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Play an active role in the WPA XVII World Congress of Psychiatry Berlin 2017 and submit your scientific contributions. Visit www.wpaberlin2017.com in May 2016 for all important information, deadlines and formalities. The submission opens on 1 September 2016.

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» WPA – World Psychiatric Association
The WPA is an association of national psychiatric societies that aims to increase the knowledge and skills necessary for work in the field of mental health and in caring for the mentally ill. It currently has 135 member societies, spanning 117 different countries and representing more than 200,000 psychiatrists.
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» DGPPN
The German Association for Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics (DGPPN) is Germany’s oldest medical association and has more than 8,500 members.
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Welcome to the WPA Congress

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to join us for the XVII World Congress of Psychiatry being held from 8 – 12 October 2017 in Berlin. This will be jointly hosted by the World Psychiatric Association in association with the German Association for Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics (DGPPN) with the congress theme: “Psychiatry of the 21st Century: Context, Controversies and Commitment”. This World Congress offers an ideal opportunity to take stock of the state of psychiatry in the early part of the 21st century and share the vision and the future direction of exciting developments in the field. In addition to the new developments in research and clinical practice the congress will focus on human rights of individuals with mental illness as well as the German tradition of Psychopathology. The relationship between society and psychiatry is of paramount importance. A galaxy of star speakers from around the globe will provide insights into their fields of expertise with innovative and attractive formats. There will be planned sessions working with patient groups, family and carer groups, charities and other partner organisations.

The demand for better diagnostics and evidence-based treatment has increased in all settings and we must address that and share examples of good practice. The World Psychiatric Association is committed to improve the health care of psychiatric patients wherever they live through raising standards of training, education as well as clinical practice by psychiatrists and other mental health professionals.

This congress is an excellent opportunity to share academic developments, research and clinical practice. It will also provide a forum for better and closer social interactions and support.

Moreover, I am sure that Berlin will be an impressive host. Berlin is a special metropolis where the past and present meet and the atmosphere is characterised by the traditional, the modern and the avant-garde.

We look forward to seeing you in Berlin.

Dinesh Bhugra
WPA President

Programme with renowned keynote speakers

The WPA XVII World Congress of Psychiatry Berlin 2017 is a top event that you cannot afford to miss. Renowned keynote speakers have already agreed to participate.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Placebos, words and drugs: Sharing common mechanisms of action

Fabrizio Benedetti
University of Turin, Italy

New trends in the classification of mental disorders – DSM-5, ICD-11 and beyond

Wolfgang Gaebel
LVR Klinikum, Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf, Germany

Psychopathology – Traditions and perspectives

Andreas Heinz
Charité University Medicine Berlin, Germany

Life styles, mood and cognition in old age

Linda C. W. Lam
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Violence in large urban centres around the globe

Jair de Jesus Mari
Federal University of São Paulo, Brazil

Accelerated globalization and mental health

Driss Moussaoui
Honorary Fellow, World Psychiatric Association, Morocco

Human rights for people with mental illness

Anand Satyanand
Former Governor General of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand

Mental disorders in ICD-11: What can you expect to see?

Shekhar Saxena
World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland

Psychiatry in National Socialism. Remembrance and responsibility

Frank Schneider
University Hospital RWTH Aachen, Germany

In the heart of science and patient care

You can look forward to an excellent scientific programme with well-known speakers from all over the world. The WPA XVII World Congress of Psychiatry Berlin 2017 will consider all relevant mental disorders and take a close look at current developments in prevention, diagnostics, therapy and rehabilitation. Furthermore, it will highlight forward-looking perspectives from science and research and focus on biological and psychotherapeutic topics and social psychiatry. The diverse programme formats promise five exciting and varied congress days.

Diverse programme formats
Keynote lectures | Presidential symposia | Core symposia | State-of-the-art symposia | Discussion formats and pro-con debates | WPA sections | Inter-sectional symposia | Joint symposia with NGOs, patient carers and family organisations | Zonal symposia | Joint symposia with other global organisations | Satellite symposia | Workshops | Oral presentations | Poster presentations

Meet colleagues from all over the world
Psychiatrists from all over the world will come together at the WPA XVII World Congress of Psychiatry Berlin 2017. Use this opportunity for an intensive exchange of ideas and knowledge and learn how your colleagues are dealing with the current challenges related to the specialty and health care policies. The congress will also welcome patients and relatives and will provide the opportunity for engaging discussions.