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TPS CHAIR'S REPORT

Hans Rohlof, M.D.
Chair since August 2012, WPA-TPS

This year many things have changed in the Section. As you already read in an e-mail from Rachid Bennegadi, he has resigned as Chair of the Section and has asked me to take the position as the new Chair. I accepted the honour to become Chair of this privileged organisation. That is why this report comes from my pen. However, it isn't possible to let an organisation flourish by the Chair alone. That is why I am very happy that the rest of the committee supported my nomination, and were also willing to keep

their functions. Marianne Kastrup will stay the Co-chair of the Section, John de Figueiredo will stay the Treasurer, and we found Joseba Achetogui Loizate prepared to fulfil the function of Secretary. The other board members stayed, too. Simon Dein will stay active as Editor of the newsletter.

The action plan of the Section, launched by Rachid Bennegadi some months ago, remains active. We therefore decided to publish it again in this newsletter. Over and above this we will also start new activities. Encouraging residents and young psychiatrists to become members of the Section is one of them.

It is still possible to send descriptions of cultural sensitive programs to the Section, to include them in our databank on the website. The more the databank is filled, the more interesting and enriching visits will be.

The website has been radically changed. We have to thank the Minkowska Centre, and specially Ursula Acklin Kalil from this Centre, for their great efforts in this matter. Please take a look at the new website, and don't hesitate to offer us any comments should you notice anything that could be improved, or which still does not work, notwithstanding the double or triple checks we made. In the upcoming months we will make some parts of the website accessible to Section



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members only. This is to encourage colleagues to become members, and to get something back for their membership. In addition to this encouragement, members will also benefit from price reductions on journals in the field of transcultural psychiatry. Did you know that as a member you could already get a reduction of 30 % on the hard copy subscription rate of Transcultural Psychiatry, our official scientific journal?

Looking back, we will remember the WACP-conference in London, which was very fruitful in gathering new knowledge and new contacts. A short report of the conference, written by Simon Dein, can be found in this newsletter.

Looking forward, we have to focus on two important conferences that are sponsored by WPA-TPS. In November this year there will be the 1st International Conference on Cultural psychiatry in Mediterranean Countries, In Tel Aviv. And in February next year the Joint Meeting with the German organisation DTPPP will take place in Hamm, Germany. Links to these meetings can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Together with the complete Board of the Section I want to wish you a good restart of your professional activities after the summer holiday!

Hans Rohlof, M.D.
Chair, WPA-TPS

Objectives:

- Ensuring a continuity with actions put into place by the former Chair and Executive Committee
- Proposals adapted to the challenge of globalisation concerning large theoretical transcultural disparities, whether it is on a clinical register or on the research paradigm.

Fulfilling the action plan will require several steps and strategies:

- To collect information on clinical aspects, training and research in transcultural psychiatry. This information should be sent to the Section Secretary. This information will be made available in a data bank accessible via the website. We have also dedicated a page on this website to International Comparative Practices and Training, whereby healthcare institutions, research projects and training organizations worldwide can be identified. If you work for, or are associated with any institution, research project or training organizations in the field of transcultural psychiatry, please pass this information on to the Section Secretary.
- The website will be used as an effective, simple and regularly updated interface. This has therefore required a complete redesign

in form and content.

- The newsletter will also remain an important information tool with the aim of presenting it in other languages too. Any person willing and able to provide translations should please apply to the Chair.
- Globalization forces us to consider the aspects of mental health as well as cultural psychiatry. I would therefore like to invite all colleagues (psychologists, anthropologists, sociologists) to join our section.



A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to this edition of World Healer. Hans Rohlf has written the chair's report. This year has had its good points and bad points. We report on the recent WACP conference in March 2012 at Barbican. There follows adverts for conferences in Prague, Tel Aviv, Hamburg, Gladet and Bucharest in 2012-13. In the educational section we advertise two courses in Durham and Gloucester.

Dr Simon Dein. Editor

Dr Robert Kohn, Associate Editor



REPORT : THIRD WORLD CONGRESS OF CULTURAL PSYCHIATRY "MENTAL CAPITAL, MENTAL DISORDERS, RESILIENCE AND WELLBEING THROUGH THE LIFE COURSE."

Queen Mary University

LONDON, MARCH 7 - 11, 2012

By Simon Dein, M.D.

This was a magnificent event, taking place in the same year as the Olympics in London.



The pre-congress events included a trainee day and a symposium at the Wren Suite, St Paul's Cathedral on Culture, Spirituality and Psychopathology. Both were well attended.

The main conference held 9-11 March at Queen Mary University was organised by the WACP President Professor Bhui under the patronage of the Mayor of London, Mr Boris Johnson.



There were nearly 400 delegates and 250 speakers deriving from 37 countries. It included 26 preliminary lectures, six video sessions and more than 100 parallel symposia.



One particular focus was young people, their wellbeing and their diversity. A key event was a lecture by historian Alan Dein on the history of East London.

This was accompanied by organised walks in the East End of London led by Simon Dein.



A number of themes at the conference were discussed which included conflict, displacement, violence, slavery, terrorism, trauma, war and natural disasters, globalisation, young people, sports and resilience, humanities and media, religion and spirituality, religion and psychiatry, traditional healing, psychotherapy and mental health legislation among many others.





In Memoriam
Wen-Shing Tseng, M.D.
1935 - 2012



We were saddened to hear the news that Wen-Shing Tsang died at the age of 77. Born in Taiwan in 1935 he qualified from the National Taiwan University in 1961 holding a number of high profile positions. He was invited to participate in the culture of mental health of Asia and the specific programme at the East West Centre in Honolulu (1971-1972). He was on the Faculty of the Department of Psychiatry and the University of Hawaii School of Medicine (1972-76) and from 1976-2009 there as a Professor.

He was also a WHO Consultant visiting China in 1981 and being guest Professor at the Institute of Mental Health in Peking since 1987.

He will be remembered for his voluminous writings including papers and books. He published approximately 50 books and monographs in three languages including

articles on Koro and the Psychological Adaptation of Children in China. His main writings were on culture and psychopathology, culture and psychotherapy, culture in forensic psychiatry and cultural competence.

He was Secretary and Chair of the Transcultural Section of the World Psychiatric Association for eight years as it was developing and was a founding President of the World Association of Cultural Psychiatry. He is survived by his wife, Gingsu a renowned family therapist and also Professor of Psychiatry. He has three highly successful children.

Simon Dein, M.D.



**UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCES**

**World Psychiatric Association
International Congress
Prague, Czech Republic
October 17 - 21, 2012**

**"Focusing on Access, Quality and
Human Care"**
www.wpaic2012.org

I welcome you to attend and participate in the WPA International Congress to be held in Prague, Czech Republic, on October 17–21, 2012. In this occasion, we will address and focus on access, quality and humane care

aspects of the field of psychiatry and mental health.

Prague, more than any other city in the world, is an ideal site for this important and memorable international congress. I look forward to the opportunity to share with you our ideals and expectations put forward for this occasion.

Sincerely,

Professor Pedro Ruiz, M.D.

Congress President

World Psychiatric Association (WPA)

President



**1st International Conference on
Cultural Psychiatry in Mediterranean
Countries
Tel Aviv, Israel
November 5 - 7, 2012**

**"Acculturative Stress & Coping with
Cultural Transition"
www.wpa-tps.tel-aviv2012.com**

The 1st International Conference on Cultural Psychiatry in Mediterranean Countries is a

highly anticipated and ambitious event that seeks to deal with novel issues appearing in a world of open frontiers, new opportunities and international upheaval and conflicts, particularly relevant in light of recent events in the region.

Identity is an evolving concept, where group boundaries have become blurred. Mental health professionals will be given the opportunity to participate in stimulating and fruitful discussions on a great variety of issues such as clinical aspects of acculturative stress, neuropsychopharmacology and integrative treatment methods.



The conference, to be held 5-7 November 2012, is aimed at leading psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, social anthropologists, students and anyone with a specialized interest in the rapidly evolving area of transcultural psychiatry.



**WPA-TPS & DTPPP Joint Conference
Hamm, Germany
February 9 & 10, 2013**

**“Sharing Experiences in Transcultural
Settings and Practices throughout
Europe in the Field of Health and
Mental Health”**

www.wpa-tps.org/meetings_2013.html

Over the past 25 years, several approaches and experiences for the reception and care of migrants and refugees have developed in Europe. Whether it be for physical, mental and social care, it would be very fruitful to compare our respective practices in the field of clinical research and training of healthcare professionals. The goal is essentially to learn best practices in terms of care from each other, to avoid stigma and cultural assignment of patients.



Workshops and Symposia

This meeting will be used to introduce new ideas and / or important concepts and discuss in order to explain particularly good

examples of the practice in the area or to demonstrate and to present new empirical data.

Main language: English

Satellite symposia in German, French, Dutch and Spanish are desired and planned.

The workshops aim to deepen a topic or a question in the common conversation. During one symposium four short presentations of 20 minutes will be held, which are subsequently discussed. Proposals for a workshop or symposium should consist of a title, a brief abstract (approximately 500 words) and the name of the organizing people and their functions.

Deadline for submission is 20. 10. 2012



WPA Regional Congress 2013

Bucharest, Romania

April 10 - 13, 2013

**“Facilitation Mental Health, Primary
Care & Public Health Integration for
Southeast Europe & Eurasia”**

www.wpa2013bucharest.org

This unprecedented Congress is a sharply focused initiative of the World Psychiatric Association in collaboration with the

Romanian Association of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, the National Society of Family Medicine and the Romanian Public Health and Health Management Association.

The congress has several concrete goals & objectives, as follows:

- identify national and regional mental health, primary care & public health challenges
- define the benefits of primary care, mental health & public health integration
- share evidence of best practices & lessons learned
- stimulate educational, research, services, and policy collaborations at national and regional levels and across the life cycle

The Congress will be organized in plenary sessions, key note lectures, professorial lectures, symposia, workshops, free paper presentations, posters and debates. There will also be a designated *countries' track*, to assist with mental health, primary care and public health integration at the national level.



COURSES



Spirituality, Theology and Health

These programmes focus on the interdisciplinary and inter-professional issues that emerge in the study of spirituality and wellbeing, particularly in the healthcare context. It is possible to take an MA or MSc, depending upon the balance of theology and science options selected. However, all students will engage in theological reflection on a relevant topic and undertake a double module research dissertation, as well as taking the taught core module on spirituality, religion and health. Both programmes provide a stepping-stone to doctoral work.

Optional modules in Theology include:

- The Public Understanding of Science & Religion
- Resources, Methods & Interpretation
- Theology, Ethics & Medicine
- Social Scientific Methods in the Study of Religion
- Specialised Aspects of Practical Theology
- Ritual, Symbolism and Belief in the

Anthropology of Religion

- Spirituality, Anthropology, Life and Death

Optional modules in Health and Anthropology include:

- Quantitative Health Research Methods
- Qualitative Health Research Methods
- Assessment Theory and Practice
- Theory, methods and principles in medical anthropology
- Advanced Theory in Medical Anthropology
- Advanced perspectives on mental health and drug use

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