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To: SSPC, WPA-TPS, and WACP Members and Interested Parties

From: Jim Boehnlein, MD
SSPC President

Re: Call for Papers, 2007 Annual Meeting, September 9-12, Stockholm, Sweden

Greetings to all as we enter 2007. We are looking forward to this year's annual meeting, "Multicultural Dialogue in a Globalizing World," in Stockholm, Sweden, co-organized by the World Psychiatric Association Transcultural Psychiatry Section (WPA-TPS) and the World Association of Cultural Psychiatry (WACP). Our conference hosts, and the site for the conference, is Ersta-Sköndal University College in the scenic Södermalm neighborhood of central Stockholm.

The conference will begin with a keynote address and reception sponsored by Ersta on Sunday evening, September 9. The scientific sessions will be held Monday September 10 through Wednesday September 12. We will be taking advantage of the Scandinavian location by integrating regional speakers and topics into the conference and enhancing exploration of the program's main theme. There will be pre-organized symposia from each of the sponsoring organizations and, as always, open symposia for a variety of abstracts submitted individually. You can submit abstracts for an oral presentation or a poster; please indicate your preferences on the attached abstract form. **Abstract deadline is May 1, 2007.**

Evening social events will be outstanding this year. On Tuesday evening there will be a reception and tour at the famed Stockholm City Hall, the site of the yearly Nobel Prize banquet. Then on Wednesday, there will be a dinner at the Skansen Museum, the world's oldest open-air museum, located on the island of Djurgården in the city of Stockholm. These evening events will be truly festive and unique.

There will be numerous options to keep informed of updated conference information throughout the spring and summer, for conference questions, and for registration and hotel information:

- 1) <<http://www.esh.se/index.php?id=263>>. This is the primary conference website at Ersta Sköndal University College. On the conference webpage is information on registration, accommodations, and the scientific program. Also, there are links to various local travel websites, including the superb official Stockholm tourism website, www.stockholmtown.com.

- 2) www.psychiatryandculture.org. SSPC's website will have conference information, along with the registration and abstract forms, the 2007 SSPC Dues form, information on the yearly Spiegel and Hughes Fellowships (please publicize and distribute these to colleagues and trainees), and the nomination forms for the yearly SSPC Lifetime Achievement and Creative Scholarship Awards (all of these are also attached to this letter). Recipients of this letter will have access to the password-protected membership list so that you can easily communicate with colleagues; the login is **sspc** and the password is **sspcpass**. Keeping addresses, phone numbers, and emails up to date is a constant challenge, so please furnish your updated contact information on your dues payment form (included with this mailing).
- 3) www.wpa-tps.org. The WPA Transcultural Section website also will have information.

Accommodations

There will not be a primary conference hotel this year. Instead, attendees will be able to make reservations of their own preference at a number of hotels or B&B's in the Södermalm neighborhood within walking distance of the conference center, or elsewhere in Stockholm. The conference site is easily reached by excellent public transportation such as bus and subway. Please note that the exact location of the conference can be found on the map printed under "When and Where" on the conference webpage.

Accommodation information can be obtained from:

- 1) Links at the conference website (see previous page).
- 2) www.stockholmtown.com. Click on yellow box "Book Hotel Online" in lower right corner of the homepage. On the next page, "Search for Accommodation", under "area," click on Stockholm City, then Södermalm in drop-down box. Also on the website, if you click the Accommodation box, over a dozen B&B organizations are listed, such as www.stockholmquesthouse.com; www.hotelltjanst.com; and www.acco.nu that list apartments by district, cost, and include pictures.
- 3) Numerous international travel websites such as Travelocity, Expedia, and Orbitz.

Room costs, as in any large international city, can range from about \$100 to several hundred dollars per night, so browse these numerous websites, and others for the type of accommodation you want. Current exchange rate is about 7 SEK/US Dollar.

Dues

Yearly SSPC Dues should be sent to Portland electronically, by fax, or by mail by **May 1, 2007**. This small fee pays for yearly essential core operational costs for the Society, so please pay by this date. Keeping addresses, phone numbers, and emails up to date is a constant challenge, so please furnish your updated contact information on the Dues form.

Registration Form and Fee (by credit card payment or check/bank draft in US dollars)

Deadline is **May 1, 2007**. The fee after that date will be somewhat higher. For those paying by credit card, please include the “card code” for accurate processing of payment.

We look forward to seeing you in beautiful Stockholm in September for what will be an exciting conference in a special setting.