

2017 WCAP Abu Dhabi Report

It is a matter of great pleasure for hosting the WCAP at Abu Dhabi that attracted a lot of interest from almost all Asian countries. A record registration of more than 550 delegates from regional and Asian countries for the congress made this meeting a real success. The response from our Board has been exceptional and their help to promote this congress proved an important milestone in the history of AFPA.

We were pleased with the participation of following Presidents of national associations;

1. Australia
2. Bangladesh
3. Hong Kong
4. India
5. Jordan
6. Kuwait
7. Malaysia
8. Myanmar
9. Pakistan
10. Philippines
11. Sri Lanka
12. Singapore
13. UAE

Furthermore representatives (including Vice Presidents, President Elect, Secretaries and Executive Committee members) from the following national societies were also at Abu Dhabi.

1. Armenia
2. Bahrain
3. China
4. Japan
5. Indonesia
6. Korea
7. Egypt
8. Nepal
9. Taiwan
10. Thailand

The congress also received an enthusiastic support from many international organisations. Representation & office bearers of World Psychiatric Association (Dinesh Bhugra, Helen Herman, Ahmad Okasha, Norman Sartorius), American Psychiatric Association (Edmond Pi), World Association for Social Psychiatry (Tom Craig), World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation Khalid Muft), European Psychiatric Association EPA (Silvana Galaderisi) African Association (Solly Rataemane), Arab Psychiatric Federation (Nasser Shuriquie, Walid Sarhan) & Latin American Association APAL (Immediate Past president-Rodrigo Cordob very kindly participated and took part in the scientific deliberations of the congress.

Thanks to Prof Norman Sartorius and the scientific committee (Murray Patton, Mohamed Fayek, Naotaka Shinfuku, Pichet Udomratn, Afzal Javed) & Nadia Dabbagh for their guidance and advise for the excellent scientific programme.

Although it was difficult to get all submitted proposals accommodated as the programme was for only two and a half day, however we have been able to include:

- Teaching & training workshops on CBT, Learning Disability & Examination skills
- An extensive and comprehensive programme for young psychiatrists
- Three plenary sessions
- Three plenary Round table sessions
- Plenary session where president of EPA (Silvana Galderisi) African Association (Solly Rataemane), Arab Psychiatric Federation (Nasser Shuriquie) & Latin American Association APAL (Immediate Past president-Rodrigo Cordoba) are participating.
- Three special sessions in collaboration with EPA, PRCP, SAARAC Psychiatric Federation
- Two presidential symposia
 - Collaborative Research in Asia
 - Problems of mental health care in Low & high income countries in collaboration with Royal College of Psychiatrists overseas Divisions
- 13 regular symposia on different clinical and academic topics

- WPA Forum, chaired by Dinesh Bhugra and attended by members of EC (Helen Herman, Afzal Javed) and zonal representatives (Khalid Mufti, Walid Sarhan & Edmond H. Pi)
- Poster session
- 4-5 satellite symposia supported by pharma industry

The support from UAE Society (Dr Samia and her team) and her local organising committee Dr. Khawla AlMeer, Dr Medhat ElSabbahy, Dr Mohamed Al Gahry, Dr Gamal Mousa, Dr Samer & Dr Mona AlMonsoori along with local PCO (Gerard) had been superb.

Last but not the least, Prof Kanba & other AFPA office bearers' support helped tremendously & their guidance at each step helped the organisers for the outstanding outcome of the meeting. The support from our past presidents, Prof Shinfuku, Pichet Udomaratn, Council members and Honorary Fellows has been superb & AFPA is indeed proud of their leadership.

Afzal Javed Congress Director

Samia Abul Chair Local organising Committee

6 WCAP Photos at ceremonies

Opening Chief Guest : H.E Sheikh Nahyan Mubarak Al Nahyan



Opening



From left: Shigenobu Kanba, Chief Guest, Samia Abul, Afzal Javed.

After the Opening



From Left; Shigenobu Kanba ,Norman Sartorius, Afzal Javed, Chief Guest, Samia Abul, Khawla AlMeer

AFPA Award to Prof Sartorius



From Left: Shigenobu Kanba, Norman Sartorius

Concluding session



From Left to right : Naotaka Shinfuku, Afzal Javed, Helen Herrman, Samia Abul ,Norman Sartorius, Malcolm John Hopwood ,Shigenobu Kanba