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Colleagues,

With just a few weeks until our next World Congress of Psychiatry in wonderful Mexico City, I wanted to share with you some of the highlights from our outstanding Scientific Program.

Our exemplary Scientific Committee, chaired by Professor Norman Sartorius, has put together a program that is second to none. You can see the full schedule on the [Congress website](#), but I wanted to highlight three of its special features:

- **It covers psychiatry's most pressing issues.** The prospects of treatment for mental disorders, the importance of early intervention in psychiatry, and the mental health of children and adolescents in adversity are just a few examples.
- **It boasts an outstanding calibre of speakers from across the world.** A quick glance at our online program will show that we have been able to secure many of psychiatry's foremost experts across a range of topics.
- **It has a dedicated stream of Spanish language symposia running across the four days.** This recognises that some of our most distinguished Mexican, regional and European Spanish speakers will be in attendance.

In addition to a special networking event that will celebrate Mexico's vibrant food, music and culture with Congress attendees, we are also hoping to host our Member Presidents at an exclusive get together with the WPA Executive Committee and some of our Board and Council members. If you are attending the Congress, please do let me know by reply so that I can ensure you receive an invitation.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to encourage those of you who have not yet registered to attend – to do so as soon as possible! As the first in our new program of annual World Congress Meetings, we have worked especially hard to ensure an outstanding and relevant program.

I hope to see you and your members there.

Best wishes
Helen

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WPA President