

WPA forums in psychiatry

The following are available via the publication section of the WPA website (www.wpanet.org):

- *The Declaration of Madrid and Current Psychiatric Practice: Users' and Advocates' Views*
- *Psychiatrists and the Death Penalty: Some Ethical Dilemmas*
- *Psychiatry in Medical Education*
- *Managed Care and Psychiatry*
- *Culture, Spirituality and Psychiatry*
- *Mass Media and Psychiatry*
- *Psychiatry and Human Sexuality*

Eating disorders

A sixth volume in the WPA's very successful series 'Evidence and Experience in Psychiatry' has been published, entitled *Eating Disorders* (eds M. Maj, K. Halmi, J. J. López-Ibor & N. Sartorius. Chichester: Wiley, 2003). Worldwide, eating disorders may be one of the major areas of clinical psychiatry in which the gap between research evidence and clinical practice is most dramatic. The six chapters deal with diagnosis, epidemiology, physical complications, pharmacological treatment, psychological interventions and social/economic burden. Each consists of a systematic review of the research evidence, followed by many commentaries from virtually all the renowned experts in the field.

Classification and diagnosis

Work progresses towards the next revisions of the world's current classification systems. A successful major WPA International Thematic Conference took place in Vienna in June in collaboration with the Austrian Society of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy. In May, the WPA Section on Classification, in collaboration with the WHO Classification Office, organised the Symposium on Philosophical and Methodological Foundations of Psychiatric Diagnosis in New York. A diversity of first-rate contributions, from philosophers, psychiatrists and other health scientists, addressed the complex issues. The *Newsletter* featuring this symposium is available on the Section's website: www.wpanet.org.

The WPA Section of Affective Disorders

The Section has adopted the *Journal of Affective Disorders* as its house journal. A fruitful collaboration has also been established with the International Society for Affective Disorders (ISAD). Both the Section and the ISAD are chaired by Professor Chris Thompson. The ISAD had a very successful inaugural meeting in Taormina, Sicily, in March 2002. Its next meeting is in Cancun, Mexico, 5–10 March 2004. ISAD members receive a personal subscription to the *Journal of Affective Disorders* as part of their membership. Details of membership and of the Cancun meeting can be found on the website www.isad.org.uk.

Albert Schweitzer Medal

Professor Henry Walton, Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry and of International Medical Education, University of Edinburgh, has been awarded the Albert Schweitzer Grand Gold Medal of the Albert Schweitzer World Academy of Medicine. This was for humanitarian services with respect to his international medical education work over numerous decades and was presented at a ceremony in the Royal Castle of Warsaw on 15 May 2003. Professor Walton was the foundation President of the Association for Medical Education in Europe, and subsequently the long-term President of the World Federation for Medical Education. He initiated the Global Curriculum in Psychiatry programme of the World Psychiatric Association.

All psychiatrists can obtain extensive up-to-date information about international news, publications and conferences (and much more) by subscribing electronically to the monthly e-bulletin of the WPA. Subscriptions are available through the website www.wpanet.org/

The Pan-African Group of the Royal College of Psychiatrists was inaugurated at the College annual meeting in Edinburgh in July. Dr Frank Njenga was elected Chairman for a period of 1 year. The position will be reviewed at the 2004 annual meeting of the College, when the decision of the Privy Council about converting the Group to a Division will have been received.

Forthcoming international events

31 October–2 November 2003

15th National Conference of the Indian Association for Social Psychiatry

Trichy, India.

Contact: Dr Savita Malhotra.
Email: savitam@sancharnet.in.

31 October–3 November 2003

Third International Conference on the Synthesis of Psychotherapy and Pharmacotherapy

Thematic conference.

Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
Contact: Dr Rob M. W. Smeets.
Email: mmoalem@kenes.com.

9–13 November 2003

Psychiatric Care Across Cultures: A Conference Week

WPA Section on Transcultural Psychiatry in collaboration with the University of Malta.

Malta St Julian's, Republic of Malta.
Email: charles.pace@um.edu.mt; cp_malta@hotmail.com.

27–30 November 2003

XI Congreso de la Sociedad Dominicana de Psiquiatría

WPA co-sponsored conference. In collaboration with the Latin American Psychiatric Association.

Melia Caribe Tropical Hotel, Dominican Republic.
Contact: Dra. Daisy Acosta.
Email: daisyacosta@codetel.net.co.

29 January–2 February 2004

International Conference on Schizophrenia

WPA co-sponsored conference. Schizophrenia Research Foundation (SCARF) in collaboration with the WHO. Chennai (Old Madras), India.
Contact: Dr R. Thara.
Email: scarf@vsnl.com.
Website: www.scarfindia.org.

1–28 February 2004

Fifth Virtual Congress of Psychiatry (Interpsiquis 2004)

Palma de Mallorca, Spain.
Contact: Dr Pedro Moreno.
Email: secretaria@psiquiatria.com.
Website: www.interpsiquis.com/2004/participation.html.

5–10 March 2004

Second Biennial Conference of the International Society for Affective Disorders (ISAD)

WPA co-sponsored conference in collaboration with the WPA Section on Affective Disorders. Cancun, Mexico.
Contact: David Beck.
Email: d.k.beck@soton.ac.uk.
Website: www.isad.org.uk.

17–20 March 2004

Second World Congress on Women's Mental Health

WPA Section on Women's Mental Health and the WPA Section on Interdisciplinary Collaboration. Washington, DC, USA.
Contact: Dr Donna Stewart; Dr Uriel Halbreich.
Email: donna.stewart@uhn.on.ca; urielh@acsu.buffalo.edu.
Website: www.womenmentalhealth.com.

29 March–2 April 2004

Congreso Panamericano de Salud Mental Infanto-Juvenil

Organised by the Cuban Society of Psychiatry in collaboration with the WHO and the Latin American Psychiatric Association. Palacio de Convenciones, Havana, Cuba.
Contact: Dr Cristobal Martinez Gomez.
Email: crisma@informed.sld.cu.
Website: www.sld.cu/eventos/psiquiatria/felices;
www.loseventos.cu/saludmental2004.

14–18 April 2004

European Psychiatry: Evidence and Experience. 12th AEP Congress

Geneva, Switzerland.
Call for abstracts ends 30 October 2003.
Email: aep12@kenes.com.
Website: www.kenes.com/aep2004.

1–6 May 2004

American Psychiatric Association Annual Congress

New York, USA.
Contact: apa@psych.org.
Website: www.psych.org.

14–19 May 2004

History of Psychiatry: 18th Congress of the Hellenic Psychiatric Association

In collaboration with WPA Sections on History of Psychiatry and Humanities in Psychiatry. Island of Kos, Greece.
Contact: Prof. George Christodoulou, Hellenic Psychiatric Association, 11, Papadiamandopoulou str., 11528 Athens, Greece.
Fax: +30 210 724 2032.
Email: gnchrist@compulink.gr.

10–13 June 2004

National Conference of the Czech Psychiatric Society

Spindleruv Mlyn, Czech Republic.
Contact: Dr Jiri Raboch.
Email: raboch@beba.cesnet.cz.

6–9 July 2004

Royal College of Psychiatrists Annual Meeting

International Centre, Harrogate, UK.
Contact: College Conference Office.
Tel: +44 (0)20 7235 2351 x 142.
Fax: +44 (0)20 7259 6507.
Email: mbraithwaite@rcpsych.ac.uk.

17–19 September 2004

WPA Regional Meeting

Mental Health Resource Center (MHRC) in collaboration with the Pakistan Psychiatric Society. Lahore, Pakistan.
Contact: Dr Haroon Rashid Chaudry.
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22–26 September 2004

14th World Congress of the World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry (WADP)

WPA co-sponsored conference. Cracow, Poland.
Contact: Dr Maria Ammon.
Email: wadp.congress2004@dynpsych.de.

28 September–1 October 2004

Translating the Evidence. International Early Psychosis Association

Vancouver, Canada.
Contact: congress@venuewest.com.
Website: www.iepa.org.au.

6–9 October 2004

8th Congress of the International Association for the Treatment of Sexual Offenders (IATSO)

WPA co-sponsored conference. Athens, Greece.
Contact: Dr Orestis Giotakos.
Email: giotakos@tri.forthnet.gr.
Website: www.iatsoathens.gr.

7–10 October 2004

Mental Health Perspectives in Public Health Conference

WPA co-sponsored conference in collaboration with the Armenian Association of Psychiatrists and Narcologists. Yerevan, Armenia.
Contact: Dr Armen Soghoian.
Email: majoria@arminco.com.

24–26 October 2004

3rd World Congress on Men's Health

WPA co-sponsored conference. International Society for Men's Health in collaboration with the International Forum of Mood and Anxiety Disorder and the Austrian Association of Neuropharmacology. Vienna, Austria.
Contact: Dr Siegfried Kasper.
Email: sk@akh-wien.ac.at.
Website: www.wchm.info.

24–27 October 2004

XVIII World Congress of the World Association for Social Psychiatry

The Japanese Society of Social Psychiatry in collaboration with the WHO. Kobe, Japan.
Contact: Dr Yoshibumi Nakane.
Email: yonakane@net.nagasaki-u.ac.jp.
Website: www.congre.co.jp/18wasp.

10–13 November 2004

Treatment in Psychiatry: An Update

International Congress of the WPA. Florence, Italy.
Contact: Prof. Mario Maj, Institute of Psychiatry, University of Naples, Largo Madonna Delle Grazie, I-80138, Italy.
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Email: majmario@tin.it.

12–15 March 2005

Advances in Psychiatry and Meeting of the WPA Scientific Sections

WPA Regional Meeting. Athens, Greece.
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