

8th PAN ARAB CONFERENCE OF PSYCHIATRY

PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLENCE & EVIDENCE-BASED MENTAL HEALTH

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF HIS EXCELLENCY :

DR MOHAMED NAJI AL-OTARI PRIME MINISTER OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

The Syrian Arab Association of Psychiatrists

The Arab Federation of Psychiatrists

The World Psychiatric Association are honored to invite you to Mental Health

21-23 August 2008 Sheraton Hotel **Damascus** (2008 Capital of Arab Culture)

Dear Colleagues and Friends, I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to the 8th Pan Arab Congress of Psychiatry to take place in Damascus on August 21-23, 2008 and to our esteemed WPAMember Societies meeting there. The Arab world is repository of some of the most venerable traditions in medicine and psychiatry. Building on these distinguished roots, current Arab psychiatric societies are constructing vibrant contributions to enhance mental health in their own countries and across the world. The World Psychiatric Association feels deeply enriched encompassing such wise traditions and recent contributions.

The Congress overall themes, Psychological Consequences of Violence and Evidence Based Mental Health, are timely and compelling. The wide range of issues for presentation and discussion are thought-provoking and propitious for enhancing our clinical skills and public health perspectives. Syria at large and Damascus in particular, with their enormous natural and man-made beauty, their rich cultural resources, and warm population and professional community, shall be highly stimulating settings for this Pan Arab Congress. The fact that Damascus has been designated 2008 Capital of Arab Culture is also remarkably significant and an added bonus to the Congress. Chairman Professor Adib Essali and all our colleagues of the Syrian Arab Association of Psychiatrists will be our gracious hosts and guides. Many opportunities to renew old friendships and forge new ones shall emerge at the Congress. I am very much looking forward to greeting you personally in Damascus this August. Cordially yours,

Prof. Juan E. Mezzich President of the World Psychiatric Association

Dear Colleagues, On behalf of the Arab Federation of Psychiatrists and the Syrian Arab Association of Psychiatrists, I am delighted to invite you to the 8th Pan Arab Conference of Psychiatry which will be held in Damascus from 21st to 23rd August 2008. Pan Arab congresses provide a unique opportunity for professionals all over the world to meet, discuss their concerns, learn from each other and support each other. The theme of the 8th Pan Arab Congress of the Arab Federation of Psychiatrists hopes to stimulate participants to move the world towards a caring and non-violent community. The scientific program of the Congress will cater for colleagues ranging from those who just recently joined the field to those looking for refinements in professional practices. The many concurrent sessions will offer participants opportunities to present innovative research and share well-tried evidence-based best practices. All colleagues are cordially invited to submit abstracts at the Congress website: www.ebm-syria.com Abstract submission deadline is 30 May

2008. Syria has always been a center where east and west meet with their varied civilizations. It is a wonderful panorama of natural colors and images: seacoast, mountains, forests, rolling hills, fertile valleys, plains and steppes. Monuments, archaeological sites, impregnable castles, Citadels and forgotten cities narrate a glorious history. Damascus, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world, is a mixture of glorious heritage and modernity. The Congress social program will ensure that visitors have opportunities to enjoy our cultural heritage while revitalizing old or building new friendships. You will enjoy exploring history. Ever smiling Syrians will make you feel at home. We look forward to welcoming you to Damascus and to what will prove to be an unforgettable event. Please plan to submit an abstract and register for the Congress at www.ebm-syria.com Yours sincerely,

Adib Essali, MD, PhD (London), MRCPsych
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Program Overview

The program will encompass a number of high quality keynote sessions and high quality symposia. Other sessions will encompass free papers that allow practitioners and researchers to report on their clinical practice or research findings. Training workshops are aimed at making the most of this exceptional gathering of distinguished clinicians and scientists. Interwoven with these highly academic sessions will be an opportunity for meeting old and new friends, not only over coffee and lunch, but also at social events.

Special Events

Presidential Symposium Psychiatry for the Person in the Arab Context
 Juan Mezzich and Adnan Takriti
 Psycho-legal aspects of torture
 A Basra Hotel Tale
 Sapna Malik and Adib Essali
 Psychiatry in Damascus
 From Nuri Bimarstan to Cochrane
 Collaboration
 Cochrane Schizophrenia Group

Keynote Speakers and Sessions

Juan Mezzich and Ihsan Salloum: Person-centered Integrative Diagnosis

George Christodoulou: Disasters and Mental Health

Ihsan Salloum: New International Classification and Diagnostic Systems

Amira Seif-El-Din: Adolescent Mental Health Problems

Naser Loza: Mental Health Legislations in Arab Countries

Alaa Farghaly: Stress update

Yousef Latifa: PTSD among Lebanese Children Following the July 2006 War

Yousef Alobeidi: PTSD among School Children in Baghdad

Training workshops

The Arab Board Examination (**Tewfik Daradkeh** and **Munir Al-Khani**)

Critical Appraisal of Mental Health Literature (Cochrane Schizophrenia Group)
 How to write a Cochrane Systematic Review (Cochrane Schizophrenia Group)

Psychodrama (**Khalil Mohamad Fadel,**

Egypt) Treatment of PTSD in children (**Yassar Jomah,** USA)

Program (subject to some changes)**Thursday, 21 August 2007**

- 08.00-17.00 Registration (Sheraton Hotel)
- 08.30-10.00 Presidential Symposium
- 10.00-11.30 Keynote Lectures
- 11.30-12.30 A Regional Encounter of the WPA Global Network of Classification and Diagnostic Groups
- 12.30-13.00 Break
- 13.00-15.00 Concurrent workshops
- 16.45-18.00 Opening Ceremony
- 18.00-20.00 Welcome Reception

Friday, 22 August 2007

- 08.00-17.00 Registration (Sheraton Hotel)
- 08.30-10.00 Psycho-legal aspects of torture: A Basra Hotel Tale
- 10.00-10.30 Keynote Lecture: Disaster Mental health
- 11.00-11.30 Adolescent mental health problems
- 11.30-12.30 Treatment of PTSD in children
- 12.30-13.00 Break
- 13.00-15.00 Concurrent workshops
- 18.00-20.00 Gala Dinner

Saturday, 23 August 2007

- 08.00-17.00 Registration (Sheraton Hotel)
- 08.30-10.00 Person-centered Integrative Diagnosis
- 10.00-12.30 Keynote Lectures
- 12.30-13.00 Break
- 13.00-15.00 Concurrent workshops

Call for Abstracts

You are cordially invited to submit proposals for papers, workshops and symposia using this form which can be submitted online. **Abstract Submission Deadline is 30 May 2008.** The selected abstracts will be finally accepted

only after the presenter's completed registration is received. The time allocated for oral presentations is 20 minutes (15 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for discussion and questions). Abstracts should be limited to 250 words. Each symposium will be composed of three to five related papers. Authors interested in presenting a symposium are requested to submit all related papers as a single abstract, with clear designations of the individuals' papers and titles (limit 1,500 words). Workshops will be interactive sessions with a focus on skills development or on discussions among participants. Workshop length is 45-60 minutes depending on the level of interaction. All abstracts will be considered on the basis of individual merit by the Scientific Committee, and will be ranked according to their relevance to the Congress theme and importance to the international audience.

Abstract Submission Form

Surname: First name: Official Affiliation:
 Address: City: Country:
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 Presentation Title:
 Authors:
 Presentation Abstract:

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Visa Requirement Visitors to Syria must hold a valid passport. Arab Nationals are not required to obtain visas. Other Nationals are required to obtain visas. Applications for visas can be made at Syrian Embassies or Consulates in major cities around the world. Participants are advised to obtain a Syrian visa in their countries. In case there is NO Syrian Embassy in your country, you may send a copy of your Passport to Sun Travel in order to arrange your visa.

Accommodation In order to facilitate hotel reservation by Congress participants, a number of rooms have been secured at the Damascus Sheraton Hotel (****), Carlton Hotel (****) and Amer Hotel (***). The Sheraton Hotel is the Conference venue. Shuttle buses will run regularly from Amer and Carlton Hotels. The journey is about 5 minutes. Please refer to the registration form for rates of each hotel. To make a booking, please fill out the Accommodation Form and return to Sun Travel by 6 August 2008.

Language Arabic and English will be the official languages of the Congress. Simultaneous interpretation of all plenary sessions and some concurrent sessions will be available.

Accreditation Activities of this conference have been accredited by the Professional Development Committee (CPD) for Continuing Medical Education (CME). The Conference has been accredited for 15 CPD/CME points, and each training workshop is accredited for 5 additional points.

Letter of Invitation The Congress Secretariat will be pleased to send an official letter of invitation upon request. It is understood that such an invitation is intended to

help potential delegates raise travel funds or obtain a visa. It is not a commitment on the part of the Organizing Committee to provide any financial support.

Scholarships Limited scholarships will be awarded. The deadline for applications is 15 June 2008. Please apply to the Congress Secretariat including your abstract and full CV.

Currency/banks The Syrian Lira (SL) is the official currency of the Syrian Arab Republic. Foreign currency can be exchanged at the airports, hotels, banks or exchange offices. The exchange rate at the time of printing is US\$1.00 = SL 47. The most commonly used international credit cards in Syria are VISA, MasterCard and American Express. Major Banks are open from 9am to 2:30pm Sunday to Thursday closing on Friday and Saturday. Some banks and branches are open slightly longer hours. Some banking services are not available an hour before closing.

Registration Form

The preferred method of registration is online. Alternatively, this registration form may be faxed, mailed or emailed to the Congress Secretariat. We encourage you to register by June 10, 2008.

Suffix: Prof Last Name (Surname): First name:
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 Hotel check-in date: / August / 2008
 check-out date: / August / 2008

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| Registration Fee | Participants from Developed Countries (€ 250) | | € 0 |
| | Participants from Developing Countries (€ 150) | | € 0 |
| | Extra tickets to the gala dinner (€ 30 each) | Number of extra tickets: 0 | € 0 |
| | Extra tickets to the welcome reception (€ 20 each) | Number of extra tickets: 0 | € 0 |
| Training works hop registration fee | The Examination of the Arab Board of Psychiatry (€ 10) | | € 0 |
| | Critical Appraisal of Mental Health Literature (€ 10) | | € 0 |
| | How to write a Cochrane Systematic Review (€ 10) | | € 0 |
| | Psychodrama (€ 10) | | € 0 |
| | Treatment of PTSD in children (€ 10) | | € 0 |
| Accommodation: Please select hotel | | | € 0 |
| Sheraton Hotel (****) | Single room (€ 115 per night). | Number of nights: | € 0 |
| | Double room (€ 65 per person per night) | Number of nights: | € 0 |

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| Carlton Hotel (****) | Single room (€ 55 per night) . | Number of nights: | € 0 |
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| Amer Hotel (***) | Single room (€ 35 per night) . | Number of nights: | € 0 |
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