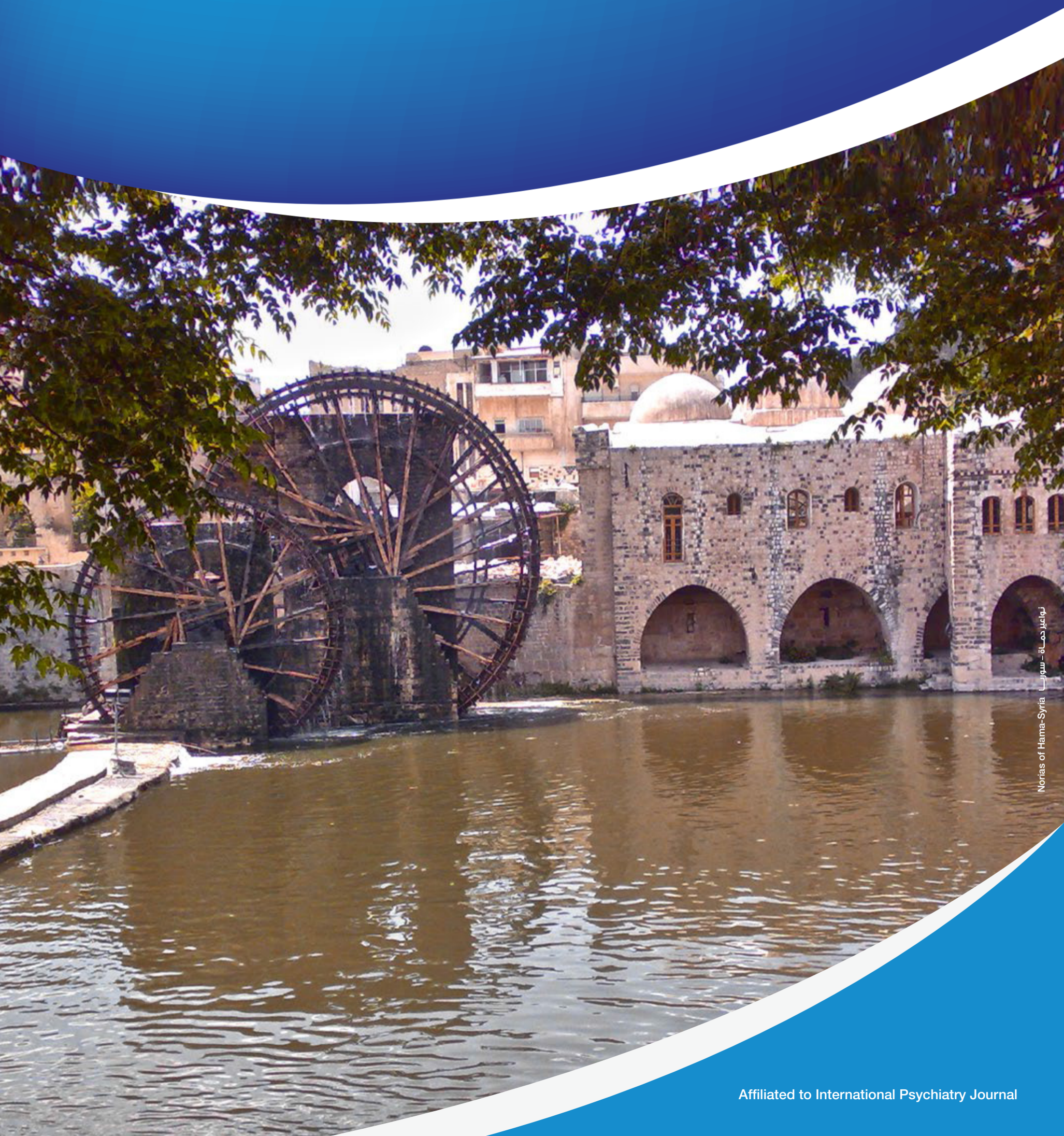




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The issue also carries a photograph of Syria to remind readers of the importance of supporting the needs of people whose country has been torn by a conflict that has rendered so many to become internally and externally displaced.

Finally, I am writing to encourage all who support the AJP and enjoy the benefits derived from the research articles we publish, to actively help us identify further good quality articles and review papers for future editions. We are currently seeking referees who would be willing to give their time to assess article submissions and it would help enormously if further financial support could be identified. Despite difficult times, the journal continues to be produced through the generosity of those who give of their time and talent; it is with our thanks to them that journal remains viable. Please join us in supporting the AJP.

Walid Sarhan

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