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Greetings

In the last months of 2005, the Secretariat in Geneva was busy preparing for an Executive Committee Teleconference and introducing a new staff member to assist in the Secretariat (Pamela Atiase), in addition to Anna Engstrom. The Teleconference considered the exciting developments at the present time including the Executive Committee's work plans, the report on the World Congress in Cairo, the arrangements for the meeting with the Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO), and the imminent International Congress in Istanbul.

We are working hard to fulfil the President's wish to have a dossier of the triennial plans of all WPA components complet-

ed by the end of March. Thank you for your co-operation.

The President returned from an important Asia tour and his report is on Page 5. The energy of the WPA leadership in South Asia on behalf of their poor communities has set an example to the WPA family; and is driving forward the new Section on Developing Country Psychiatry.

Helen Herrman's account of the heroic efforts in Pakistan and India by Haroon Chaudhry and J.K. Trivedi (Co-chairs of the WPA Taskforce on the Kashmir Earthquake), and Parameshvara Deva (Chair, WPA Asian Tsunami Task

Force) are reported on pages 3 and 4.

Your Secretary General recently returned from an extensive private visit with his wife to Uganda and is now more familiar with the notable developments in community mental health services, research and training in East Africa (photo on page 5).

Please note carefully the membership of the Standing and Operational Committees (Page 2) and celebrate the impressive commitment of their members to advance World Psychiatry.

*Prof. John Cox
Secretary General, WPA*



L to R: Seating: Profs. P Deva, JE Mezzich, G Christodoulou and H Herrman. Standing: Profs. JK Trivedi, A Javed, B Singh, T Akiyama, R D'Souza and H Chaudhry at the Work Sessions on Disaster Response Planning & Region IV Development, SAARC Psychiatric Federation Conference, Agra, India, December 3, 2005.

WPA STANDING AND OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES 2005-2008

The process for selection and appointment of the WPA Standing and Operational Committees 2005-2008 started with a call for nominations extended to all Member Societies as part of our new institutional emphasis on open and participative governance. The Executive Committee reviewed carefully the nominations in Los Cabos, Mexico and agreed on the enclosed roster of outstanding colleagues as members of the Committees.

Also encouraging is to note the unprecedented level of diversity and representativeness of the committees' membership. Virtually all of them include a representative of each

of the four WPA World Regions, i.e., The Americas, Europe, Africa & the Middle East, and Asia & Australasia. Furthermore, nearly the totality of them incorporates at least one female colleague. The latter is in line with the growing presence of women in the leadership of our Member Societies and Scientific Sections and as Zonal Representatives.

The sterling professional quality of the selected colleagues, the world representativeness they bring, and the commitment evidenced in accepting their appointments, all promise highly for meeting their important responsibilities.

Committee chairs are now communicating with their committee members and consultants to prepare their triennial workplans to be submitted to the Executive Committee for review. In due course, these workplans will constitute, along with those of the Executive Committee and Zonal Representatives, the WPA Governance Plans 2005-2008.

As it is known that the major asset of any society is its capacity to organize itself, there is every reason to anticipate that the new Standing & Operational Committees will contribute well to the fulfillment of the WPA Strategic Plan and institutional aspirations for this triennium.

Standing Committee on Ethics

George Christodoulou (Greece) - *Chair*
Enrique Baca (Spain) - *Co-chair*
Said Azim (Egypt) - *Member*
Werner Pankratz (Canada) - *Member*
Sidney Bloch (Australia) - *Member*
Kenneth W.M. Fulford (UK) - *Consultant*
Tae Yeon Hwang (Korea) - *Consultant*

Standing Committee on Planning

Mario Maj (Italy) - *Chair*
Allan Tasman (USA) - *Member*
Miguel Jorge (Brazil) - *Member*
Sam Tyano (Israel) - *Member*
Ahmed Okasha (Egypt) - *Member*
Hamid Ghodse (UK) - *Consultant*
Florence Baingana (Uganda-USA) - *Consultant*

Operational Committee on Meetings

Pedro Ruiz (USA) - *Chair*
Jiri Raboch (Czech) - *Member*
Nasser Loza (Egypt) - *Member*
Hong Ma (China) - *Member*
Maria I. Lopez-Ibor A. (Spain) - *Member*
Levent Küey (Turkey) - *Consultant*
Fuad Antun (Lebanon) - *Consultant*
Tania Peon (Cuba) - *Consultant*

Standing Committee on Review

Driss Moussaoui (Morocco) - *Chair*
Donna Stewart (Canada) - *Co-chair*
John Cox (UK) - *Member*
Otto Steinfeldt-Foss (Norway) - *Member*
Yubarandt Bepali (Uruguay) - *Member*
John Gunn (UK) - *Consultant*
Constantin Soldatos (Greece) - *Consultant*

Operational Committee on Education

Allan Tasman (USA) - *Chair*
Valery Krasnov (Russia) - *Member*
Savita Malhotra (India) - *Member*
Brian Martindale (UK) - *Member*
Dan Stein (South Africa) - *Member*
Roger Montenegro (Argentina) - *Consultant*
Anne Lindhardt (Denmark) - *Consultant*
Linda Gask (UK) - *Consultant*

Operational Committee on Publications

Helen Herrman (Australia) - *Chair*
Frank Njenga (Kenya) - *Member*
Vikram Patel (India) - *Member*
Marta Rondón (Peru) - *Member*
Yves Thoret (France) - *Member*
Nikolaos Tzavaras (Greece) - *Consultant*
Mario Maj (Italy) - *Consultant*
Michelle Riba (USA) - *Consultant*

Standing Committee on Nominations

Juan E. Mezzich (USA) - *Chair*
Mario Maj (Italy) - *Member*
Antoine Besse (France) - *Member*
Julio Arboleda-Florez (Canada) - *Member*
Afzal Javed (UK) - *Member*

Operational Committee on Finances

Sam Tyano (Israel) - *Chair*
Marianne Kastrup (Denmark) - *Member*
Oakley Ray (USA) - *Member*
Tsuyoshi Akiyama (Japan) - *Member*
François Ferrero (Switzerland) - *Member*
Tudor Udristoiu (Romania) - *Consultant*

Operational Committee on Sections

Miguel Jorge (Brazil) - *Chair*
Dusica Lecic-Tosevski (Serbia & Montenegro) - *Member*
Rubén Hernández (Venezuela) - *Member*
Tarek Okasha (Egypt) - *Member*
Edmond Chiu (Australia) - *Member*
George Christodoulou (Greece) - *Consultant*

Report from WPA AGRA Meetings, December 2005

Prepared by Prof. Helen Herrman, EC-Link for WPA Region IV

WPA Work Session on Policies and Plans on Disasters Response

SAARC International Conference, Agra, 3 December, 2005

Opening by the President of WPA

Prof Mezzich welcomed participants: G Christodoulou, P. Deva, A. Javed, H.R. Chaudhry, J.K. Trivedi, A. Malik, T. Akiyama, R. D'Souza, U. Niaz, H. Herrman; and received apologies from the remaining invitees.

Review of the WPA new Policy and Plans on Disasters and Mental Health

Prof Mezzich noted that WPA is a professional organization responsible for and desiring to respond to situations in a way that is consistent with its constitution and resources. It is primarily neither a fund-raising nor human rights organization. Referring to the letter sent to all WPA components in November, issuing 'A New Call for Action on Disasters', he noted:

'Our response, based on our constitution and particular expertise and resources, must focus in each case on assisting our member societies and related health professional groups to fulfill their responsibilities to help the populations they serve to deal with the psychosocial consequences of disasters. It often appears that the best ways for WPA to help involve educational efforts based on an adequate situational assessment and well thought out and culturally informed health actions. These assessments and action plans would be formulated by assisting and engaging competent and committed local member societies and groups and by obtaining input from and collaborating with the World Health Organization.'

The Institutional Program on Disasters (IP) chaired by Prof. George Christodoulou has a key role. The IP is accountable to the EC for broad operational coordination, and draws on the Scientific Section on Disasters (chaired by Dr Moty Benyakar) for the development of academic resources, and on appointed local Task Forces. Helen Herrman is available to act as required as EC-link, resource and support for the work, especially in Region IV. The local Task Forces support the drafting of specific mental health action plans and assist national efforts for their implementation in consultation with WPA central

resources.

Each task force will include the relevant Zonal Representative(s), President of Member Society or Societies, and other members appointed in consultation with WPA. The need for continuity is important. After an event on the scale of the Asian tsunami, and the earthquake in Kashmir, the task forces will need to continue work for at least 5 years. The chair and members of the task force in each case must be appointed with a view to the need to communicate well with governments as well as other bodies including WHO.

Considerable discussion emphasized (1) the need for *proactive communication* with governments, WHO and Member Societies when a disaster occurs (*readiness*) as well as in ensuring preparedness for disaster response, and (2) *clarity about the WPA structure* enabling this.

Prof Mezzich noted that commitment, collaboration and partnership marked the spirit of WPA and the success of the efforts of WPA in disaster response.

Brief Progress Review of the WPA South Asia Tsunami Task Force (Prof. P. Deva)

Prof Deva spoke to his written report, describing the inadequate and often poorly coordinated nature of the psychosocial responses overall, and the factors apparently responsible for that. Prof Deva noted that the role of the psychiatrist when disaster strikes remains a talking point. He also noted the outstanding efforts of many colleagues and NGO groups. (See photos on page 4 on WPA visit to Tsunami projects in Sri Lanka, August 2005).

Prof Deva agreed to assist in providing a report on the use of WPA funds allocated by the Task Force to the Indonesian Psychiatric Association and the Sri Lankan College of Psychiatrists.

Review of the WPA Kashmir Earthquake Task Force and Advisory Group

The *Task Force* was formally established

based on the existing working group in Pakistan, to be chaired by Prof Haroon Rashid Chaudhry, co-chair Dr JK Trivedi (Zonal Representative), and include the Presidents of the two Member Societies (PPA and IPS - currently Prof A Malik and Prof S Nambi), Prof Afzal Javed, and Dr Unaiza Niaz based on her commitment and expertise and her extensive work in the area with women and children.

An *Advisory Group* will be created to include all interested and relevant individuals and groups, including the other Zonal Representatives in the WPA region, representatives of the JSNP and RANZCP, and other societies in the Region including SAF and IAPA, as well as representatives of the other WPA Task Forces. The Task Force will be asked to advise the EC on the membership of this Group.

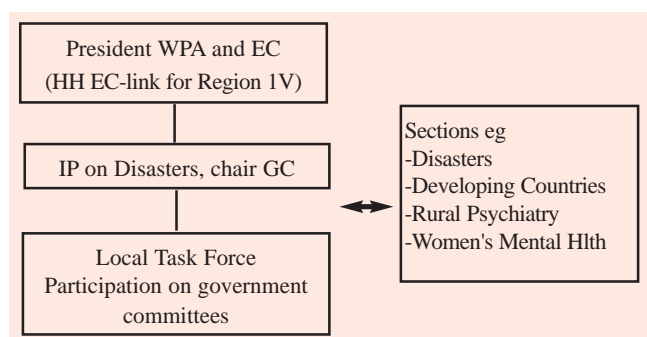
Core Work Plan for WPA Kashmir Earthquake Task Force

- Basic situational assessment and documentation of psychosocial training needs
- Preparation of specific and budgeted protocols inserted within pertinent national and international plans.

The Task Force was asked to proceed with this work, and to call on the IP and the EC through Helen Herrman as required. The \$10,000 WPA grant allocated by the EC is available to facilitate this work.

Follow-Up Plans

The Task Forces are requested to keep the EC and the IP informed of activities and progress. Further work sessions will be convened periodically by the President, taking advantage of regional and other meetings where participants will gather.



WPA Visit to Disaster Response Efforts in Sri Lanka



L to R: J Freidin (RANZCP), C. Perera (Australia), JE Mezzich (WPA), G Christodoulou (WPA), C.G. Hewage (Sri Lanka), B Singh (Australia) and J Cox (WPA) visiting psychosocial rehabilitation efforts with Tsunami survivors in Sri Lanka, August 2005.



R to L: Profs. J Cox, G Christodoulou, JE Mezzich and B Singh visiting with the Director (Dr. Chandanie G. Hewage) of a Mental Health Clinic involved with psychosocial rehabilitation of Tsunami survivors in Sri Lanka, August 2005.

WPA Work Session on Programmatic Development of WPA Region IV (Asia & Australasia) at the SAARC International Conference, Agra, 3 December 2005

Opening by President of WPA

Prof Mezzich welcomed participants: G. Christodoulou, P. Deva, A. Javed, H.R. Chaudhry, J.K. Trivedi, A. Malik, T. Akiyama, R. D'Souza, U. Niaz, B. Singh, H. Herrman; and received apologies from the remaining invitees.

Review WPA policy on the development of WPA Regions

Prof Mezzich outlined the history of the concept of regions and zones within WPA. Over several years from the mid-1990s the development of 18 zones had overshadowed the original WPA vision of regions. The advantages of the interaction of zones within regions were now once again becoming more apparent. Work in Europe and in Africa in particular was realizing this in recent times. Prof Mezzich applauded the series of initiatives that suggested the emergence of an interest and capacity to work across Region IV. The initiatives include the formation of the Asian Federation of Psychiatric Associations, and the General Assembly approval in Cairo of the

establishment of the WPA Institutional Programme to Promote Psychiatry and Mental Health in Asia. Prof P Deva was prominent in each of these initiatives, along with a number of colleagues present, represented and invited to the meeting.

Review of and planning for the WPA Institutional Programme to Promote Psychiatry and Mental Health in Asia

Prof Deva tabled a revised document giving background and suggested priorities for action, acknowledging the key advice from Prof Afzal Javed. The meeting applauded the document, and the three action areas, noting that the next task was to decide on the starting point and the first two or three projects.

A decision was taken to adopt the three broad working areas: "Training of primary care providers in primary care psychiatry and mental health; "Services development and reform; "Strengthening training of psychiatrists and allied professionals in psychiatry and improving undergraduate teaching of psychiatry.

The meeting decided on the need for a Steering Committee of about 6 members, and a larger Advisory Committee. The members of the latter should include representatives of those organizations identified in the tabled document, with the addition of the Zonal Representative of Zone 18 (after an intervention from BS), as this is a regional initiative. Working Groups should be established for specific projects and initiatives. Prof Mezzich noted that the EC-link is Prof H Herrman, whose role is to facilitate the completion of tasks as may be required.

Early consideration of fundraising as well as project development is required. Prof Mezzich noted that WPA's particular contribution is the promotion of psychiatry and mental health in Asia through our Institutional Program on Asia and Zonal Representatives and Member Societies in the Region, and in consultation with governments, WHO and universities. Recalling this will assist in the selection of the initial tasks and coordination of efforts.

DISASTER RESPONSE RECOMMENDATIONS AS FOLLOW-UP TO WPA AGRA MEETINGS, DECEMBER 2005

Prepared by Prof. G. Christodoulou, Chair of the Institutional Program on Disasters and Mental Health

1. The Agra minutes to be distributed widely, i.e. to WPA components via the Electronic Bulletin, WPA News and the WPA Website.
2. The psychiatric community should be informed that the sum of US \$ 10,000 is being sent from the WPA central funds to the Task Force on the Kashmir Earthquake for situational assessment and the preparation of protocols.
3. Prof. Helen Herrman, as EC-Link, in consultation with the WPA Institutional Program on Disasters would be ready to assist the local Disaster Task Forces to prepare strong and fundable protocols for relevant psychosocial programs in the area.
4. The WPA President will consider approaching the WPA Member Societies and relevant industry in order to stimulate donations to the WPA Disasters fund, in keeping with the WPA Disasters Response Plan, updated in the last trimester of 2005.

WPA President Visit to South Asia in December 2005



Prof. JE Mezzich (WPA President) surrounded by Profs. H Islam, A Malik, AKM Nazimuddin Chowdhury, R D'Souza, A Javed, A Sobhan and P Deva and several other participants at the International Psychiatric Conference in Dhaka, Bangladesh, December 6-8, 2005.



L to R: Profs. V Chandra, B Singh, H Islam, JE Mezzich, P Deva, A Javed and JK Trivedi at the International Conference on Psychiatry, in Dhaka, Bangladesh, December 6-8, 2005.

During the first week of December 2005, Prof. JE Mezzich visited South Asia, starting with the International Conference of the SAARC Psychiatric Federation in Agra India, on December 3-5. During this event, crucial WPA Work Sessions on Disaster Response Planning and Program-matic Development of WPA Region IV (Asia & Australasia) took place and are separately summarized in this issue of WPA News. Prof. Mezzich moved then to Dhaka, Bangladesh, to participate in an International Conference on Psychiatry, December 6-8, 2005 (see photographs below). This was the largest psychiatric event in Bangladesh in recent times.

Prof. J.E. Mezzich receives Doctorate Honoris Causa



On 9 December 2005, WPA President Prof. Juan E. Mezzich received the title of Doctor Honoris Causa from Rector Prof. M. Bojita, University of Medicine and Pharmacy Iuliu Hatieganu in Cluj-Napoca, Romania for exceptional studies on medical taxonomy and diagnosis and contributions to the development of world psychiatry.

WPA Secretary General visits Uganda



WPA Secretary General meets Dr. F. Kigozi (Zonal Representative for East and Southern Africa). Also pictured are Mrs. Cox and Dr. Grace Nakasi (Child Psychiatrist).

Major WPA Scientific Meetings in 2006



Palacio de Convenciones
La Habana

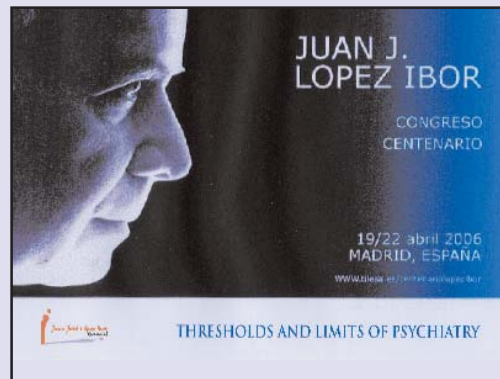
WPA Regional Conference, Second Pan American Congress of Child and Adolescent Mental Health, and Third International Conference of La Habana Psychiatric Hospital, Havana, Cuba, March 27-31, 2006

The beautiful capital of Cuba and its outstanding Convention Palace will be the setting for this major event with lecturers from all world continents and particularly from the Caribbean and Latin America. A wide range of topics will encompass the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of psychiatric patients as well as health promotion. One of the discussion highlights will be the Cuban Glossary of Psychiatry and the Latin American Guide for Psychiatric Diagnosis (GLADP). Visits to innovative institutions from Cuba's national health system will be arranged. Cultural galas include Psico-Ballet and the Children's National Theater. For more information, please contact Dr. Tania Peon at felices@infomed.sld.cu and visit www.loseventos.cu/saludmental2006

WPA Juan J. Lopez Ibor Centennial Congress, Madrid, Spain, April 19-21, 2006

Thresholds and Limits of Psychiatry

Juan José López Ibor (Sollana 1906 - Madrid 1991) is considered to be one of the most important specialists in the psychiatric world. He dedicated himself to the psychiatry of his time, promoting it inside and outside Spain. He was Secretary and later President of the World Psychiatric Association (1966-1972) and organised also the IV World Congress of Psychiatry (Madrid, 1966). He has authored books and articles on scientific issues. His major work, *Vital Anxiety* (Madrid, 1950) was written in 1944 during the appalling days of exile and adversity. Organizer: Lopez Ibor Foundation Contact: Dr. Juan J. Lopez Ibor, Jr. E-mail: jli@lopez-ibor.com



WPA International Congress, Istanbul, Turkey, July 12-16, 2006

Psychiatry: Uniqueness and Universality

The World Psychiatric Association is delighted to invite you to its major event in 2006, the WPA International Congress in Istanbul. It will be a great honor for the psychiatric community of Turkey to welcome psychiatrists and mental health professionals from across the world. Under the general theme, "Psychiatry: Uniqueness and Universality", this congress has already accommodated over 550 oral and poster presentations, more than 100 symposia and 50 courses and workshops, not to forget 40 key lectures covering scientific studies on every aspect of theoretical and practical issues in psychiatry and mental health. Please visit the congress website for further information. Organizers: a) Psychiatric Association of Turkey b) Turkish Neuropsychiatric Society Contact: Dr. Levent Kuey E-mail: kuey1@superonline.com. Website: www.wpa2006istanbul.org



WPA Regional Conference, Lima, Peru, November 30-December 3, 2006

Integration and Evidence for Change

Peruvian psychiatrists are delighted to see their fellow countryman, Juan Enrique Mezzich preside over the largest association of psychiatrists in the world and will hold the XIX Peruvian Congress of Psychiatry and WPA Regional Meeting in Lima from Nov 30 to December 3, 2006. Epidemiology, neurosciences and young psychiatrists will be the main topics of the congress under the general theme Integration and Evidence for Change. A plus is the Post Congress Symposium on Ethics, to be held in the mythical city of Cusco, near Machu Picchu, the most coveted tourist destination of the decade. Contact: Peruvian Psychiatric Association, app@apperu.org, Marta Rondon, President mbrondon@gmail.com or Gabriela Kuroiwa, Secretary General, gabykuroiwa@yahoo.es



Future WPA Scientific Meetings

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1-28 February 2006: "VII Virtual Congress of Psychiatry (Interpsiquis 2006)". Palma de Malloca, Spain. Organizer: Interpsiquis 2006 - Dr. Pedro Moreno. Contact: Dr. Pedro Moreno. E-mail: secretaria@psiquiatria.com. Website: www.interpsiquis.com.

3-6 March 2006: "Affective Disorders: Integrated Approaches Across The Lifespan". Lisbon, Portugal. Organizer: International Society for Affective Disorders. Contact: Carolina Holebrook. E-mail: Carolina.holebrook@iop.kcl.ac.uk. Website: www.isad.org.uk.

15-18 March 2006: "National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD) VI International Congress". Boston, USA. Organizer: National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD). Collaboration: WPA Section on Mental Retardation. Contact: Dr. Roberto Fletcher. E-mail: rfletcher@thenadd.org. Website: www.thenadd.org.

23-25 March 2006: "Working Together Towards a Consensus on Mental Health". Caracas, Venezuela. Organizer: Latin American Psychiatric Association (APAL). Collaboration: World Psychiatric Association (WPA). Contact: Dr. Edgard Belfort. E-mail: a) belfort.ed@excite.com. b) wpazone4@cantv.net. c) secretariaapal@cantv.net. Website: www.tilesa.es/wpazone4.

27-31 March 2006: "WPA Regional Conference, Second Pan American Congress of Child and Adolescent Mental Health, and Third International Conference of La Habana Psychiatric Hospital". Havana, Cuba. Organizer: Cuban Psychiatric Association. Contact: Dra. Tania A. Peon. E-mail: felices@infomed.sld.cu. Website: www.felices.sld.cu - www.loseventos.cu/saludmental2006.

30 March-1 April 2006: "International Conference on Mood Disorders - Close Encounters of Three Seas: Building Regional Bridges". Istanbul, Turkey. Organizer: Psychiatric Association of Turkey. Contact: Dr. Simavi Vahip. E-mail: vahip@med.ege.edu.tr. Website: www.moodistanbul.org.

19-21 April 2006: WPA Juan J. Lopez Ibor Centennial Congress "Umbrales y Confines de la Psiquiatria". Madrid, Spain. Organizer: Lopez Ibor Foundation. Contact: Dr. Juan J. Lopez Ibor, Jr. E-mail: jli@lopez-ibor.com.

24-25 April 2006: "The African Psychiatric Association and Allied Professions Meeting". Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Organizer: Eastern/Southern African Psychiatric Association. Collaboration: Ethiopia Psychiatric Association. Contact: Dr. Mesfin Araya. E-mail: mesfinawt@hotmail.com.

4-5 May 2006: "Advances in Addiction Psychiatry". Prague, Czech Republic. Organizer: WPA Section on Addiction Psychiatry. Collaboration: Royal College of Psychiatrists. Contact: Mohammed T. Abou-Saleh. E-mail: mabousal@sghms.ac.uk.

4-8 May 2006: "19th Panhellenic Congress of Psychiatry". Athens, Greece. Organizer: Hellenic Psychiatric Association. Contact: Dr. George Christodoulou. E-mail: psych@psych.gr. Website: www.era.gr.

10-13 May 2006: "XXIII Congreso de la Asociacion Espanola de Neuro-Psiquiatria". Bilbao, Spain. Organizer: Spanish Association of Neuropsychiatry. Contact: Dr. Oscar Martinez Azumendi. E-mail: oscarmar@wpanet.org. Website: www.ome-aen.org/23congresoan.

6-8 June 2006: "Annual Conference Czech Psychiatric Association". Spindleruv Mlyn, Czech Republic. Organizer: Czech Psychiatric Association. Contact: Dr. Jiri Raboch. E-mail: raboch@mbox.cesnet.cz.

8-10 June 2006: "International Psychiatric Meeting-2006". Coventry, United Kingdom. Organizer: Midlands Psychiatric Research Group. Contact: Dr. Afzal Javed. E-mail: afzal.javed@ntlworld.com.

8-11 June 2006: "Bienestar y Calidad de Vida y su Relacion con la Multitud en el Siglo XXI". Paris, France. Organizer: WPA Section Mass Media & Mental Health. Contact: Dr. Miguel A. Materazzi. E-mail: finteco@arnet.com.ar. Website: www.finteco.8k.com.

14-17 June 2006: "VII National Conference". Jasna pod Chupkom, Slovak Republic. Organizer: Slovak Psychiatric Association. Contact: Dr. Livia Vavrusova. E-mail: vavrusova@ruzinov.fnspsba.sk.

12-16 July 2006: "WPA International Congress". Istanbul, Turkey. Organizers: a) Psychiatric Association of Turkey. b) Turkish Neuropsychiatric Society. Contact: Dr. Levent Kuey. E-mail: kueyl@superonline.com. Website: www.wpa2006istanbul.org.

2 September 2006: Symposium on "Roles de Avanzada para el Psicoterapeuta ante la Violencia Global". San Juan, Puerto Rico. Organizer: Wizards Continuing Education. Contact: Dr. Victor Llado. E-mail: vjlado@prtc.net.

5-8 September 2006: "VIII Argentinean Congress of Neuropsychiatry, IV Latin American Congress of Neuropsychiatry and IX Alzheimer's Disease Meeting". Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organizer: "Asociacion Neuropsiquiatrica Argentina". Collaboration: International Neuropsychiatric Association. Contact: Leandro Tortora. E-mail: info@stpweb.com.ar. Website: www.neuropsiquiatria.org.ar.

21-23 September 2006: "Conferencia: Integracion Psiquiatrica y Biopsicosocial Dentro del Humanismo". Merida, Mexico. Organizers: Federacion Latinoamericana de Psiquiatria Biologica. Collaboration: a) Mexican Psychiatric Association. b) Mexican Society of Neurology & Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Claudio Garcia Barriga. E-mail: claub99@axtel.net.

26-30 September 2006: "A World of Drugs, A Universe of Treatments". Oporto, Portugal. Organizer: International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM). Contact: Dr. Antonio Pacheco Palha. E-mail: apalha@sapo.pt. Website: www.isamweb.org.

27-30 September 2006: "VI World Congress of Depressive Disorders" and "International Symposium on Addictive Disorders". Mendoza, Argentina. Organizers: Dr. Jorge Nazar. Collaboration: a) "Instituto de Neurociencias y Humanidades Medicas". b) "Universidad Nacional de Cuyo". Contact: Dr. Jorge Nazar. E-mail: jorge_nazar@hotmail.com. Website: www.mendoza2006.org.

28 September-1 October 2006: "National Conference on Psychiatry". Craiova, Romania. Organizer: Romanian Psychiatric Association. Contact: Dr. Tudor Udristoiu. E-mail: office@psycv.ro.

5-8 October 2006: Third International Conference "Together Against Stigma". Istanbul, Turkey. Organizer Psychiatric Association of Turkey. Collaboration: Medical School of Istanbul. Contact: Aslihan Polat. E-mail: stigma@stigmaistanbul.org. Website: www.stigmaistanbul.org.

6-8 October 2006: "Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists Congress". Taipei, Taiwan. Organizer: Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists. Contact: Dr. Allan Tasman. E-mail: allan.tasman@louisville.edu.

12-15 October 2006: "9th World Congress of Psychosocial Rehabilitation". Athens, Greece. Organizer: World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation. Contact: Dr. Michael Madianos. E-mail: madianos@nurs.uoa.gr.



13-15 October 2006: "International Conference on Schizophrenia". Chennai (Old Madras), India. Organizer: Schizophrenia Research Foundation. Collaboration: World Health Organization. Contact: Dr. R. Thara. E-mail: scarf@vsnl.com. Website: www.scarfindia.org - www.icons-scarf.org.

16-21 October 2006: "Annual Congress, Spanish Society of Psychiatry". Sevilla, Spain. Organizer: Spanish Society of Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Jose Giner. E-mail: jginer@us.es.

18-21 October 2006: "8th World Congress of the International Psycho-oncology Society". Venice, Italy. Organizer: WPA Section on Psycho-oncology. Collaboration: International Psycho-oncology Society. Contact: Dr. Carlo L. Cazzullo. E-mail: arsmilano@tiscalinet.it.

1-4 November 2006: "XXIV APAL Congress". Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Organizer: Latin American Psychiatric Association (APAL). Collaboration: Dominican Society of Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Cesar Mella. E-mail: cesarm2@verizon.net.do.

9-12 November 2006: "56th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Psychiatric Association". Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Organizer: Canadian Psychiatric Association. Contact: Dr. Alex Saunders. E-mail: asaunders@cpa-apc.org. Website: www.cpa-apc.org.

17-19 November 2006: "Second International Conference, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Psychiatric Federation". Kathmandu, Nepal. Organizer: South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Psychiatric Federation". Collaboration: Psychiatric Association of Nepal. Contact: a) Professor Mahendra K. Nepal. E-mail: mhp@healthnet.org.np. b) Professor Roy Abraham Kallivayalil. E-mail: ktm_roykalli@sanchanet.in.

23-25 November 2006: "Regional Meeting of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (Middle East Division)". Beirut, Lebanon. Organizer: Middle East Division, Royal College of Psychiatrists. Contact: Dr. Fuad T. Antun. E-mail: antun@cyberia.net.lb.

30 November-3 December 2006: "WPA Regional Conference". Lima, Peru. Organizer: Peruvian Psychiatric Association. Contact: Dr. Marta Rondon and Dr. Gabriela Kuroiwa. E-mail: app@apperu.org.

23-24 January 2007: "WPA Regional Meeting". Budapest, Hungary. Organizer: Hungarian Psychiatric Association. Contact: Dr. Tury Ferenc. E-mail: tury@axelero.hu. Website: www.mpt.iif.hu.

13-16 February 2007: "Psyche and Art Seminar". Djerba, Tunisia. Organizer: WPA Section on Art and Psychiatry. Collaboration: Schattauer Verlag Publishers. Contact: Dr. Hans Otto Thomashoff. E-mail: thomashoff@utanet.at.

22-24 March 2007: "WPA Regional Meeting". Nairobi, Kenya. Organizer: Kenya Psychiatric Association. Contact: Dr. Frank G. Njenga. E-mail: fnjenga@africaonline.co.ke.

18-21 April 2007: "WPA Regional Meeting". Seoul, Korea. Organizer: Korean Neuropsychiatric Association. Contact: Dr. Yong Sik Kim. E-mail: kpa3355@kornet.net.

22-25 April 2007: "Third International Congress on Hormones, Brain and Neuropsychopharmacology". Marrakech, Morocco. Organizer: WPA Section on Interdisciplinary Collaboration. Contact: Dr. Uriel M. Halbreich. E-MAIL: urielh@acsu.buffalo.edu.

16-19 May 2007: "15th World Congress of the World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry". St. Petersburg, Russia. Organizer: World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Monika Dworschak. E-mail: wadpcongress2007@dynpsych.de.

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. Website: www.eunomia-study.net.

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. Contact: Dr. Jose Perez Milan. E-mail: ccunp@infomed.sld.cu.

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. Website: www.escap-net.org.

20-23 September 2007: "WPA Regional Meeting". Shanghai, China. Organizer: Shanghai Mental Health Center. Contact: Dr. Zeping Xiao. E-mail: xzpdgj@online.sh.cn.

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.

24-26 October 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: aap@aap.org.ar. Website: www.aap.org.ar.

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

19-21 June 2008: "WPA Thematic Conference on Depression and Relevant Psychiatric Condition in Primary Care". Granada, Spain. Organizer: Spanish Society of Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. Francisco Torres. E-mail: ftorres@ugr.es.

19-25 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.

1-4 April 2009: "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.

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.

August or 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.