
3rd Quarter 2002

Greetings

I much look forward to many years of active collaboration with you, and to sharing your commitment to improve the mental health of patients and their carers, through the strengthening of psychiatric organisations and agreement on ethical principles of good practice. Since the elections at the memorable congress in Japan, I have been preoccupied with aspects of the past, the present, and the future. Driss Moussaoui's biography of Jean Delay was helpful with the past, Juan Mezzich's advice and assistance with my induction has been of great help at the present time, and my plans for the future of the Secretariat will be exposed to the full rigours of the Executive Committee. Suffice to say that I want to ensure that the smooth running and good reputation of the Secretariat is maintained, and that the information still flows between us all, whether through E-mail, fax or phone - or even a good old-fashioned letter!

I stood for election, partly because I was impressed by the infrastructure for WPA now put in place, which I am sure will provide a useful framework within which to review our future plans and priorities for the Secretariat.

You will be most welcome to visit me at my office at Keele (50 minutes from Manchester Airport) and at my home further north in the beautiful English Lake District.

I shall hope to catch up with you, as directly as I can, during my visits to WPA meetings. Meanwhile I am learning your biographies, studying your photographs and so facilitating, I hope, the work of the WPA and the Secretariat, which must retain, within the inevitable complexities of administration and communication, a personal dimension. In the Secretariat, we will try to emulate the Japanese musicians at Yokohama, by combining the strength of the large booming drums with the delicate artistry of the bamboo flute!

Finally, my special congratulations to the new Zonal Representatives, and Chairpersons of Sections. Greetings to your member societies, as you report back on the Congress and in particular the Ethical and other consensus papers which were agreed at the General Assembly. We should be proud of the thorough electoral process and grateful to our colleagues, who ensured that this process was conducted in a fair manner, even if it did delay somewhat the start of the General Assembly! Now we must get on with the work and prepare to make the WPA meetings successful. I am particularly keen to help the Zonal Representatives make social and scientific links between member societies within their spheres of influence. In this regard it is a particular pleasure to welcome the new Member Societies and Affiliated Organizations.

John Cox, WPA Secretary General



The new Executive Committee: left to right,
 first row: Prof. Roger Montenegro, Prof. Juan E. Mezzich, Prof. Ahmed Okasha, Prof. John Cox.
 Back row: Prof. Mario Maj, Prof. Pedro Ruiz, Prof. Sam Tyano, and Prof. Georgios Christodoulou.
 Seated next to Prof. Cox is Dr. Ekaterina Sukhanova, Secretariat Administrator.

CONCLUSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Executive Committee Members

President: Ahmed Okasha (Egypt)
 President-Elect (Vice-President): Juan E. Mezzich (USA) *
 Secretary General: John Cox (UK) *
 Secretary for Finance: Sam Tyano (Israel) *
 Secretary for Meetings: Pedro Ruiz (USA) *
 Secretary for Education: Roger Montenegro (Argentina)
 Secretary for Publications: Mario Maj (Italy)
 Secretary for Sections: George Christodoulou (Greece)

* = Elected by the 2002 General Assembly

Council

E. Peter Berner (France)
 Jorge A. Costa e Silva (USA)
 Marianne Kastrup (Denmark) *
 Felice Lieh-Mak (China)
 Juan J. López-Ibor (Spain) *
 Driss Moussaoui (Morocco) *
 Pierre Pichot (France)
 Norman Sartorius (Switzerland)
 Fini M. Schulsinger (Denmark)
 Costas Stefanis (Greece)

* = New member as of 2002

Zonal Representatives

- Zone 1 (Canada): Werner Pankratz
- Zone 2 (United States): Allan Tasman *
- Zone 3 (Mexico, Central America & the Caribbean): Enrique Camarena *
- Zone 4 (Northern South America): Edgard Belfort *
- Zone 5 (Southern South America): Miguel R. Jorge
- Zone 6 (Western Europe): Brian Martindale
- Zone 7 (Northern Europe): Marianne Kastrup *
- Zone 8 (Southern Europe): Levent Küey *
- Zone 9 (Central Europe): Petr Smolik *
- Zone 10 (Eastern Europe): Valery Krasnov *
- Zone 11 (Northern Africa): Tarek Okasha *
- Zone 12 (Middle East): Fuad Antun *
- Zone 13 (Western & Central Africa): Michael Olatawura *
- Zone 14 (Southern & Eastern Africa): Fred Kigozi †
- Zone 15 (Western & Central Asia): Haroon Rashid Chaudhry †
- Zone 16 (Southern Asia): Parameshvara Deva
- Zone 17 (Eastern Asia): Jiro Suzuki
- Zone 18 (South Pacific): Janice Marjorie Wilson *

* = Elected by the 2002 General Assembly

† = Appointed by the Executive Committee

2002 General Assembly Honorary Members

Said Abdel Azim
 Mordechai Benyakar
 Carlos Berganza
 Nick Bouras
 Enrique Camarena
 Edmond Chiu
 John Cox
 Parameshvara Deva
 Harold Eist
 Jean Garrabé
 Christian Haasen
 Mariano Hernández
 Tetsuo Hirose

Assen Jablensky
 Miguel Jorge
 Levent Küey
 Carmen Leal
 Nestor Marchant
 Massimo Moscarelli
 Kari Pylkkänen
 Agnes Rupp
 Mitsumoto Sato
 Jiro Suzuki
 Dusica Lecic-Tosevski
 Rasit Tükel

2002 General Assembly Honorary Fellows

Peter Berner
Robert Cancro
Carlos León

Teruo Okuma
Benedetto Saraceno

New Scientific Sections

Section on Personality Disorders

Chair: Erik Simonsen
Co-Chair: Peter Tyrer
Secretary: Birgit Bork Mathiesen

Section on Psychoanalysis in Psychiatry

Chair: Simon-Daniel Kipman
Co-Chair: Allan Tasman
Secretary: Michel Botbol

Section on Schizophrenia

Chair: Wolfgang Gaebel
Co-Chair: Veronica W. Larich
Secretary: Robin Emsley

Section on Suicidology

Chair: Sergio Pérez-Barrero
Co-Chair: Goffredo Bartocci
Secretary: Fumitaka Noda

New Member Societies

Bangladesh Association of Psychiatrists
Costa Rican Psychiatric Association
Ghana Psychiatric Association
Kenya Psychiatric Association
Myanmar Medico-Psychological Society
Sudanese Association of Psychiatrists
Syrian Arab Association of Psychiatrists
Uganda Psychiatric Association

New Affiliated Associations

GAMIAN (Global Alliance for Mental Illness Advocacy) Europe
Moroccan Association of Private Psychiatrists
The Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists

THE PRESIDENT: Prof. Ahmed Okasha (Egypt)



The strength of the WPA policies largely depends on the continuity and consistency of its leadership. The WPA Executive Committee in each period of governance has impacted in a particular way on the development and promotion of the activities of the Association. Moreover, the Statutes and By-Laws allow the past leadership to make a contribution by giving advice to the present leadership.

A major basis for the WPA 2002-2005 Strategic and Financial Plan has been the General Survey that the Association carried out in 2001 among its Member Societies. It has been very stimulating to find a widespread perception that the Association has made significant advances in the attainment of its objectives since the preceding General Survey three years before. Also important has been the evaluation of the 1999-2002 Strategic and Financial Plan, submitted to the General Assembly in Yokohama.

The Strategic and Financial Plan for 2002-2005 shall commit not only the Executive Committee, which is the governing body of WPA between General Assemblies, but all other components of the WPA and its Member Societies.

The broad goals of the WPA during the next three years can be listed as follows:

To optimize the fulfillment of the purposes of WPA, as specified in the Statutes and By-Laws.

To strengthen all Member Societies in their respective countries and support those in developing countries and regions in collaboration with our more developed Member Societies, through practice guidelines, training opportunities, research collaboration and the sharing of organizational experience.

To strengthen the WPA's operational structure in terms of systematization, transparency, and participatory governance, including work towards the development of a Permanent Secretariat.

To promote ethics-related activities, including the implementation and further development of ethical guidelines and upgrading respect for the rights and needs of the mentally ill.

To promote the quality of care and prevention of mental disorders and the well-being of psychiatric patients.

To promote the professional development of young psychiatrists with their direct involvement in expanding our Fellowship programs, training and research opportunities and interactional networks.

To improve the professional organization, scientific and educational quality, and systematic evaluation of WPA-organized meetings as well as their balanced geographic distribution.

To upgrade the editorial and publishing capacity of WPA and its Sections to serve the needs of our Member Societies and of our international profession at large.

To improve international psychiatric education and training.

To establish a role for WPA in coordinating and conducting international collaborative research.

To advance partnerships with other organizations on broad objectives such as educational and practice standards, epidemiological

surveys, anti-stigma programs, public health promotion, and dealing with the impact of globalization on mental health.

Specific goals and activities are listed in the Strategic and Financial Plan 2002-2005 in order to fulfill the broad goals delineated above. The Executive Committee and all components of WPA will dedicate themselves enthusiastically and thoughtfully to implementing these specific activities as well as to monitoring and evaluating their outcome.

I have realized through two decades of work with the different components of the WPA that for the advancement of WPA objectives we need increased democratization, participation and facilitation in communication between the EC and all WPA Societies, Sections, and Zonal Representatives. I was privileged to chair the Ethics Committee of the WPA for the last nine years, during which period the Declaration of Madrid and Specific Guidelines were produced and I am convinced that Ethics is a keystone for the further development of our profession and institutional bodies. I wish to all members of the WPA family great success in our joint efforts to advance psychiatry and mental health across the world.

THE PRESIDENT-ELECT: Prof. Juan E. Mezzich (USA)

I completed this August a 6-year term of duty as Secretary General, which was focused on building a strong Secretariat to provide an effective administrative base to WPA as well as on promoting WPA institutionally through the development of the long-ambitioned Manual of Procedures and the role of WPA (on behalf of its Member Societies) as key organizer and beneficiary of its major activities such as World Congresses.



Under the bright leadership of the new Secretary General, Prof. J. Cox, the Secretariat remains in New York to ensure the functional stability of WPA, while the implementation of the carefully prepared Permanent Secretariat Developmental Plan unfolds. Honored by the vote of the General Assembly, I am starting now a new period of Executive Committee (EC) service, the first 3 years as President-Elect (Vice-President) and the second 3 as President.

Framed by the WPA Statutes and By Laws, the Manual of Procedures, and the 2002-2005 Strategic and Financial Plan, my work this first triennium as President-Elect will include the following activities:

- To collaborate closely with the President in the fulfillment of his responsibilities towards institutional development.
- To provide any consultation and support the Secretary General and Secretariat may request.
- To collaborate with the various members of the EC, particularly concerning inter-sectorial matters.
- To chair statutorily the Standing Committee on Planning.

Additionally, I will carry out special tasks assigned to me by the EC, such as chairing the Institutional Program to Promote the Professional Development of Young Psychiatrists and chairing the Scientific Committee of the XIII World Congress of Psychiatry in Cairo. More broadly, I hope to contribute to the enhancement of WPA's functioning in all institutional areas and to the growing protagonism of Member Societies across the world and all Scientific Sections in the WPA's life.

NEW EC LEADERSHIP PERSPECTIVES (continued)

THE SECRETARY GENERAL: Prof. John Cox (UK)

My vision for the WPA is that it should harness and further enhance the energy of its member societies so that



They are assisted to become more international in their clinical and scientific work
They become stronger advocates for patients and careers
They maintain the highest possible standards of postgraduate and undergraduate training
They are better able to work with other mental health professionals by developing agreed protocols and policies
They are assisted to become more influential with their Governments in planning mental health policy
They can promote international research and benefit from greater understanding of cultural similarities and differences

I will endeavour to promote these and other objectives by ensuring that the Secretariat works at maximum efficiency and in surroundings that are proportional to the importance of the international work we are undertaking.

It is of crucial importance that the WPA components work in a collaborative manner and that regional and temperamental differences are the sources of creative energy and not of disabling division.

I will hope in particular to further the advancement of psychiatry in the developing world and to facilitate through my work as Secretary General a more even distribution of human and financial resources.

There is an opportunity over the next years to realise more of the vision of the WPA founders, as our world becomes smaller and as we increasingly think 'global'. The task is to mobilise psychiatrists to use our professional knowledge to work for peace and to understand and diminish the threat of violence of all kinds.

THE SECRETARY FOR FINANCE: Prof. Sam Tyano (Israel)



Sam Tyano was born in 1939 and holds a degree in Medicine from Strasbourg University, France, and M.Sc. Diplomas in Psychiatry and in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry from Tel Aviv University, Israel. He was appointed as Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Tel Aviv University in 1982 and is also a visiting Professor at Lille University, France.

Professor Tyano was formerly President of the Medical Scientific Council and is presently Director of Geha Psychiatric Hospital and Chairperson of the Israel National Council for Mental Health.

Professor Tyano was responsible for the financial and administrative reorganization of the Medical Scientific Council. During the last three years he has instituted economic, insurance and professional reforms in Israel's mental health system.

Married to Ginette (a practicing psychotherapist) with two daughters, a clinical psychologist and a mime artiste.

Professor Tyano brings to the post of Secretary for Finance many years' experience in conference organization, involvement in WPA projects and wide experience of committee and fund-raising work. He is particularly committed to facilitating the involvement of young colleagues in international meetings and to enhancing the WPA's role in the development of new and smaller national societies.

Professor Tyano's vision for the immediate future and development of the WPA emphasizes the need for communication and an awareness

of the varying needs of the very different WPA member societies: "The WPA has a major role to play in society, to the benefit of our membership and their patients. Our membership is very varied and every society has a role to play and a contribution to make to the organization. We are all psychiatrists but our needs and expectations are very different, from one member society to the next. Professional, ethical, financial and research policies can be determined only after discussion, and in accordance with each society's needs. I see the Zonal representatives as playing a key role in the WPA's development. They should provide a channel of communication between the member societies and the members of the Board and should maintain permanent contact with the societies. To reach this goal of enhanced communication we have to find external sources of income to increase our budget."

THE SECRETARY FOR MEETINGS: Prof. Pedro Ruiz (USA)



Dr. Pedro Ruiz was born in Cuba, and conducted his medical school studies at the University of Paris in France, where he graduated in 1964. Subsequently, he completed his residency training in general psychiatry in the United States (University of Miami) from 1964 to 1968. Following postgraduate training, D. Ruiz joined the faculty at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City from 1968 to 1981.

During this period, he advanced from Instructor to Professor and Vice Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. In 1981, Dr. Ruiz moved to Houston, Texas, and became Tenured Professor of Psychiatry at Baylor College of Medicine, and also Vice Chair of the Department of Psychiatry from 1984 to 1989. In 1993, he transferred to the University of Texas Medical School at Houston as a Tenured Professor of Psychiatry and Vice Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

Dr. Ruiz has published over 400 articles, books, book chapters and abstracts. He has also received from the American Psychiatric Association the Simon Bolivar Award (1991), the Administrative Psychiatry Award (1996), and the George Tarjan Award (2002). Dr. Ruiz has also served as President of the American College of Psychiatrists (2000-2001), The American Association for Social Psychiatry (2000-2002) and Secretary of the American Psychiatric Association (2001-2003).

On 8/26/02, at the WPA General Assembly held in Yokohama, Japan, during the XII World Congress of Psychiatry, Dr. Ruiz was elected WPA Secretary for Meetings for the period 2002-2008. Dr. Ruiz's vision for his position as an officer of the WPA is to provide leadership in the organization and planning of all WPA Affiliated Scientific Meetings and World Congresses of Psychiatry, as well as high quality of Scientific Programs. Additionally, Dr. Ruiz will seek the opportunity to conduct WPA Meetings in all WPA regions and, in particular, in developing countries. It is also Dr. Ruiz intentions to implement a high quality evaluation system for all WPA Congresses for the purpose of achieving full coverage of continuing medical education credits.

Undoubtedly, Dr. Ruiz brings to the WPA strong leadership, a high level of administrative skills, a distinguished record of scholarly and academic contributions to the profession and field, and a wealth of clinical and programmatic experiences.

XII World congress in yokohama, japan, AUGUST 2002

The 12th World Congress of Psychiatry was held for the first time in Asia and celebrated the Centenary of the Japanese Society of Psychiatry and Neurology. They were memorable days in Pacifico Yokohama. The Congress theme 'Partnership for Mental Health' was ambitious, and yet there was success in bringing closer together patients and psychiatrists; WPA, WHO and non governmental organisations; mentors and young Fellows from over 70 different countries; representatives from 89 of the 120 WPA member Societies; scientists and clinicians to review key advances; and the various WPA institutional structures. We enjoyed the hospitality of our Japanese

colleagues, whose language skills exceeded those of their visitors and whose country is so rich in beauty and history. The Congress was opened in the presence of the Crown Prince of Japan and to the sound of large drums and softer tones of the bamboo flute. The 4000 delegates were then able to choose from a large number of symposia and workshops, and special Lectures which ranged from that of the outgoing President (Prof. Juan J. López-Ibor) on the Psychology of Disasters, the Jean Delay prize winner (Prof. Hagop Akiskal) 'From Dysthymia to the Bipolar Spectrum', the incoming President (Prof. Ahmed Okasha) 'The role of WPA in implementing world ethics' and from Master Sen Soshitsu who showed delegates the Healing world of the Tea ceremony. The vigour of many WPA sections was evident throughout the Congress as was the extent of common problems for member societies, such as the shortage of trained mental health professionals, the need to delineate and agree the core tasks for psychiatrists, and establishing mental health laws that protected human rights and reduced, not enhanced, stigma. At the General Assembly the election process was conducted with scrupulous attention to detail and secrecy. The new officers are listed on pages 2 and 4 in this edition. The General Assembly, attended by 89 of member societies, a record number, endorsed almost unanimously the Executive Committee's strategy for working with the Chinese Society of Psychiatrists to investigate alleged abuse of psychiatry. This strategy included educational initiatives, as well as completing as soon as possible the Review Committee's work, and determining the optimum strategy for proposed site visits. The Assembly expressed its profound appreciation to Prof Lopez-Ibor for his work as President and previously as Secretary General and the distinction that he brought to those offices. The inspiration of the retiring Secretary for meetings (Prof Driss Moussaoui), the commitment and diligence of the Secretary General (Prof Juan Mezzich), the assiduity of the Secretary for Finances (Dr Marianne Kastrop) and the hard work of Ekaterina Sukhanova and the Secretariat were applauded. The WPA has been likened to a family; certainly its members are of different sizes, sometimes speak different languages, and like in all families, agreement is not always evident. Yet apparent at Yokohama was a growing consensus that we needed to work in partnership with each other and also with the Service Users and Careers if the association is to flourish, patient care improve, and governments to listen. The Executive committee and Board agreed to establish more robust procedures to evaluate future World Congresses and to provide greater continuity of experience between these colossal global undertakings. The need to meet each other face to face as well as on the internet for scientific exchange remains paramount. The need also to advocate for fairer distribution of psychiatric expertise was a theme detectable at the formal sessions and in the corridors. The planning Committee for the 2005 World Congress in Cairo met in Japan and will benefit from the feedback on the Yokohama congress and the WPA procedures. The Congress, in addition to including the first CME validated courses, had another 'first ': the production of a beautiful commemorative postage stamp. Did any delegate post it? I have kept mine to enjoy the personified butterfly, symbol of the spirit of the psyche, and the rose to remind me of Japan in full bloom. These stamps may also, paradoxically, have reminded delegates that although the world seems more dangerous, and psychiatrists must make a specific contribution for peace, there are reasons for hope as we search for more sustained partnerships across our disciplines, languages, religions and contrasting cultures. The need to learn from disasters and to reduce the levels of violence and wanton destruction which threaten our security and generates mental disorder was a theme in Yokohama which will surely remain prominent on the WPA agenda. "How was the Congress?" I asked a young Fellow from Britain on the way home. "Great", was the reply, "I met colleagues from very isolated countries and we stayed in Japanese homes." So thank you Yokohama, and thanks also to the Scientific Committee and their leaders (Norman Sartorius, Ahmed Okasha and Yoshibumi Nakane). It is not only the young Fellows who will remember the Congress with affection, but many older fellows as well! More detailed reports from the 12th World Congress are on the Web site.

John Cox, WPA Secretary General

ON THE XII WCP FELLOWSHIP AND YOUNG PARTICIPANTS PROGRAM

One of the highly successful elements of the XII World Congress of Psychiatry (WCP) held this August in Yokohama was its Fellowship and Young Participants (F&YP) Program, organized within the framework of the WPA Institutional Program to Promote the Professional Development of Young Psychiatrists chaired by Profs. J. E. Mezzich and M. Maj. Through a systematic evaluation process, the XII WCP F&YP Committee selected 128 Fellows from 79 countries, including 35 from Japan, 37 from other Asian countries, 29 from Europe, 18 from the Americas, and 9 from Africa and the Middle East.

The components of the Fellowship Program follow: 1.) Fellows' Welcoming Session where Fellows and mentors met and an orientation booklet was distributed, 2.) Fellows' distinctive tags and diplomas, 3.) Fellows' Symposia on "Key mental health challenges and opportunities across the world" and "International approaches to psychiatric training", 4.) A mentoring program involving national psychiatric leaders and Zonal Representatives, 5.) Local Japanese Fellows serving as peer guides, 6.) Fellows' Farewell Session, where Fellows and mentors evaluated the program and a group photograph was taken, and 7.) Post-Congress Fellows' free subscription to WPA News for 6 months, encouraged visits to WPA Online, and a follow-up program evaluation

A Special Scientific Track for F&YPs took place every Congress day and involved the following components: a) Plenary Updates on psychiatric diagnosis and epidemiology, biological psychiatry, social workshops corresponding to the general theme of the day and covering, respectively, theoretical issues, specific mental disorders, special populations/ services, and training and ethical issues.

The Special Cultural and Social Program for F&YPs included a Lounge (as an encounter point, where "meet the experts" sessions were organized), an Artistic and Talent Show (where F&YPs highlighted their cultures through songs, poems, and dances), and visits to local cultural sites such as the Kamakura Buddha.

A F&YP, oral and written program evaluation at the Farewell Session revealed ample satisfaction with the program (the opportunities offered to Fellows and the Special Scientific Track for F&YP were perceived by over 90% of the respondents as excellent or good) as well as a number of suggestions for future programs. In response to requests from many Fellows, organizational support is being planned for a WPA network of Fellows and Young Psychiatrists.



XII WCP Fellows and Fellowship Committee members, Yokohama, August 2002.

UPCOMING WPA CONGRESSES AND MEETINGS

Secretary for Meetings, Professor Pedro Ruiz
coordinates these events and welcomes initiatives for new ones.
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February 1-28, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored IV Virtual Congress of Psychiatry

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March 10-13, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored Qatar International Psychiatric Conference, Doha, Qatar.

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March 28-30, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored Sixth Workshop on Cost Assessment in Psychiatry of WPA Section on Mental Health Economics, Venice, Italy, Mental Health Policy and Economics: The Value of Research.

Contact: M. Moscarelli, E-mail: info@icmpe.org

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

June 19-22, 2003, WPA International Thematic Conference, Vienna, Austria, Diagnosis in Psychiatry: Integrating the Sciences.

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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.

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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.

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August 23-28, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored 17th World Congress on Psychosomatic Medicine, Waikoloa, Hawaii, USA.

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September, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored World Congress on Depressive Disorders and International Symposium of Cognitive Disorders, Mendoza, Argentina.

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September 20-21, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored Satellite Conference on Ethnicity & Mental Health in Europe, Essen, Germany.

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October 2-4, 2003, WPA Regional Meeting, Caracas, Venezuela, Alliances for Mental Health.

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November, 2003, WPA Co-sponsored meeting of the Egyptian Psychiatric Association (in collaboration with WHO) on Religion, Spirituality and Mental Health, St. Catherine's Monastery, Sinai, Egypt.

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September 22-26, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored 14th World Congress of the World Association of Dynamic Psychiatry, Cracow, Poland.

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October 24-27, 2004, WPA Co-sponsored XVIII World Congress of Social Psychiatry, Kobe, Japan, Globalization and Diversity:

Challenges for Social Psychiatry.

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November 10-13, 2004, WPA International Congress, Florence, Italy. Treatment in Psychiatry: an Update.

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March 12-15, 2005, WPA Regional Meeting, Athens, Greece.

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September 10-15, 2005, XIII World Congress of Psychiatry, Cairo, Egypt. Five Thousand Years of Science and Care.

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After a long time, WPA is returning to Vienna for an International Thematic Conference to be held on June 19-22, 2003. Its main topic will be "Diagnosis in Psychiatry: Integrating the Sciences". An intense scientific program is being planned, including invited plenary lectures and symposia as well as poster presentations. English will be the official language, but simultaneous interpretation into German, French, Russian and Spanish will be provided for lectures and selected symposia. The venue, Hofburg Congress Center in the former imperial palace, is located in the heart of historical Vienna. After the meeting is over, you will have an opportunity to immerse yourself in the many cultures that make up this vibrating city, to discover Kaffee Mélange, and to visit some of the world's best museums - of course, not forgetting Berggasse 19, the house of Freud.



Freud's Museum in Vienna

You are invited to register on-line at www.wpa2003vienna.at, where you will find the list of symposia and all practical information you may need. The Conference Secretariat can be contacted by e-mail wpa2003vienna@icos.co.at or fax (+43 1) 512 80 91 80. Please let your colleagues know about this meeting, too. We are looking forward to seeing all of you in Vienna next June!