Dear Colleagues,

It is a pleasure to have the Arab Federation of Psychiatrists join the Egyptian Psychiatric Association in its annual congress.

The theme of our meeting is fighting stigma and discrimination because of mental disorders. The marginalization and ostracism of mental patients, their families and professionals who treat them should be addressed. Stigma needs to be studied not in isolation but rather as intertwined with the sociocultural context. The myth surrounding the concept, treatment and outcome of mental disorders should be addressed after the recent advances in Neurosciences and the new approaches in management.

The congress will address the advances in diagnosis, management, adverse effects, mental health services and mass media approach which may help in alleviating the stigma attached to mental disorders.

A warm welcome to our Arab colleagues hoping that they will enjoy both the scientific and social events of the congress.

Prof. Ahmed Okasha
President Egyptian Psychiatric Association

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Themes & Scientific Content

- Stigma and its effects on the patients and their families.
- Problem of compliance in psychiatric patients.
- Towards a better multidisciplinary care.
- Recent advances in psychopharmacology.
- Updating treatment of different psychiatric disorders.
- Assessment & management of the risk of violence.
- Recent advances in child psychiatry.
- Improving management of substance induced disorders.
- The problem of dementia: diagnosis, prevention and management.
- Remission versus response in different psychiatric disorders.
- Liaison Psychiatry.
- Insomnia: Symptom or disorder.
- Suicide in the Arab World.
- Child and adolescent mental health in Arab countries (EMACAPAP).
Registration

Online
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Advance registration is advised. Closing date 15 May 2008.

Registration fees
- Early registration
  Before 30/4/2008
  Participant 500$ - Accompanying 300$
- Late registration
  After 30/4/2008
  Participant 550$ - Accompanying 350$
- On site registration
  Participant 600$ - Accompanying 400$
- Gala dinner 50$

Registration fees cover
1- Attendance of scientific programme.
2- Coffee Breaks & Lunch.
3- Certificate of Attendance.

Abstracts of papers and symposia to be sent to profkhafaf@yahoo.com abstract@psychiatryegypt2008.com Deadline by 1st of May 2008

Accommodation
The organizing committee has reserved rooms at Semiramis Intercontinental (5 Stars hotel) and Safr (4 Stars hotel) for accommodation. Due to the peak tourism season at the time of the congress early reservation is strongly recommended. Rates given are quoted per room / night on BB basis and inclusive of service charges and taxes. Reservation: www.psychiatryegypt2008.com

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The completed accommodation form should be sent with the appropriate fees to the Agent of the conference:
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- All cancellations must be received in writing and will be subject to the following conditions:
  - For cancellations received before May 1st 2008, one night will be charged.
  - For later cancellations, no refund possible.
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