



## Message from the Secretary General



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is a pleasure to keep in touch with you! We had a very active period of WPA activities during the last three months.

**Roy Abraham Kallivayalil** My first visit to the WPA Secretariat as SG, in the third year of this triennium took place from January 23-25, 2017. WPA Berlin timetable was discussed and we had a conference call with the Berlin Congress Secretariat. This was very useful and preliminary logistics were worked out. We were holding WPA elections through electronic software during the last two elections and we are working out a similar process for 2017 as well. We will also hold the triennial WPA General Survey in 2017 and we request your active participation in it. We had a useful meeting with Prof. Jean-Michel Aubry, Head of the Department of Psychiatry at HUG (where the WPA Secretariat is located). On January 24th, SG had a meeting at the International Organization for Migration HQ Geneva and had discussion with Maurizio Busatti, Head, Multilateral Processes Division and his team which was very fruitful.

WPA International Conference on Education in Latin America held at Cuenca, Ecuador, February 8-11, 2017 was a big success. The WPA EC also met on the occasion and had much fruitful discussions. We are now looking forward to the WPA Inter Zonal Congress at Vilnius, Lithuania, 3-6 May 2017 and above all to the World Congress of Psychiatry, October 8-12, 2017. Please visit our newly designed website [www.wpanet.org](http://www.wpanet.org) and kindly send us your valuable comments.

**Roy Abraham Kallivayalil**  
Secretary General  
World Psychiatric Association

## Message from the President



Dinesh Bhugra

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2017.

Following the successful launch of **Bill of Rights** for Individuals with mental illness, an Early Day Motion was placed in the House of Commons at Westminster Parliament supporting it. 61 organisations from around the globe have signed up to this. The Bill of Rights for Children is also available and please get your Association/Organisation to support both the Bills of Rights. These are available on the WPA website.

As mentioned previously, complete details of the **discrimination survey** were published in a special issue of International Review of Psychiatry volume 28(4). The contents are available online.



The **Rhine Falls** (German: *Rheinfall*) near Schaffhausen, in Switzerland, is Europe's largest plain waterfall. This amazing sight can be reached via a boat tour, which will also show visitors to Switzerland the lovely basin, riverside castles, and spectacular boulder perched in the middle of the river at the top of the falls. There are viewing platforms that reach out over the falls and allow guests to feel like they're hovering directly above. A children's playground, historical museum region and adventure trail make the visitor's center a wonderful way to cap off the trip.

**WPA-Lancet commission on Psychiatry** report is nearly complete. Copies of the report will be available in the World Congress in Berlin in October 2017.

**WPA Position Statements** on Perinatal and Maternal Mental Health and a separate one on Prisoner Mental Healthcare will be launched shortly. Please look out for these on the WPA website.

After two successful **round table meetings** on violent radicalisation (hosted by the WPA Collaborating Centre in London) and another one on early Interventions in Psychiatry (hosted by Hong Kong College of Psychiatrists) the next Round Table on Migrant Mental Health will be held in Oslo, Norway later this month. Report from Africa Forum (held in Cape Town in November 2016) is being prepared and will be available soon.

The work on setting up **Diploma in Psychological Medicine** aimed at psychiatrists continues apace and we hope to launch it in June this year.

We are continuing to look for examples of **good clinical practice** around the world so that we can learn from each other. Please keep them coming.

Please check the website regularly and get involved.

Best wishes,

**Dinesh Bhugra, CBE**

President

World Psychiatric Association

# General matters of WPA

(including Regional, International and World Congress announcements)

## ■ WPA CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION: CUENCA, ECUADOR

WPA International Conference on Education in Latin America: “Perspective in Education and Research”, was held from February 7th to 11th at Cuenca, Ecuador as a joint initiative of the World Psychiatric Association, the Ecuadorian Association of Psychiatry and the WPA Secretary for Education. The exchange of ideas among

259 attendees, Ecuadorian and international speakers representing 22 countries of the world (UK, France, Belgium, Australia, Pakistan, Spain, Hong Kong, USA, India, Armenia, Greece, Japan, Argentina, Mexico, Costa Rica, Uruguay, Colombia, Honduras, Venezuela, and others), allowed to explore the opportunities on education and research in the Latin American region.



Regional LATINOAMERICANA DE LA ASOCIACIÓN MUNDIAL DE PSIQUIATRÍA 8 - 11 DE FEBRERO DEL 2017 CUENCA - ECUADOR

*WPA President Prof. Dinesh Bhugra addressing the Cuenca Congress.*



*With the EC, from L to R: Fabrizio Delgado (Ecuador), Masatoshi Takeda, Michelle Riba, Afzal Javed, Roy Abraham Kallivayalil, Helen Herrman, Dinesh Bhugra, Leopoldo Abdad (Past President Ecuador Society), and Edgard Belfort.*

The attendance of undergraduate and graduate medical students with scholarships and the meeting with representatives of the community and families at the Cuenca Congress are examples of good practice and learning from each other. The scientific content had a wide range of main topics in multiple aspects of the specialty, as the interaction of comorbidities and physical diseases. The WPA Executive Committee also met at the venue, chaired by President Dinesh Bhugra. The joint meeting of the Operational Committee on Education and the education group was also held. The Congress was a grand success.

**Edgard Belfort**  
WPA Secretary for Education



*Group photo.*

## From the Secretary for Scientific Sections



Afzal Javed

Greetings from WPA Sections! Scientific Sections are actively involved in promoting and disseminating WPA's mission and scientific knowledge around the globe. With an ever increasing number of Sections (now 72) their work continues to be acknowledged across a

number of domains including teaching, training, clinical and academic areas.

Following an active presentation in the WPA's international conference at Cape Town with more than 28 symposia / workshops / Round table sessions, WPA Sections had emerged as a major component of WPA in the field of science and academics. I am pleased to report that the next regional conference in Vilnius will also highlight a number of intersectional sessions including an intersectional teaching and training programme and a WPA intersectional forum on Public mental Health.

We are preparing a schedule of sections business meetings at Berlin and hope many of our sections' proposals will be accepted for the congress. We are optimistic about on-going enthusiasm of Sections' leadership for their future work especially looking at further contributions to the excellence of scientific knowledge and the development of advanced and pioneering approaches in psychiatric practice.

Afzal Javed

WPA Secretary for Scientific Sections

## WPA SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS AND JOURNALS

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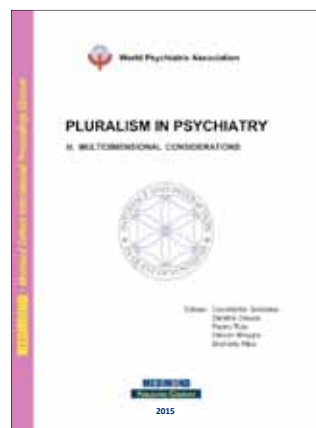
There are many important activities to report.

### 1. *World Psychiatry*

Our journal, *World Psychiatry*, is **Number 1** among psychiatric journals with an impact factor of 20.205 and is in the top 50 of all scientific journals indexed by Thomson Reuters. When the next impact factor of the journal will be released in June, it will certainly be higher. Sincere appreciation and congratulations to Mario Maj, M.D., Ph.D., who is editor-in-chief of *World Psychiatry*.

### 2. Professor Constantin Soldatos has published a new volume, Pluralism in Psychiatry: II. Multidimensional Considerations, eds. C. Soldatos, D. Dikeos, P. Ruiz, D. Bhugra and M. Riba (Medimond Publications, Bologna, 2015).

We sincerely appreciate the extraordinary leadership and valuable contributions that Professor Soldatos and colleagues have made to WPA and to our portfolio of scientific publications!



3. **WPA Scientific Publications Operational Committee**, under the leadership of **Reinhard Heun, Christopher Szabo and Peter Tyrer**, have been working with Secretary General **Roy Kallivayalil** to upload open-access journals to the WPA Webpage, making these journals available to WPA member societies, in particular, those members from low resourced areas who might not otherwise be able to easily access these journals. In addition, the WPA webpage for Scientific publications has been improved and we appreciate Professor Kallivayalil and his web team for their assistance.

The journals that are currently available on our website for open access are:

1. Bulletin of Asian Federation of Psychiatric Associations: [www.afpa.asia/en/bulletin.html](http://www.afpa.asia/en/bulletin.html)
2. European Psychiatry: [www.europsy-journal.com](http://www.europsy-journal.com)
3. Global Psychiatry: <https://www.degruyter.co./view/j/gp>
4. Indian Journal of Psychological Medicine <http://www.ijpm.info/>
5. Indian Journal of Psychiatry: <http://www.indianjpsychiatry.org/>

6. Indian Journal of Social Psychiatry: <http://www.indjsp.org/>
7. Indian Journal of Medical Ethics: <http://ijme.in/>
8. South African Journal of Psychiatry: <http://www.sajp.org.za>
9. South African Psychiatry: [www.southafricanpsychiatry.co.za](http://www.southafricanpsychiatry.co.za)
10. Sudanese Journal of Psychiatry: <http://www.sudanesepsychiatrists.org/publications%202.htm>
11. Taiwanese Journal of Psychiatry: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1758-5872.2010.00099.x/abstract>

We also want to especially thank Professor **Te-Jen Lai**, President of the Taiwanese Society of Psychiatry and Professor **Winston W. Shen**, Editor-in-Chief of the Taiwanese Journal of Psychiatry for their leadership and help. The Bulletin of the Asian Association of Psychiatric Associations is published online at [www.afpa.asia](http://www.afpa.asia) and is also available as a link with the WPA.

4. The **WPA IBERO-AMERICAN LIBRARY**, developed and organized by Professor **Alfredo Cia**, is having its dedication and we are congratulating Professor Cia for his dedication and commitment to this important repository for Spanish-language scientific texts, supported by the WPA.

We hope to hold several presentations from our scientific publications committee at the WPA World Congress in Berlin in October 2017. Thank you to the leadership of **Joao Mauricio Castaldelli Maia** and **Christopher Szabo** for organizing a session from our publications operational committee.

**Michelle Riba (WPA Secretary for Scientific Publications and Chair)**

**Dusica Lecic-Tosevski (Co-chair)**

**WPA Operational Committee on Scientific Publications**

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## Book Review

### Disasters: Mental Health Context and Responses

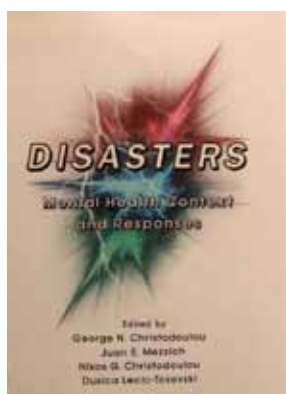
Editors: George N. Christodoulou, Juan E. Mezzich, Nikos G. Christodoulou, Dusica Lecic-Tosevski

Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2016, 349 pages

#### Disasters: Mental Health Context and Responses

is a fascinating compilation of chapters by expert authors from around the world. Each author uses his/her own unique expertise to outline how disasters impact mental health and comment on methods to mitigate human suffering. The book is presented in three separate but inter-related sections of articles. Each section is dedicated to a disaster subtype:

Natural, Human-made (or man-made) and Economic disasters. The psychological impact of earthquakes, droughts, floods, and cyclones, occurring in different areas of the world, is presented in the natural disaster section. Authors from Greece, Turkey, India and Pakistan, for example, explore how disasters can lead to emotional distress and post-traumatic symptoms in the midst of and in the aftermath of a disaster. Epidemiological data is used thoughtfully to support the impact of natural disasters.



In the man-made disaster section, the authors illustrate the influence war and conflict has on mental health in compelling detail. The articles in this section do an extraordinary job of illustrating how women, children and other vulnerable populations are unequally effected. They place an emphasis on the role humanitarian organizations and international law have on preventing conflict and aiding in recovery. Special attention is drawn to preventative psychological interventions and the importance of understanding cultural and historical influences when treating terror exposed individuals. The final section, Economic disasters, discusses how economic crises (substantial drop in GDP and increase in unemployment) have a direct effect on rates of suicide and homicide. Data is drawn specifically from the economic disaster in Greece. Authors address the impact economic and man-made disasters have had on the refugee crisis, which is particularly relevant within our global political climate.

The book creatively ends with a thought provoking section exploring the intersection between art and disaster from a psychoanalytical perspective. This book is an engaging, relevant and informative read for both mental health professionals and the lay reader. It is a reminder of human nature, human suffering and the power of healing. We strongly encourage students, residents and colleagues from throughout the world to read and use this very important and illuminating book for their clinical practices, teaching and research.

**Nakita Natala and Michelle B. Riba**

## From the Secretary for Education



**Edgard Belfort**

After the kick-off meeting in Madrid on 21st and 22nd of June 2016, the WPA Operational Committee for Education (OpComEd) continued its work during the WPA Congress in Cape Town. The members took notice of educational issues as presented by Prof. Maria Luz Querubin (Philippines), Prof. Silvia Gaviria (Colombia), and Prof. Ahmad Mohamed Al Mai (UAE). Prof. Roger NG (Hong Kong) presented the first data on the questionnaire on training psychiatric residents sent around to all member associations. After discussions, the committee decided to further fine tune the questionnaire and decided to also develop a Spanish version. Prof. Al Mai was so kind to present his support in translating it into Arab. Marc Hermans (Belgium) presented the basic structure and content of a draft version of a document on training to be published by the WPA. This draft has been presented to the WPA Execu-

tive Committee in February 2017.

More recently, during the WPA Regional Congress of Latin American psychiatric associations, the members of the OpComEd could agree on the further steps to develop the final document consisting of several sections. It would first give a general educational perspective from WPA addressing the member associations with some suggestions on training.

As educational activity, we are promoting the online course: "Intercultural Competence in Health Context" at the Vall d'Hebron University Hospital, Barcelona, Spain which begins: April 2017. The main objective: training participants to do their professional activities in a culturally and competent way, being



*From L to R: Michel Botbol (France), Marc Hermans (Belgium), Maria Lopez Ibor (Spain), Freddy Pagnussat (Uruguay), Roger Ng (Hong Kong), Virginia Rosabal (Costa Rica), Edgard Belfort (Venezuela), Constantin Soldatos (Greece), Silvia Gaviria (Colombia), and Fabrizio Delgado (Ecuador).*

able to work efficiently facing current intercultural conditions. Start date: April 2017. End Date: June 2017. Total course duration: Eight (8) weeks. Module duration: Two (2) weeks each one. Dedication: Six (6) hours a week. Kindly write to me [belfort.ed@gmail.com](mailto:belfort.ed@gmail.com) for more information.

**Edgard Belfort**  
WPA Secretary for Education

## OBITUARY



**Prof. DN Nandi (1918-2017)**

Dhirendra Nath Nandi graduated in Medicine from University of Calcutta in 1945. After DPM (Scotland 1961) and MRCP (Edinburgh 1963), in 1970 he became Professor and Head of the Department of Psychological Medicine, University of Calcutta. He was President of both the WPA member societies from India- Indian Psychiatric Society and Indian Association of Social Psychiatry- and President, Indian

Psycho-analytical Society. His researches in epidemiology and community psychiatry have been widely acclaimed and his contribution towards advancement of Psychiatry and psycho-analysis has been immense. In his demise, we have lost one of our greatest teachers and researchers.

**Prof. Brig MSVK Raju, Dr. Gautam Saha and Prof. PB Behere**

## ■ NEW VISTAS IN GLOBAL MENTAL HEALTH: THE CASE OF MOZAMBIQUE

Maria A. Oquendo, Milton L. Wainberg, Jair de Jesus Mari, Palmira Santos and Lidia Gouveia

It would not surprise anyone to learn that sorting out how to reach people with mental health needs in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMIC) is even more challenging than in High Income Countries (HIC). According to the Organization for Economic and Commercial Development, the United States (US) has about 13 psychiatrists per 100,000 people. Now, consider that a country like Mozambique has 13 psychiatrists for 25 million people. Even assuming the rate of psychiatric conditions is about 20% per year, it quickly becomes apparent that there are not going to be enough specialists to provide direct care.

One of the most innovative approaches that Mozambique's MISAU (Ministerio de Saude or Ministry of Health) has taken, is to engage in task shifting. Starting in 1996, MISAU started to train physician extenders and community health workers to care for the population's mental health needs. By training Psychiatric Technicians for 2.5 years to conduct evidence based therapies and prescribe evidence based medications, one per district, they are steadily and stalwartly increasing access to care.

Working with MISAU and Eduardo Mondlane University, Universidade Federal de Sao Paulo in Brazil, and Columbia University and University of Pennsylvania in the US, have formed a partnership to build research capacity. The latest iteration of the partnership is one that focuses on implementation. Implementation science is a relatively new modality of research intended to assist in the evaluation of different strategies for implementing programs. Such research is critically important for all countries, but its impact is even greater in LMIC. Just as important is to ensure that the program is rolled out in a fashion that is most effective and efficient.



Can community health workers (CHW) be as effective as psychiatric technicians in delivering Motivational Interviewing? Is it sufficient to screen and refer to a clinic to reach those in need or is it better for CHW to deliver the interventions where people live? Thus, one can ascertain which approaches most effectively reach the population in need, while also examining their cost effectiveness.

The visit this winter included a weeklong course in implementation science, as well as site visits to a peri-urban clinic and to a high school. We decided to visit a clinic that was in the process of implementing a pilot study to treat those with epilepsy (considered a mental health condition in most of the world) under the auspices of the WHO. It was amazing to speak with the providers and hear how, even though they were now treating many more patients with epilepsy who were being identified in the community through a rigorous screening program, they were delighted! Seeing patients get better and how the work that the clinic was doing was changing people's lives was clearly a fantastic antidote to burnout.

As well, our visit to the high school was instructive. The WHO program had engaged the students in learning about epilepsy with the idea that this could help destigmatize the condition. The students entered a contest to develop slogans to destigmatize epilepsy. Given common misconceptions such as epilepsy being contagious or evidence of being possessed by spirits, devising a program that encouraged young people to think about ways to "normalize" the individual with epilepsy was inspired.

Every time we go to Mozambique, we are awed by the psychiatrist and psychologists there. The dedication of the Director for Mental Health, Dr. Lidia Gouveia and her determination to serve those who need help in pragmatic ways while staying focused on the need to deliver quality care is amazing. The Vice Minister of Health, Dr. Mouzinho Saide who continues to show his commitment to mental health, has been a staunch supporter of these efforts. A visit with the Minister of Health, Dr. Nazira Abdula, demonstrated the full commitment of policy makers to understand mental health needs and take positive action. With Ministry support, Mozambique can scale up human resources to decrease the huge mental health gap in this low income country. This is an outstanding example for other countries in the same stage of development to follow. One can't help but think: this is a model country. That despite being the 7th poorest country in the world. Now, that is something!

### Participants

**United States:** Columbia University: Cristiane Duarte, Francine Cournos, Jean-Marie Bradford, Milton Wainberg; University of Pennsylvania: Maria A. Oquendo.

**Brazil:** Ilana Pinsky, Jair Mari, Marcelo Feijó de Mello, Milena Mello, Rodrigo Bressan.

**Mozambique Fellows:** Antonio Suleman, Dirceu Mabunda, Flavio Mandlate, Lidia Gouveia, Luciana Massinga, Palmira Santos, Saida Khan, Vasco Cumbe, Wilza Fumo.

**Portugal:** Antonio P. Palha, Marques Teixeira.

**Portuguese Speaking African Countries:** Angola: Fausta da Conceição, Cape Verde: Daniel Ferreira, Sao Tome e Príncipe: Marta Posser.

# Upcoming WPA Major Scientific Congresses

WPA Secretary for Scientific Meetings, Masatoshi Takeda, m-takeda@aino.ac.jp



## ■ WPA INTER ZONAL CONGRESS 3-6 MAY 2017 VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

It is our pleasure and privilege to invite you to join the WPA Inter Zonal Congress which will be held in Vilnius, Lithuania, from 3 to 6 May 2017. Theme: “Changing Society, Changing Psychiatry, Changing Self”.



*Alvydas Navickas, Jyrki Korkeila (Zonal Rep.), Sam Tyano, and Tsuyoshi Akiyama at Vilnius in January 2017.*

International event is dedicated to explore concepts, controversies and consequences of Psychiatry’s responsibility and accountability to society in terms of its scope of practice and of what can be considered as Psychiatry’s social contract. It is expected to attract psychiatrists and other mental health professionals from around the world in order to bring together diverse knowledge and professional expertise.

Lithuania, located at the crossroads between the East and the West and between the North and the South of Europe, is influenced by many cultures and has been subjected to a long often traumatic history. With the challenges of re-establishing democracy, building a

functioning economy and ensuring equal standards of living for all persons regardless of nationality or religion, the country is a showcase of psychiatric issues and, we feel there is no better location to hold this WPA Inter Zonal Congress. Vilnius, capital of Lithuania, charms with its labyrinthine, UNESCO renowned Old Town, sleek business district, an elegant city centre with many open squares and parks, as well as historic suburbs. To have a better understanding about the country we are organising a rich social program. Hearty welcome! More information at Websites: [wpavilnius2017.com](http://wpavilnius2017.com) and [wpanet.org](http://wpanet.org).



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## ■ WPA WORLD CONGRESS OF PSYCHIATRY 8-12 OCTOBER 2017 BERLIN, GERMANY

The WPA XVII WORLD CONGRESS OF PSYCHIATRY, which will take place from 8-12 October in Berlin, Germany, will address the most pressing global challenges in the field of mental health and feature transnational and transdisciplinary exchange. Experts from around the world will examine the state of

the art in diagnostics and treatment and present the latest results from research. We look forward to welcoming **Prof. Dinesh Bhugra**, **Prof. Helen Herrman**, **Sir Michael Meaney** (Canada), **Prof. Driss Moussaoui** (Morocco) and **Sir Simon Wessely** (United Kingdom), among others.

Until 27 March 2017 you have the opportunity to actively shape the scientific programme by submitting an Oral and Poster/ePoster Presentation online. Accepted posters will be exhibited and presented in guided tours of thematically grouped posters. The guided poster tours



*Motif WCP 2017 Credit: sborisov/Fotolia*

will be chaired by renowned specialists and give authors the opportunity to present and discuss their findings. Visit [www.wpaberlin2017.com](http://www.wpaberlin2017.com) for guidelines and detailed information.

### Berlin warmly welcomes you

No other city in Germany stands in the same way for multinational, multicultural and social exchange and the WPA XVII WORLD CONGRESS OF PSYCHIATRY also stands for the same. Beyond the congress events, the German capital has a lot more to offer participants from around the world – from world-renowned museums through historical monuments to exciting, trendy neighbourhoods.

### Important travel information

An identity card is sufficient for participants from EU member countries. All other participants need a valid passport to enter the European Union. Participants from some countries may require a visa; please start the visa application process as early as possible and at least twelve weeks before your departure. For specific information, please contact the nearest German embassy or consulate.

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## ■ OBITUARY



### Kari Pylkkänen

Kari Pylkkänen (28.6.1944 – 4.2.2017) was a prominent figure in Finnish, Nordic and Global psychiatry and policy. Before his

retirement, he was the leader of psychiatric services in the Foundation of Student Health Care Finland. He was also a psychoanalyst and an adolescent psychiatrist. He had received a MsSci degree in community medicine from London University in 1981. He had a versatile career, working in several outpatient, rehabilitation and hospital services and the Finnish Medical Administration. Kari was very active in professional organizations. He was the president of the Finnish Psychiatric Association (1990-1995). Between 1997 and 2011 he was a member of UEMS Section

and Board of psychiatry, which he chaired for four years. Kari Pylkkänen was the WPA Northern European Zonal Representative from 1996 to 2002 and an honorary member of WPA. He was a bright doctor, true friend and colleague, missed by many!

**Marianne Kastrup, Henrik Wahlberg, and Jyrki Korkeila**

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# News from WPA Member Societies

## ■ CANADIAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

The city of Toronto was a lively and pulsating venue for the **66th CPA Annual Conference**, September 22-24, 2016 which saw 1,023 delegates pass through registration to take in everything from workshops and courses to symposia and paper sessions.

Six-time Olympic medalist Clara Hughes inspired delegates with her story of resilience through sport. She spoke candidly of her family history of substance abuse and mental illness, as well as her own struggle with depression. Dr. Mamta Gautam gave a thought-provoking Distinguished Member Lecture on suicides in the medical community. The always popular **CPA CPD Institutes** packed the room with delegates eager to learn the latest scientific developments in



*All three CPA CPD Institutes were popular with delegates this year. Most of the sessions focused on major depression and were led by esteemed faculty such as Dr. Sidney Kennedy, Dr. Pratap Chokka, Dr. Christopher Bowie, Dr. Raymond Lam, Dr. David Sheehan, Dr. Roger McIntyre, and Dr. Eric Teboul.*

depression treatment. This year there were three that focused on major depression as a disorder of everyday function, the importance of motivation and energy in the treatment of major depressive disorder, and the bipolar spectrum in depression. Psychiatrists welcomed Dr. M.S. Renuka Prasad as CPA President. Dr. Renuka Prasad is a

clinical professor of psychiatry with the University of Saskatchewan's Department of Psychiatry.

## ■ ISRAELI PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

The Israeli Psychiatric Association was pleased to host Prof. Wolfgang Gaebel, President of the European Psychiatric Association (EPA) for a meeting and lecture. Over 200 Israeli psychiatrists attended the meeting that was held at the Leonardo Hotel in Tel Aviv. Prof. Gaebel discussed European standards and current facilities in psychiatric beds, psychiatric outpatient treatments, length of stay and manpower that constitute an important guidepost for current efforts to boost funding for psychiatry in Israel. Present at his lecture were the Director General of the Ministry of



**Haim Belmaker**  
President, Israeli Psychiatric Association

*Prof. Belmaker, President of the Israeli Psychiatric Association with Prof. Gaebel on a visit to the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth.*

Health, a large group of journalists, as well as representatives of patients and patient family organizations.

## ■ HUNGARIAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

The annual conference was held in Siófok, Hungary 26 -28 January 2017. Theme “The Changing Faces of Psychosis”. At present, there is a paradigm shift in the approach to psychosis and in psychiatry as well. Correspondingly, at the 2017 conference, we dealt with topics such as the neurobiological and genetic background of psychoses and schizophrenia; the relationship between addictions and psychoses (like drug induced psychoses); age-related psychoses (especially among the elderly); psychoses and cultural factors; psychoses in the virtual world and the role of telemedicine in the modern treatment of psychoses; the contemporary treat-



From left: Professors. Károly Molnár, György Purebl, and Afzal Javed.

ment of psychotic disorders (for example adherence therapy, remediation training, family therapy, psychoeducation, etc.); personalized medicine and care in communities (especially modern therapeutic models and community psychiatric care). Dr. Afzal Javed, WPA Secretary for Scientific Sections,

was among our plenary speakers and spoke on “Social Functioning as an outcome variable in schizophrenia”.

**György Purebl**  
President, Hungarian Psychiatric Association

## ■ ITALIAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

WINTER VILLAGE: Milan, January 18th-22nd, 2017

Health Base Camp: *Prevention and Correct Lifestyles*: The base camp has represented the logistic and support center where the traveler can shelter and prepare for the journey. In the same way, the Winter Village has represented the place where people could gain knowledge and useful information to face daily life. A comfortable and safe place, starting point for a conscious trip following the correct lifestyles. Winter Village has put together in one place Societies/Scientific Associations, people and activities all related to human health, to provide information and suggestions for correct lifestyles. Twenty-seven journalists were present and 16,134 people visiting in 5 days. Eight so-



*Claudio Mencacci, President, Italian Psychiatric Association and Dalia Fuggetta (SIP Secretariat).*

cieties/scientific associations were involved. There were twenty-four public conferences, of which four were related to Psychiatry - “10 rules to fight depression”, “Yoga-therapy as medical intervention to nurse anxiety and panic attacks”, “Bipolar disorder” and “Postpartum depression”. Thirty-three speakers, 900 participants, 62 doctors and

1,985 consultations completed (145 psychiatrist consultations).

**National Observatory for Women’s Health (ONDA)** was founded in 2006 with the express objective of advancing and defending women’s health. Since 2006, National observatory for women’s health has actively worked to advance and defend the health of women in each phase of her life cycle, from birth through senescence. Areas of interest: infantile/maternal health, nutrition and alimentation, metabolic and cardiovascular diseases and disorders, STD, degenerative neurological diseases, oncology, mental health, rheumatic diseases, menopause and osteoporosis, abuse of women.

**Segreteria SIP, Milano**  
<http://www.psichiatria.it>

## ■ ARGENTINEAN ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHIATRISTS

The 25th International Congress of Psychiatry will take place in the City of Buenos Aires from October 25th to 27th of 2017 in the Auditoriums of the Catholic University of Buenos Aires - UCA. This activity is aimed to professionals and students of mental health. We invite you to present your scientific papers in one of our modalities: Round tables, Workshops, Courses, Free Communications, Presentation of Cases, Posters and Jobs to Prize. Deadline for sub-



mission of scientific proposals: Friday, July 21st, 2017. The activity is paid and will deliver the diploma of attendance.

Information and Forms:  
congresos@aap.org.ar / www.aap.org.ar  
Telephone: (0054 11) 4331 5009

**Néstor Marchant**  
President, Argentinean Association of Psychiatrists

## ■ ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS (UK)

Pathfinder Fellowships from the Royal College of Psychiatrists provide an opportunity for medical students to develop their interest and prepare for their career in psychiatry. The Fellowships aim to support the next generation of psychiatrists to lead the profession into the future.

Students can apply in their penultimate year of study for the three-year fellowship. Each fellow receives up to £5,000 funding to help them develop their careers in Psychiatry. This funding covers Fellows' attendance at the College International Congress and other College or Psychiatry related events, as well as forming a contribution towards their elective. Fellows are also paired with a mentor who offers advice and support throughout the Fellowship.

When recruiting the 2017 Pathfinder cohort, we increased the number of fellowships available from 10 to 20 and were thrilled with the standard of applications received.



*Simon Wessely, President RCPsych addressing Pathfinder Fellows at the 2017 Pathfinder Inaugural Dinner.*

This is the fifth cohort of Pathfinder Fellows and the students' commitment and achievement continue to be impressive.

In February, we welcomed the 2017 Pathfinders to the College for their inaugural dinner. Hosted by College President Simon Wessely and Tom Brown, the College's Pathfinder Ambassador, the dinner marked the formal start of their time as Pathfinders. It also gave the Fellows the opportunity to

get to know each other and to meet some of the senior psychiatrists who will be working with them and supporting them over the coming years.

Information about the Pathfinders Fellowship programme is at <http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/discoverpsychiatry/studentassociates/prizesandbursaries/pathfinderfellowships.aspx>

## ■ COSTA RICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

**Update Seminar in psychiatric emergencies and suicide** was held on October 29, November 5 and 9, 2016. It was coordinated by the Costa Rican Psychiatric Association (ASOCOPSI in Spanish) and the Costa Rica University. It enrolled a total of 60 professional of the health services, medical most of them medical doctors, 4 paramedics, 3

nurses, 3 psychologists, and Social Workers and 5 medicine students. The activity was of good academic quality, teachers updated, the students very interested. The objective of the activity was to do an update of the approach of the psychiatric emergencies and especially in suicide.

**Symposium of Psychiatry in the 78th National Medical Congress:** ASCOPSI was in charge of the Psychiatry Symposium in the 78th National Medical Congress of Costa

Rica. These activities addressed medical doctors of all the medical specialties and also many primary care physicians. The slogan motto of Congress was “medicine Integral and humanist: a challenge to achieve the change”.

**Francisco Gólcher Valverde**  
**President, Costa Rican Psychiatric Association**

## ■ TURKISH NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY

Turkish Neuropsychiatric Society (TNS) was founded in 1914 before the Republic of Turkey was founded, by specialists from the branches of Psychiatry and Neurology, then named as Neuropsychiatry. The Society has been a long-established organization of mental health specialists from various disciplines for a century. The Society is among the founder members of the World Federation of Mental Health in 1948, the World Psychiatric Association in 1950 and the World Federation of Neurology in 1957 during the leadership of Prof. İhsan Şükrü Aksel. The General Assembly of the Society meets every two years in January. There are around 1,000 members at present. The executive committee consists of 7 members who regularly meet at least monthly. The last General Assembly took place in January 2016.

**Archives of Neuropsychiatry**, the official journal of the Society has been founded in 1964 by Prof. İhsan Şükrü Aksel and colleagues in İstanbul. ‘**Neuropsychiatry Days**’ is a traditional annual scientific meeting that has been held since 2006, to revive the historical meetings organized in



*From L to R: Prof. Gülsen Akman, Assist. Prof. Hakan Karas, Dr. Banu Aslantas-Ertekin, Prof. Peykan Gokalp, Prof. Mustafa Sercan, Assoc. Prof. Asli Demirtas-Tatlidede, Assist. Prof. Elif Mutlu, Assist. Prof. Evrim Göde-Oguten, Assoc. Prof. Betül Yalciner, and Prof. Cigdem Ozkara.*

the past heritage. Every year a major theme is selected considering the topics of major interest in psychiatry, neurology, neuroscience, neuropsychology, and philosophy relevant for clinicians, researchers, scholars and trainees.

**Mental Health Platform-Turkey (MHPT)** has been founded by the invitation from the two major professional societies working in mental health field, Psychiatric Association of Turkey and Turkish Neuropsychiatric Society to societies working for mental health

in 2006. Societies of patients and carers are also members of the MHPT, which brings together all parties for the improvement and collaboration on mental health.

**Peykan G. Gokalp, Vice President**  
**Evrım Göde Ögütten, Member**  
**Turkish Neuropsychiatric Society**

## ■ INDIAN PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY

IPS hosted its 69th Annual National Conference (ANCIPS 2017) in Raipur from January 5-8, 2017 organized by the IPS Chattisgarh State Branch, under the able leadership of PN Shukla as Organizing Chairperson and Manoj Sahu as Organizing Secretary. The conference was a great success with around 2,500 participants including international delegates. The conference was inaugurated by Shri. Raman Singh, Chief Minister of Chattisgarh. The pre-conference EC meeting was held on 4th January and annual general body meeting on 7th January 2017. The new office bearers resumed the office of IPS are: Brig M.S.V.K. Raju - President; Ajit Bhide - President-Elect; Gautam Saha - General Secretary; Mukesh Jagiwal - Treasurer; and TSS Rao - Editor.

This year the list of Awardees is as:

Awards	Recipients
DLN Murthy Rao Oration Award	Karri Rama Reddy
Tilak Venkoba Rao Oration Award	Yatan Pal Singh Bulhara
Marfatia Award	Nimesh G. Desai
Bhagwat Award	Ananya Mahapatra
Young Psychiatrist Award	Abhishek Ghosh
Poona Psychiatrists Association Award I	Vikas Menon
Poona Psychiatrists Association Award II	S. Umesh
KC Dubey Poster Session I Award	Nivedita Selvakumar
M Murugappan Poster Session II Award	Soumitra Das
JK Trivedi Lifetime Achievement Award	S. Nambi



*President Brig MSVK Raju speaks at ANCIPS 2017, Raipur, India. Also seen are (from left to right) PN Shukla, Manoj Sahu, Gautam Saha (Gen Secretary), Ajit Bhide (President-Elect), and TSS Rao (Editor).*

Overall, the ANCIPS 2017 Annual Meeting was a great success with a high number of abstract submissions and over 2000 attendees representing different countries. The next

annual national conference (ANCIPS 2018) will take place in Ranchi, Jharkhand amidst the celebration for the centenary year of Centre of Excellence – Central Institute of Psychiatry (CIP), Kanke Ranchi in the month of January 2018. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Gautam Saha**  
General Secretary, Indian Psychiatric Society

## ■ PORTUGUESE SOCIETY OF PSYCHIATRY AND MENTAL HEALTH

We have organized our National Congress in last November 2016 in Vila Moura – Algarve, with the general theme “IDEOLOGY AND SCIENCE IN PSYCHIATRY”. It was attended by 1,000 Portuguese psychiatrists. We had the presence of WPA President Professor Dinesh Bhugra and

special guests from the Brazilian Association of Psychiatry, the Spanish Society of Psychiatry, and the Royal College of Psychiatrists (UK).

**António Pacheco Palha**  
Past President, Portuguese Society of Psychiatry and Mental Health



*From R to L: Prof. João Marques Teixeira, Prof. Dinesh Bhugra (WPA President), Prof. António Pacheco Palha, and Prof. Francisco Alonso-Fernández.*

## ■ ARGENTINEAN PSYCHIATRISTS ASSOCIATION



The Argentinean Psychiatrists Association (APSA) would like to invite all the mental health professionals who wish to attend, to their XXXII Congress which will be held from April 26 to April 29, 2017. This monumental event with an average attendance of 6,000 people has become the most important yearly meeting for the mental health profes-

sionals of Argentina and the Southern Hemisphere.

The Congress is named “Problematic Consumption, Commitment of Psychiatry and Mental Health to the community” and will be held in the beautiful city of Mar del Plata in the Atlantic coast of Argentina at the NH

Great Provincial Hotel. Mar del Plata has an abundance of hotels and restaurants of different levels, which allows to comfortably accommodate the professionals who wish to attend. Welcome!

**Executive Committee of APSA**

## ■ MONGOLIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Young Psychiatrist club is constituted under the administration of the Mongolian Mental Health Association. As members of the club, the 35 young psychiatrists are running activities consistently. Mongolian young psychiatrist club is non-profit, voluntary union which aims to involve young psychiatrists in various research activities, to promote their interests in conducting surveys, to maintain training abroad and sharing ideas. The main purpose of the club is to promote collaboration of young psychiatrists, to contribute improvement of professional skills, knowledge and attitude and to make contribution to the development of community. Some of the



completed activities of the Mongolian Young Psychiatrist Club include training about mental health understanding of children, youth and adults at secondary schools, universities, organizations and some hospitals. In 2016, Young Psychiatrist Club organized

campaign to raise awareness of community about mental health and to help children with mental illness who have no caregivers.

**Bayarmaa Vanchindorj**  
**Secretary, Mongolian Mental Health Association.**

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## ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS

RANZCP 2017 Congress, Adelaide, Australia, 30 April-4 May 2017 Psychiatrists



*Prof. Malcolm Hopwood, President*

*'Speaking our minds. Telling our stories'*, the annual Congress of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre, 30 April-4

May 2017. An exciting and comprehensive scientific program is led by international keynote speakers, Professor Anthony Bateman (UK), Professor Sir Mason Durie (New Zealand), Professor Navneet Kapur (UK), Dr. Charles Kellner (USA), Commissioner

Professor Helen Milroy (Aus), and Professor Dame Til Wykes (UK).

In addition, an impressive cohort of invited speakers will represent a diverse range of psychiatric subspecialties including child and adolescent, consultation-liaison, forensic, intellectual and developmental disabilities, leadership and management, old age, psychotherapy, and youth mental health. The program will feature nineteen pre-congress workshops covering an array of sub-specialties and interest areas; two debates; clinical updates on anxiety disorders, PTSD, and psychotherapy; and an Asia Pacific Mental Health Forum. RANZCP President Prof. Malcolm Hopwood will complete his term and Prof. Kym Jenkins will take over as the



*Prof. Kym Jenkins, President-Elect*

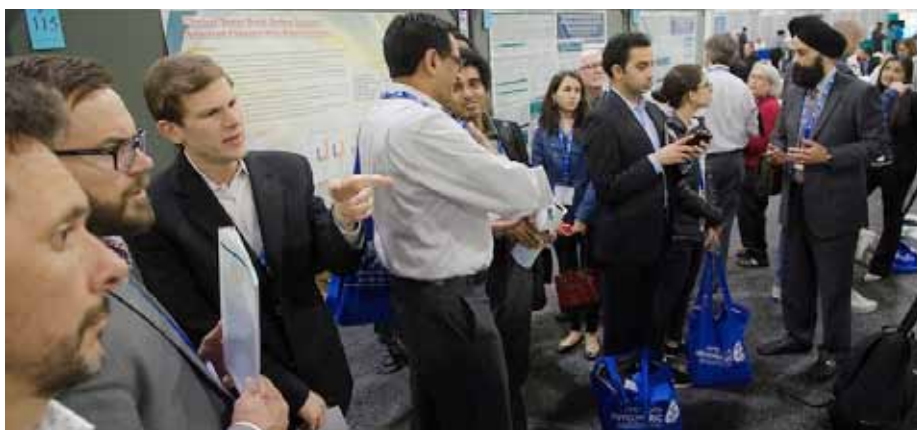
new President at the Adelaide Congress.

We look forward to welcoming you to Adelaide in 2017 and invite you to contact Ms. Leah Jackson via [ranzcp@ranzcp.org](mailto:ranzcp@ranzcp.org) with any queries regarding the conference. The conference program is available at [www.ranzcp2017.com/program](http://www.ranzcp2017.com/program).

## AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

More than 25% of APA members are International Medical Graduates who often practice in rural and underserved areas where care is desperately needed. Almost one-third of APA Annual Meeting attendees travel from outside the United States to connect with colleagues and share their valuable research and experiences.

The 2017 APA Annual Meeting, 20-24 May, focuses on "Prevention Through Partnerships" and will recognize over 100 APA International Fellows and Distinguished Fellows who have made significant contributions to psychiatry. Nearly 100 international trainees will present their research and are invited to participate in a newly developed resident leadership track tailored to their transitional needs. Additionally, the Research Colloquium for Junior Investigators will include participation by individuals from countries in Africa, Europe, and Latin America.



*Research Posters, APA Annual Meeting.*

For up-to-date Annual Meeting information, including topics and speakers, go to [annualmeeting.psychiatry.org](http://annualmeeting.psychiatry.org). Psychiatrists and trainees not traveling to the APA Annual Meeting are encouraged to explore the "Learning Center" for online courses and activities, many available for free to APA

members, at [education.psychiatry.org](http://education.psychiatry.org). For information on becoming an APA International Member, go to [psychiatry.org/international](http://psychiatry.org/international).

## ■ INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL PSYCHIATRY



*Prof. Rajiv Gupta,  
President*

The 23rd National Conference of IASP was held on 4th Dec 2016. Eminent speakers deliberated on the theme symposium titled **“Impact of Global**



*Prof. Mamta Sood  
Secretary General*

President, Dr. U C Garg as Vice President, Dr. Indira Sharma as President Elect, Prof. Mamta Sood as Secretary General, and Dr.

### *Events on Society and Mental Health”.*

The elections for various posts of office bearers and executive council IASP were held in 2016.

Prof. Rajiv Gupta has taken over as

Vinay Kumar as Treasurer. Dr. Debasish Basu continues as the Editor. The 24th National conference of Indian Association for Social Psychiatry will be held on 17-19 November 2017 at Hotel Radisson Blue, Guwahati. The theme of the conference is **“Cultural Diversity and Mental Health”.**

**Mamta Sood  
Secretary General, Indian Association  
for Social Psychiatry**

## ■ BRAZILIAN ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHIATRY



**Brazilian Congress of Psychiatry: 25-28 October 2017, São Paulo**

The 35th Brazilian Congress of Psychiatry – 35th BPC, will be held from 25-28 October

2017 at the Transamerica Expo Center, in São Paulo, SP, Brazil. For this forthcoming event, we are expecting 8,000 participants. Theme: “The future of psychiatric neuroscience”. Website: [www.cbpbap.org.br/](http://www.cbpbap.org.br/). We are confident that your participation will dignify the level of excellence of our Congress.

**Antonio Geraldo da Silva  
(Scientific Coordinator)  
President, Brazilian Association  
of Psychiatry**

## ■ GUATEMALAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

On February 23 and 24, 2017 we had the academic symposium of Neuropsychiatry, which was a complete success. We had international speakers: Dra. Elena Majano Neurologist - specialized in Sleeping disorder (Salvador), Dr. Pablo Leon Ortiz (neu-

ropsychiatry) from the Instituto Nacional de Neurología y Neurocirugía INNN (México), and Dr. Leonardo Ruiz (México); and four national speakers: Dra. Virginia Ortiz (child psychiatrist), Dr. Raul Higueros (Neurodevelopment psychiatrist), Dr. Carlos Berganza

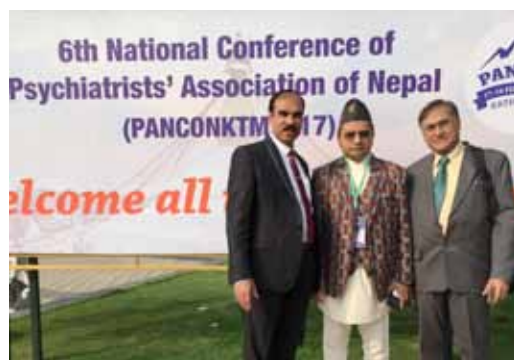
(Child psychiatrist), and Dr. Byron Recinos (Neuropsychiatry). More than 100 medical students also attended the symposium.

**Roxanna Ruiz Cabarrus  
President, Guatemalan Psychiatric  
Association**

## ■ PSYCHIATRISTS' ASSOCIATION OF NEPAL

The 6th National Conference of PAN was held at Kathmandu, Nepal on 17-18 February 2017. It was a grand success with participation of delegates from the country and abroad.

**Nirmal Lamichhane  
General Secretary,  
Psychiatrists' Association of Nepal**



*6th PAN Conference, Kathmandu.  
TSS Rao, Nirmal Lamichhane, and  
SK Khandelwal are seen.*



# News from WPA Sections

WPA Secretary for Scientific Sections, Afzal Javed, [afzal.javed@ntlworld.com](mailto:afzal.javed@ntlworld.com)



## ■ HIV/AIDS PSYCHIATRY

Members of the WPA Section on HIV/AIDS Psychiatry met at the APM Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas on November 11, 2016 and have continued to work together to develop proposals for 2017 WPA meetings throughout the world and for APA, AAPDP, and APM annual meetings.

Dr. Cohen wrote an article *HIV/AIDS - The Great Magnifier of Maladies - is Entirely Preventable*, which was published in the International Magazine, India Empire and is an update on HIV prevention and care. Our HIV Psychiatry Quarterly Updatable Annotated Bibliography can be accessed at: <http://www.apm.org/library/articles/2016-Q4/hiv.shtml>

Many members contributed to the second edition of the *Comprehensive Textbook of*

*AIDS Psychiatry – A Paradigm of Integrated Care*. Due for publication in April 2017 by Oxford University Press, the textbook has 133 contributors more than half of whom are members of the WPA Section on HIV/AIDS Psychiatry SIG. The textbook was edited by Drs. Cohen, Gorman, Volberding, Jacobson, and Letendre.

Please note that our Section now has a new listserv address: [hiv-aids@list.apm.org](mailto:hiv-aids@list.apm.org)  
We invite you to attend our meetings and explore our web page at: <http://apm.org/sigs/oap/>  
We welcome new members and invite you to join our SIG at: <http://www.apm.org/sigs/oap/signup.shtml>



Members of the Section: Drs. Andrew Alkis, Pablo Toro, Jordi Blanch, Sara Nash, and Kelly Cozza.

**Mary Ann Adler Cohen, Chair**  
**Jordi Blanch, Secretary**  
**Section on HIV/AIDS Psychiatry**

## ■ PSYCHIATRY, MEDICINE AND PRIMARY CARE

Our Section is contributing a chapter in the upcoming *Advances in Psychiatry* text on challenges in training psychiatrists in integrated mental health and primary care. The Section

has submitted a number of Section Symposium proposals for the Berlin 2017 World Congress, including a collaboration with the Psycho-Oncology and Education Sections.

**Dave Baron**  
**Chair, Section on Psychiatry,**  
**Medicine and Primary Care**

## ■ DUAL DISORDERS/PATHOLOGY

The V CONGRESS OF A.C.A.P.I. was held at the Hotel Casino in San Fernando del Valle de Catamarca, Argentina, on September the 30th and October the 1st, 2016. The meeting also included activities of the chapter of Dual Disorders and Personality chapter of the Argentinean Psychiatrists Association (APSA), and the XIII Scientific Conference of CPP SRL. Prominent Speakers from Spain and Latin America gave their lectures. The President of the Congress was Dr. José Luis Fernandez.

As the most important event in the Catamarca mental health area, with a long tradition, it



was attended by about 300 professionals from the health care area. The main theme “Dual Pathology” was communicated in 45 lectures,

Symposia and workshops. The activity was sponsored by the Ministry of Health of Catamarca, Faculty of Health Sciences of Catamarca, the Section on substance abuse and Dual Disorders of APAL (Asociación Psiquiátrica de América Latina), Section on Dual Disorders/Pathology WPA, SEPD (Sociedad Española de Patología Dual), and WADD (World Association on Dual Disorders).

**Javier Didia Attas**  
**Secretary, Section on Dual**  
**Disorders/Pathology**

## ■ PSYCHIATRY AND HUMAN SEXUALITY

We had participated in the following activities:

1. Portuguese Society of Psychiatry and Mental Health (reported separately).
2. Our section organized South Asian Society for Sexual Medicine, Interim Congress at Mysore, India on 11-13 November 2016. More than 400 delegates participated including office bearers of IPS, SASSM, and CSEPI.
3. The Section participated in Kathmandu, Nepal - Nepal Association of Psychiatrists on 17-18 February 2017.
4. Participated in the inauguration of Social Psychiatry division in Colombo, Sri Lanka on 25 January 2017.

**TSS Rao**

**Secretary, Section on Psychiatry  
and Human Sexuality**



*Seen L to R are: Dr. Ravi N (KMC Observer), Dr. Gautam Saha (Sec. IPS), Dr. Mahendranath Thareja (Sec. CSEPI), Dr. Narayan Reddy (President Elect, Asia Oceania Federation), Dr. B N Gangadhar (Director & Vice Chancellor, NIMHANS, Bangalore), Mr. Randeep (Deputy Commissioner, Mysore), Dr. S S Vasana, (Sec. SASSM), Dr. Lasantha Malavige (President Elect, SASSM, Colombo), Dr. Anwarul Islam (President, SASSM, Dhaka, Bangladesh), Dr. Mahesh Gowda (President, IPS Karnataka Chapter), Dr. H. Basavanna Gowdappa (Principal, JSS Medical College), Dr. T S S Rao (Secretary, Psychiatry and Human Sexuality Section, WPA), and Dr. Rajesh Raman (Prof. & Head, Dept. of Psychiatry, JSS Hospital, Mysore).*

## ■ PSYCHONEUROENDOCRINOLOGY

Our latest participation took place in Atlanta during the 169th Annual Meeting of the APA, where a highly illustrative symposium about psychoneuroendocrinology of depression was presented by Charles Nemeroff, Alan Schatzberg, Ghanshyam Pandey, Gustavo Tafet, and Amresh Srivastava. Our work is continuously reflected in various academic events, including lectures and conferences. Among these, our 2nd International Conference on Psychoneuroendocrinology of depression and

anxiety disorders just took place last month in Buenos Aires, with the participation of Ned Kalin, Charles Nemeroff, Gustavo Tafet, and Salvador Guinjoan. We are currently working on our presentations submitted to the 2017 World Congress, to be held in Berlin, and to the 2017 annual meeting of the APA, to be held in San Diego (USA).

**Gustavo Tafet**  
**Secretary, Section on  
Psychoneuroendocrinology**



*From R to L: Charles Nemeroff (Chair), Alan Schatzberg (Co-chair), Gustavo Tafet (Secretary), and Amresh Shrivastava (Co-Secretary).*

## ■ PREVENTIVE PSYCHIATRY

We have been active on many fronts recently. Two notable books were published in 2016, with extensive contributions by several members of the Section.

### **“Crises and disasters: mental health context and responses”**

Editors: Christodoulou GN, Mezzich JE, Christodoulou NG, Lecic-Tosevski D (2016). Cambridge Scholars Publishing. ISBN: 978-1-4438-8944-5

All four editors of the book are members of the Section on Preventive Psychiatry, while some have served as Chairs of the Section. Several Section members contributed to the book with their work, including Roy A. Kallivayalil, Vasilis Kontaxakis, Afzal Javed,

Bulent Coskun, Valery Krasnov, Constantin Soldatos, Adarsh Tripathi, among many others.

### **“Person-centred Psychiatry”**

Editors: Mezzich JE, Botbol, M, Christodoulou GN, Cloninger CR, Salloum, IM (2016). Springer. ISBN: 978-3-319-39722-1

This exceptional book includes an array of papers on Person-Centred Psychiatry, which conceptually relates closely to Preventive Psychiatry. Beyond the editors, the following members contributed with papers: Dusica Lecic-Tosevski, Rodrigo Ramalho, Margit Schmolke, Roy A. Kallivayalil, Helen Herrman, Roger Montenegro, Angeliki G. Christodoulou, A. Douzenis, Dimitris Anagnostopoulos, Nikos G. Christodoulou, and others.

A third book, towards which the Section has also contributed, is the upcoming 4th volume of **“Advances in Psychiatry”**, a much awaited and promising sequel to the WPA title.

Also, the Section has participated with presentations of its members in significant meetings in Athens, Belgrade, Thiruvalla, among other places. We are also preparing towards the WPA World Congress in Berlin, having already submitted a large number of sectional and intersectional symposia.

Lastly, we are applying for Erasmus+ funding to support the next phase of our intersectional project (the EPIC Project).

**Nikos Christodoulou**  
**Chair, Section on Preventive Psychiatry**

## ■ NEUROIMAGING IN PSYCHIATRY

The Neuroimaging in Psychiatry Section has carried out the following activities during the last year:

1. Editing the Springer volume “Neuroimaging of Schizophrenia and Other Primary Psychotic Disorders”, Eds.: S. Galderisi (Italy), L. DeLisi (USA), S. Borgwardt (Switzerland), Authors: A. Mucci (Italy), T. Dierks (Switzerland), A. Heinz (Germany), G. Busatto (Brazil), P. Fusar Poli (UK), F. Schlagenhaut (Germany), A. Vita (Italy), L. Deserno (Germany) (to be published in September 2017).

2. For the forthcoming WPA World Congress, the Section submitted the Section symposium: “Neuroimaging of Schizophrenia: an update”. Chairpersons: Silvana Galderisi (Italy), Lynn DeLisi (USA). Speakers: T. Dierks

(Switzerland), S. Borgwardt (Switzerland), G. Busatto (Brazil), A. Vita (Italy).

**Silvana Galderisi, Chair**  
**Lynn DeLisi, Co-chair**  
**Stefan J. Borgwardt, Secretary**  
**Section on Neuroimaging in Psychiatry**

## ■ PSYCHONEUROBIOLOGY

The Psychoneurobiology Section has carried out the following activities during the last year:

1. Contribution to the Springer volume “Advances in Psychiatry”, Eds.: Fountoulakis, Javed. Chapter title: “Neurobiology of schizophrenia: electrophysiological indices”. Chapter Authors: M. Koukkou (Switzerland), T. Koenig, A. Bänninger, K. Rieger, L. Diaz

Hernandez (Switzerland), Y. Higuchi, T. Sumiyoshi (Japan), A. Vignapiano, G.M. Giordano, A. Amodio, A. Mucci (Italy).

2. For the forthcoming WPA World Congress, the Section submitted the Section symposium: “Schizophrenia heterogeneity: Characterization of syndromes and outcome using electrophysiological, cognitive, and functional meas-

ures”. Chairpersons: T. Sumiyoshi (Japan), A. Mucci (Italy). Speakers: A. Vignapiano (Italy), T. Koenig (Switzerland), Y. Higuchi (Japan).

**Armida Mucci, Chair**  
**Tomiki Sumiyoshi, Co-chair**  
**Thomas Koenig, Secretary**  
**Section on Psychoneurobiology**

## ■ EDUCATION IN PSYCHIATRY

We are looking forward to presenting a range of symposia and workshops at the upcoming Berlin World Congress. Bill Fulford has spearheaded the development of the Center for Values Based Practice of which the Section is a collaborating partner. Andrea Fiorillo has completed a survey on academic career development needs for early career psychiatrists and the results will be presented in a Section sponsored symposium at the Berlin World Congress. Cesar Alfonso led a group which produced a chapter on Psychiatric Residency

Education in Countries with Low and Middle Income Economies which will be published in an upcoming WPA book. Renato Alarcon, Pichet Udomratn, and Hussein El Kholi, in collaboration with the Section on Early Career Psychiatrists led a work group which produced a revision of the WPA Templates for Medical Student Education. The WPA EC has reviewed and supported the work, which will soon be distributed. Allan Tasman has written a chapter called Global Perspectives on Psychiatric Education which will appear in a forthcoming

book edited by Mark Hermans. In addition, other section projects in various states of development include a compendium of model curricula for residency training, a paper on use of technology in training, and a paper on issues for medical school graduates in residency training in another country. We invite those faculty with an interest in psychiatric education at all career phases and trainees to join the Section.

**Allan Tasman**  
**Chair, Section on Education in Psychiatry**

## MATTERS FOR WPA NEWS

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# News from WPA Zonal Representatives

## ■ ZONE 10 (EASTERN EUROPE)

### International Congress “Mental health in the 21st century” in Moscow

Late last year, Moscow hosted the First International Congress “Mental health in the 21st century”. The Congress was organized by the “Union of Mental Health” (President N.V. Treushnikova) with the support of a number of governmental structures and co-sponsored by WHO, WPA, EPA, and others. The Congress was attended by over 700 representatives from 33 countries: psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, gerontologists, and representatives of Justice, Culture and Sport. The plenary sessions, presentations were made by Dr. Shekhar Saxena (WHO), Prof. Roy A. Kallivayalil (WPA), Prof. Wolfgang Gaebel (EPA), Prof. Norman Sartorius (Switzerland), as well as other representatives of the WPA/EC and the WPA Board, heads of national psychiatric societies. In-



*Ceremony “Harmony” Award: 3rd from left, Natalya Treushnikova, President of the Union of Mental Health, Russia and extreme right, Peter Morozov (WPA Zonal Rep.) and Wolfgang Gaebel (EPA).*

ternational Congress on the problems of mental health of this level for the first time took place in the 21st century in Moscow. It has been decided to make such meetings regular; the next one is scheduled for 19-21 October 2018.

The Congress held the prize winners ceremony of the first National Award “Harmony” in the field of mental health. Among psychia-

trists, in the nomination “for the contribution to research, teaching and publication activities”, prizes were awarded to Prof. W. Gaebel (EPA, Germany) and Prof. P. Morozov (WPA, Russia).

**Petr Morozov**  
**Zonal Representative for Zone 10**  
**(Eastern Europe)**

## ■ ZONE 14 (EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA)

I am happy to report that Botswana has applied and registered for their Association and will be confirmed later in the year. I am appealing to other countries to please make their own applications. The WPA Secretariat is strongly recommending that every country in every zone across the World to have an Association and I am encouraging all of you in Zone 14 who have not yet registered to do so. For those with existing WPA registered associations, well done.

### Activities and News from the Zone

It is still early in the year and different countries are at various stages of planning their activities. The Kenya Psychiatrists Association (KPA) in conjunction with African Association of Psychiatrists and Allied Professions (AAPAP) will be holding their annual conference in Kenya towards the end of March 2017. This is soon after a very successful conference in Cape Town.

We hope as many of us as possible will be participating in the Berlin, Germany congress meeting not just as attendees but as presenters.

**David M. Ndeti**  
**Zonal Representative for Zone 14**  
**(Eastern and Southern Africa)**

## ■ ZONE 7 (NORTHERN EUROPE)

Reykjavik, Iceland welcomes guests to the 32nd Nordic Congress of Psychiatry on June 13-16, 2018. Welcome to NCP 2018 in Reykja-

vik, Iceland. Please visit the link <http://meet-inreykjavik.uberflip.com/h/i/140822785-ncp-2018-in-reykjavik-iceland>

**Jyrki Korkeila**  
**Zonal Representative for Zone 7**  
**(Northern Europe)**

## ■ ZONE 2 (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

The **APA Research Colloquium for Junior Investigators** provides guidance, mentorship, and encouragement to young investigators in the early phases of their training. International institutions and organizations are encouraged to nominate candidates and sponsor their participation to attend the APA Annual Meeting to work in a cohort focusing on one of four research areas including (1) Molecular, Translational, and Neuroscience Research, (2) Clinical Psychobiology, (3) Treatment from Psychopharmacology and Psychotherapy to Neural Strategies, and (4) Alcohol, Pain, and Drug Abuse Research.

In 2016, applications were submitted and accepted from 13 countries including Argentina, Brazil, China, Egypt, France, Jamaica, Mexico, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Peru, Spain, Uganda, and the United Kingdom. Institutions and organizations interested in learning more can email [colloquium@psych.org](mailto:colloquium@psych.org).



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**Edmond Hsin-tung Pi**  
WPA Zonal Representative for Zone 2  
(United States of America)

## News from WPA Affiliated Associations

### ■ EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF FAMILIES OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

The European Federation of Associations of Families of People with Mental Illness organised a meeting in Porto in Nov 2016, bringing together family members of patients suffering from mental ill health to gather their observations on social withdrawal. EUFAMI is an active Project Partner in PRISM, a project that aims to find new treatments more quickly for the three most common brain disorders in Europe: Schizophrenia, Major Depression and Alzheimer's Disease.

A striking result indicated by family members was their own struggle with social isolation. Comments included, "I was afraid that we bothered the neighbours," "We stopped going to family gatherings," "During the crisis, we didn't speak to anyone about the topic other than the doctor."

Social withdrawal feeds stigma, which impacts not just patients but entire families. Tackling social withdrawal therefore has

enormous potential for positive impact. Committed to supporting families affected by mental illness, EUFAMI is working hard to ensure that their views are represented in policy, practice and research. For more information about our work, visit [www.eufami.org](http://www.eufami.org), follow us on Twitter (@EUFAMI) and Facebook (@EUFAMI1).

### ■ WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR DYNAMIC PSYCHIATRY

The 18th international congress of WADP will be held in Florence, Italy with the topic: **Creative Processes in Psychiatry and Psychotherapy from 19th to 22nd April 2017** - [www.wadp2017.org](http://www.wadp2017.org). The organizing committee is hoping that the encounter of scientists from various disciplines like medicine, psychiatry, psychology, psychoanalysis and psychotherapy could promote the integration of interdisciplinary research. It is the wish of the organizing committee that also interdisciplinary findings

from sociology, philosophy, pedagogy, the cultural anthropology and others will facilitate the discourse on this topic. Furthermore, it is our wish that at this WADP congress in 2017 the sciences of mankind can contribute in a way that problems related to creativity can be perceived, consolidated and integrated in the service of our patients.

The organizing committee is looking very much forward to welcoming you participants

from all over the world in Florence, one of the most beautiful cities in the world, filled with historical relics and artistic masterpieces by the greatest masters of Humanism and the Renaissance.

**Maria Ammon**  
General Secretary, World Association  
for Dynamic Psychiatry

## INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR BIPOLAR DISORDERS

The 19th Annual Conference of the ISBD is quickly approaching. We hope that you will join us May 4-7, 2017 in Washington, D.C. at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. The theme for the meeting is “Bipolar Disorders: Advances in Understanding Around the Globe,” and the

congress will once again serve as the hub for a plurality of fresh perspectives and emerging data from leading researchers and clinicians working in diverse settings around the world. Washington, D.C., as the nation’s capital, also provides a unique opportunity for the ISBD to

come together with authoritative voices from the advocacy community to address the challenges around global mental health funding, stigma, and parity with other medical disorders. We hope that you will join us! Go to [www.isbd2017.com](http://www.isbd2017.com) to register today!

## INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL APPROACHES TO PSYCHOSIS



Join us at the 20th biennial International Congress of

ISPS “Making REAL change happen” in Liverpool, UK 30th August-3rd September 2017 - [www.isps2017uk.org](http://www.isps2017uk.org). Plenary speakers: Jim van Os, Jacqui Dillon, Rachel Waddingham, Grainne Fadden, Kwame McKenzie, Alison

Brabban, Svein Friis, Jon Vidar Strømstad, and Anne Berit Eie Torbjørnsen.

ISPS is an international organization promoting psychotherapy and psychological treatments for persons with psychosis (a term which includes persons diagnosed with “schizophrenia”). We are committed to advancing education, training and knowledge of mental health professionals in the treatment

and prevention of psychotic mental disorders. The ISPS book series, published by Routledge for over 10 years, contains 20 books illuminating the efficacy of psychological approaches in the treatment of psychoses. In 2009, the ISPS also began publishing the journal ‘Psychosis: Psychological, Social and Integrative Approaches’ (4 issues per year). Find out more about ISPS at [www.isps.org](http://www.isps.org).

## EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF PSYCHIATRIC TRAINEES

We continue our mission to foster international collaboration, and hence this will be the topic of our workshop at the upcoming WPA Inter Zonal Congress in Vilnius. EFPT is proud to introduce its newest project, developed in conjunction with the UEMS Section of Psychiatry. “*Test your Own Training*” (#TYOT) offers a bottom up solution to the question of how to raise awareness of European Training Guidelines amongst trainees themselves. #TYOT is an easy-to-use online tool that will allow any trainee to assess immediately how their training compares to European standards. Take the test yourself at [www.efpt.eu/training/TYOT](http://www.efpt.eu/training/TYOT)

The CAP section of EFPT has been more active than ever this year.

We are actively involved in the Milestone project, examining transitions between CAP and GAP services. We have also made available new CAP rotations in the European Exchange Program. Visit us on our newly updated CAP area of [efpt.eu](http://efpt.eu) to utilise our new e-learning resources.

All of the above initiatives, and many more, have been the work of EFPT over the past 25



years. We are looking forward to celebrating all that trainees have achieved together at our silver anniversary at this year’s forum in Istanbul. We hope you’ll join us there!

**Seán Naughton**  
Secretary-General, European Federation of Psychiatric Trainees

## Future WPA Scientific Congresses and Meetings

### March-April 2017

30 March-2 April 2017: “V International Congress of Dual Disorders: Addictions and other Mental Disorders”, Madrid, Spain. Organizers: Sociedad Española Patología Dual (SEPD). Contact: Dr. Nestor Szerman. E-mails: a) [secretaria@secretariadual.com](mailto:secretaria@secretariadual.com) b) [secretariat@icdd-congress.com](mailto:secretariat@icdd-congress.com). Website: [www.icdd-congress.com](http://www.icdd-congress.com)

### April 2017

13-15 April 2017: 13th International Conference on Psychiatry “Controversies in Diagnosis and Treatment in Psychiatry; Professional Experiences”, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Organizers: 1) Saudi German Hospital 2) Saudi Psychiatric Association. Collaboration: 1) Psychiatric Hospital Jeddah. 2) Egyptian Psychiatric Association 3) Institute of Psychiatry, Ain Shams University 4) Psychiatry Department,

Cairo University. Contact: Dr. Mohamed Khaled. E-mail: moh.khaled.hamed@gmail.com Website: [http://jed.sghgroup.com.sa/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=324&Itemid=42&lang=en](http://jed.sghgroup.com.sa/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=324&Itemid=42&lang=en)

19-22 April 2017: 18th World Congress of the World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry (WADP) "Creative processes in psychotherapy and psychiatry", Florence, Italy. Organizer: World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry (WADP). Collaboration: 1) International Foundation Erich Fromm 2) Erich Fromm School of Psychotherapy 3) University of Florence and others. Contact: Prof. Dr. Maria Ammon. E-mail: dapberlin@t-online.de Website: [www.WADP2017.org](http://www.WADP2017.org)

20-21 April 2017: The First Moscow Conference/Congress on Religion and Psychiatry "Religiosity and Clinical Psychiatry", Russia, Moscow. Organizers: 1) Mental Health Research Centre 2) WPA Section on Religion, Spirituality and Psychiatry. Contact: Peter J. Verhagen. E-mail: [verhagen.p@wxs.nl](mailto:verhagen.p@wxs.nl) Website: [www.religionandpsychiatry.com](http://www.religionandpsychiatry.com)

20-21 April 2017: The First Conference of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry "Adolescent psychiatry: Health promotion (State of the Art)", Mansoura, Egypt. Organizer: Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Unit, Mansoura University. Contact: Prof. Hala El Boraie. E-mail: [halaboraie@yahoo.com](mailto:halaboraie@yahoo.com) Website: [www.mans.edu.eg](http://www.mans.edu.eg)

23-29 April 2017: RSP Educational Program "The 13th School for Early Career Psychiatrists", Suzdal, Russia. Organizer: Russian Society of Psychiatrists (RSP). Contact: Professor Peter Morozov. E-mails: a) [prof.morozov@gmail.com](mailto:prof.morozov@gmail.com) b) [suzdal@psychiatr.ru](mailto:suzdal@psychiatr.ru) Website: [psychiatr.ru/events/499/](http://psychiatr.ru/events/499/)

26-29 April 2017: 32th Argentine Congress of Psychiatry "Commitment of Psychiatry and Mental Health with the community in contemporary problematic use", Mar del Plata, Argentina. Organizer: Asociacion de Psiquiatras Argentinos (APSA). Collaboration: Association of Psychiatrists of Chubut. Contact: Hector Daniel Caprara. E-mail: [info@apsa.org.ar](mailto:info@apsa.org.ar) Website: [www.apsa.org.ar](http://www.apsa.org.ar)

#### May 2017

3-6 May 2017: WPA Inter Zonal Congress "Changing Psychiatry, Changing Society, Changing Self", Vilnius, Lithuania: Contact: Assoc. Prof. Alvydas Navickas MD, PhD (President, Lithuanian Psychiatric Association). Emails: a) [alvydas.navickas@mf.vu.lt](mailto:alvydas.navickas@mf.vu.lt) b) [info@psichiatrija.lt](mailto:info@psichiatrija.lt) Website: [www.wpavilnius2017.com](http://www.wpavilnius2017.com)

25-28 May 2017: "5th International Congress on Neurobiology and Psychopharmacology", Chalkidiki, Greece. Organizer: International Society on Neurobiology and Psychopharmacology. Collaboration: WPA Section on Evidence Based Psychiatry. Contact: Dr. KN Fountoulakis. E-mail: [kostasfountoulakis@gmail.com](mailto:kostasfountoulakis@gmail.com) Website: [www.psychiatry.gr](http://www.psychiatry.gr)

#### August-September 2017

30 August-3 September 2017: 20th International Congress of ISPS "Making Real Change Happen", Liverpool, UK. Organizer: The International Society for Psychological and Social Approaches to Psychosis. Contacts: a) Dr. Brian Martindale b) Antonia Svensson. E-mail: [isps@isps.org](mailto:isps@isps.org) Website: [www.isps.org](http://www.isps.org)

#### September 2017

14-16 September 2017: "6th European Conference on Schizophrenia Research", Berlin, Germany. Organizer: European Scientific Association on Schizophrenia and Other Psychoses. Contact: Prof. Wolfgang Gaebel. E-mail: [wolfgang.gaebel@esasnet.eu](mailto:wolfgang.gaebel@esasnet.eu)

#### October 2017

8-12 October 2017: WPA World Congress of Psychiatry "Psychiatry of the 21st Century: Context, Controversies and Commitment", Berlin, Germany. Organizer: German Association for Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics. Contact: Prof. Peter Falkai. E-mail: [wpa2017@cpo-hanser.de](mailto:wpa2017@cpo-hanser.de) Website: [www.wpaberlin2017.com](http://www.wpaberlin2017.com)

10-12 October 2017: "ASEAN Conference on Healthy Ageing 2017", Sarawak, Malaysia. Organizer: Malaysian Healthy Ageing Society. Contact: Prof. Dr. Philip George. E-mail: [drphilgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:drphilgeorge@gmail.com) Website: [www.acha2017.com/](http://www.acha2017.com/)

19-21 October 2017: 17th Czech-Slovak Psychiatric Convention "Together for Changes in Psychiatry", Bratislava, Slovakia. Organizer: Slovak Psychiatric Association. Contact: Lubomira Izakova, M.D., PhD. E-mail: [luba.izakova@nextra.sk](mailto:luba.izakova@nextra.sk) Website: [www.psychiatry.sk](http://www.psychiatry.sk)

#### November 2017

2-5 November 2017: World Federation for Mental Health World Congress 2017 "Skill training in Autism: From Diagnosis to Intervention", New Delhi, India. Organizer: Caring Foundation, New Delhi. Contact: Dr. Sunil Mittal. E-mail: [sunil.manu@gmail.com](mailto:sunil.manu@gmail.com) Website: [www.wfmhindia.com](http://www.wfmhindia.com)

22-24 November, 2017: 5th International Conference of Psychotraumatology and Mediation, 2017 (5PM-2017) "Wars, Trauma, Migrations and Global Mental Health for refugees in Developed countries and in Developing countries for civil populations and refugees: what innovations in the treatment, in mediation, conflict management and human rights", Centre International de

#### May 2018

2-4 May 2018: Emerging mental health challenges across the globe "Epidemiology and Public Health", New York, USA. Organizer: Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. Contact: Katherine M. Keyes. E-mail: [kmk2104@columbia.edu](mailto:kmk2104@columbia.edu) Website: <http://www.wpaepi2018.org/>

#### July 2018

5-7 July 2018: XIII WAPR World Congress "Recovery, Citizenship, Human Rights; Reviewing consensus", Madrid, Spain. Organizer: World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation (WAPR). Contact: Sandra Mérida. E-mail: [smerida@fase20.com](mailto:smerida@fase20.com) Website: [www.fase20.com](http://www.fase20.com)

#### October 2018

19-21 October 2018: The II Congress on Mental Health: Meeting the Needs of the 21st Century "Mental Health and Education", Moscow, Russia. Organizers: 1) Union for Mental Health of Russia 2) Russian Society of Psychiatrists 3) Russian Professional Psychotherapeutic League 3) Russian Psychological Society. Collaboration: 1) European Psychiatric Association (EPA) 2) World Council for Psychotherapy (WCP) 3) Action for Mental Health (AMH) 4) International Association on Social Security (ISSA). Contact: Dr. Olga Pazyna. E-mail: [pazyna@mental-health-russia.ru](mailto:pazyna@mental-health-russia.ru) Website: [www.mental-health-congress.ru](http://www.mental-health-congress.ru)

