

Educational Program on Depressive Disorders, Modules 1 and 2.

Development of an evaluation system for the use of WPA EP's. Follow up of the WPA PTD EP on Depressive Disorders, Module 1 and of the Core Curriculum in Psychiatry for Medical Students.

Granting credits for Continuing Medical Education (CME) activities during WPA scientific meetings. Development of agreements with WPA Member Societies to grant credits for CME courses. The WPA will guarantee the quality of such activities through monitoring performed by the WPA SCE regarding the objectives, methodology, and actual conduction of each course. This will be implemented for the first time at the XI World Congress.

Proposal for a graduate Psychiatric Education Core Curriculum. Development of the proposal itself and a survey on graduate psychiatric education to obtain data on the present situation worldwide.

Creation of a WPA Education Coordination Center to effectively put into practice the above mentioned initiatives. The Center is a functional structure that facilitates dynamic communication among WPA components, including members of the WPA Educational Liaison Network.

Presentation and promotion of the new WPA educational structure and Educational Programs at WPA scientific meetings and meetings of WPA Member and Affiliated Societies.

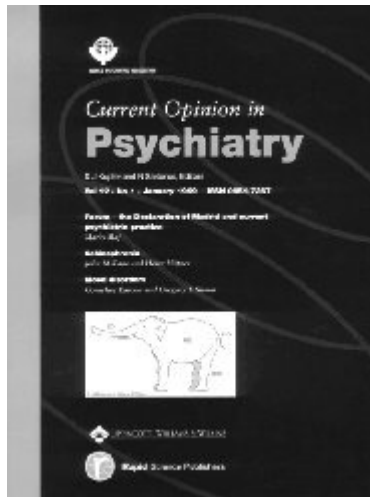
UPDATE ON WPA PUBLICATIONS

Three main series of publications produced by the WPA are currently ongoing, under the direction of Prof. Mario Maj, Secretary for Publications: 1) the series of books termed "Evidence & Experience in Psychiatry"; 2) the series of Forums for Current Opinion in Psychiatry, the official journal of WPA; and 3) the series of volumes named "Images of Psychiatry".

The series "Evidence & Experience in Psychiatry", published by John Wiley & Sons, aims to compare research evidence and clinical experience concerning the diagnosis and management of mental disorders. Each Volume of the series covers a specific mental disorder, by means of a set of systematic reviews of the available research evidence, each followed by many commentaries produced by psychiatrists from a wide range of countries and belonging to different schools of thought. The first two volumes of the series, dealing with depressive disorders and schizophrenia respectively, are currently in press and shall be ready by the World Congress in Hamburg. A third volume on dementia and a fourth on obsessive compulsive disorder are currently in preparation.

The volume on depressive disorders includes contributions by about one hundred psychiatrists from twenty eight different countries. Illustrative titles of commentaries are the following: "Much diversity, many categories, no entities" (by R. E. Kendell), "Flaws of the current diagnosis of depression" (by H. M. van Praag), "Adult and childhood depressions may in fact be different illnesses" (by A. A. Rosenfeld), and "Economics of depression and its treatment: why are we so interested?" (by P.E. Greenberg).

The volume on schizophrenia includes contributions by about one hundred psychiatrists from twenty seven different countries. Among the most stimulating commentaries are those by T. J. Crow ("Should schizophrenia as a disease entity concept survive into the third millennium?"), J. Kane ("Pharmacotherapy of schizophrenia: gaps in our knowledge"), L. Ciompi ("Relevant methods, goals, time-dimensions and emotional influences in psychotherapy of schizophrenia"), and P. Bobington ("Morality and cost in the management of schizophrenia").



The series of Forums for Current Opinion in Psychiatry aims to discuss ethical, educational and policy issues which are of interest for psychiatrists worldwide, usually in relationship to WPA initiatives. Each Forum consists of one or more introductory papers and many commentaries.

A first Forum, entitled: "Psychiatrists and the Death Penalty: Some Ethical Dilemmas", was published in January 1998, a second Forum, on "Psychiatry in Medical Education", appeared in September 1998, and a third Forum, entitled "The Declaration of Madrid and Current Psychiatric Practice: Users' and Advocates' Views", was published in January 1999. Two further Forums, entitled "Psychiatry and the Neurosciences" and "Psychiatry and Human Sexuality", respectively, are currently in preparation.

The series "Image of Psychiatry" aims to provide a picture of the past and the present of psychiatry in individual countries or groups of countries. The volume focusing on Japan, is currently in press, and includes chapters on various mental health disorders as well as contributions therapeutic techniques developed by Japanese psychiatrist, such as Morita Therapy on peculiar disorder detected in Japan, such as Taijin-kyofu-sho (a delusional type of social phobia), and a fascinating chapter on the Japanese psyche. A volume on German-speaking countries is almost completed: it includes comprehensive reviews of the contributions of the various German schools of thought, as well as historical surveys (of particular interest is one on psychiatry during the Nazi regime) and an account of current psychiatric clinical practice, research and education in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. A volume on Spain is also in preparation.

Besides the above series, the WPA is continuing to produce the proceedings of the World Congresses of Psychiatry (those of the 10th Congress are now in press) and of selected Regional Meetings and Thematic Conferences.

PREPARING OURSELVES FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE XI WORLD CONGRESS

The process of preparing the General Assembly, our most important institutional event, and for the XI World Congress of Psychiatry, that constitutes its framework, is engaging most of our recent efforts and dedication. Accordingly, such preparations have been a focal point of the Executive Committee meeting of May 17 and teleconference of June 20 and 24.

Also important Zonal meetings have recently taken place during which preparations for the General Assembly have been major topics of discussion. Noteworthy for their outstanding attendance have been the meeting of Zone 3 (Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean) and March 24 in San José, Costa Rica and the Zone 2 Forum this May in Washington during the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association.

General Assembly topics that have involved intense preparatory work from the Executive Committee and other WPA components include the following:

- Proposed amendments of the Statutes and By-laws
- Admission of new Member Societies and Sections

Reports from Executive Committee members and Standing Committees
Action Papers on the WPA Strategic Plan, New Structure of Membership Dues, and Further Development of the WPA Website.
Consensus and position Statements
Triennial Financial Plan

Reports and Recommendations concerning the WPA Educational Foundation

The nomination Committee released its report on June 25. The list of candidates that will be presented to the General Assembly for election are listed, in the random order recommended by the Committee, on the adjacent table

CANDIDATES FOR WPA ELECTIVE POSTS

<i>President</i>	A. Okasha(Egypt)
<i>Sec. Education</i>	R. Montenegro (Argentina) C. Höschl (Czech Rep.) E. Benedek (USA)
<i>Sec. Publications</i>	S. Ryano (Israel) I. Brockington (UK) P. Ruiz (USA)
<i>Sec. Sections</i>	M. Maj (Italy) D. Lipsitt (USA) Y. Nakane (Japan) U. Halbreich (USA) W. Gaebel(Germany) G. Christodoulou (Greece)
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<i>Zone 5 Rep.:</i>	M.R. Jorge (Brazil) A. Heerlein (Chile)
<i>Zone 6 Rep.:</i>	B. Martindale (U.K) M. Ackenheil (Germany)
<i>Zone 8 Rep.:</i>	S. Cervera (Spain)

<i>Zone 9 Rep.:</i>	I. Bitter (Hungary) M. Jarema (Poland)
<i>Zone 10 Rep.:</i>	V. Krasnov (Russia) V. Al-Khulaidi (Yemen)
<i>Zone 12 Rep.:</i>	F. Antun (Lebanon) A. Al-Khulaidi (Yemen)
<i>Zone 13 Rep.:</i>	M. Olatawura (Nigeria)
<i>Zone 16 Rep.:</i>	P. Deva (Malaysia)
<i>Zone 17 Rep.:</i>	J. Suzuki (Japan) H. Y. Lee (Korea)

UPCOMING WPA CONGRESSES AND MEETINGS

Secretary for Meetings, Professor Driss Moussaoui,
coordinates these events and welcomes initiatives for new ones.
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August 1-4, 1999, WPA Section on Epidemiology and Public Health Meeting, Turku, Finland, From Epidemiology to Clinical Practice. Satellite meeting of the XI World Congress of Psychiatry of Hamburg.
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August 3-5, 1999, WPA Section on Mental Health and Economics Meeting. Warsaw, Poland, Mental Health Economics and Psychiatric Practice in central and eastern Europe.
Contact: Pr. M. Moscarelli, Fax: (39-02) 5810-6901. August 6-11, 1999, XI World Congress of Psychiatry, Hamburg, Germany, Psychiatry on New Thresholds. Contact: Pr. W. Faebel, Fax: (49-40) 670-3283. E-mail: cpo@wpa-hamburg.de Website: <http://www.wpa-hamburg.de>

October 20-23, 1999, WPA Regional Meeting, Buenos Aires, Argentina, The Psychiatric Hospital in the New Millennium. Contact: Dr. N. F. Marchant, Fax: (54-11)4303-3796. Email: aap@drwebsa.com.ar

October 20-23, 1999, WPA Co-Sponsored Second Conference on the Synthesis between Psychopharmacology and Psychotherapy, Geneva, Switzerland.
Contact: Pr. S. Tyrano, Fax: (972-3)925-8361. Email: styano@post.tau.ac.il

November 6-10, 1999 WPA Co-Sponsored XX Congress of the International Association for Suicide Prevention, Athens, Greece, Preventing Suicide at the Dawn of the New Century.

Contact: Pr. C. N. Stefanis, Fax: (30-1) 362-5572. E-mail: easytravel@hol.gr
November 24-27, 1999 WPA Co-Sponsored Regional Symposium North-South of Latin American Psychiatric Association (APAL), Margarita, Venezuela, 21st Century: a Century for the Promotion of Mental Health.

Contact: Pr. E. Belfort, Fax: (58-2)731-2024/238-2340, E-mail: belfort.ed@excite.com
March 27-April 1, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored XIV Central American Congress of Psychiatry. Contact: Pr. G. Grimaldo, Fax: (507)223-1462 April 6-8, 2000, WPA Regional Meeting, Foz do Iguassu, Brazil, The Efficacy of Psychiatric Interventions: Evidence and Outcome.

Contact: Pr. M.R. Jorge, Fax: (55-21)252-5994, (55-11)280-9232, Email: migueljorge@psiquiatria.epm.br or Pr. R.W. Aguiar (55-51)330-7738. Email: rwaguiar@conex.com.br
May 10-12, 2000, WPA Section on Mental Health and Economics Meeting, Chicago, USA, The Value of Psychiatry, Economic and Health Policy Implications.

Contact: Pr. M. Moscarelli, Fax: (39-02) 5810-6901. June 15-17, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored Symposium on the 19th Danube Symposium of Psychiatry, Linz, Austria. Contact: Pr. W. Schony, Fax: (43-732) 651-321, E-mail: donausymposion@promenteooe.at
June 26-30, 2000, WPA Jubilee Meeting, Paris, France, From Clinical Practice to Research: Rethinking Psychiatry.

Contact: Pr. J. Garrabé, Fax: (33-1) 4278-3512, E-mail: jmthurin@pratique.fr
October 5-7, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored 5th Congress of the International Wernicke-Kleist-Leonhard Society, Wurzburg, Germany, Differentiated diagnostics of endogenous psychoses, neurotic disorders and personality disorders.

Contact: Prof. H. Beckmann. Fax: (49-931) 203-427. E-mail: beckmann@mail.uni-wuerzburg.de
June 20-23, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored Conference, Leipzig, Germany, Reducing the Stigma of Mental Illness.

Contact: Pr. M.C. Angermeyer, Fax: (49-341)972-4539. E-mail: schb@medizin.uni-leipzig.de
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
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
September 13-16, 2000, WPA Co-Sponsored IV World Congress on Depressive Disorders, Mendoza, Argentina.

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

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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
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, 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.
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