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REVIEW OF 2014 ACTIVITIES



Message from the President

The World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) had an eventful year in 2014, and I am very pleased to send you this report of our work. Many of WFMH's activities in 2014 centred on public education about schizophrenia, a severe mental illness that has a major impact on those who experience it – and their families. The age at which people first experience this illness is significant. It often occurs in the late teenage years or early twenties, just when people are at an important stage in education or early working life.

Stigma is widespread. Family members will grapple with understanding the illness and may take on demanding long-term care responsibilities.

The Federation made easily accessible information available for World Mental Health Day which was used in many countries and in multiple settings. World Mental Health Day, WFMH's signature program, is observed each year on 10 October. We hope this campaign has contributed to understanding the variable nature of schizophrenia, and the possibilities for improved care and better outcomes.

To reinforce the campaign's messages we organized an international Congress on schizophrenia in Greece that examined many facets of the illness and was well attended. To recognize the important role that caregivers play in providing support we prepared additional material focusing on their needs, and I participated in another meeting highlighting the important assistance they provide.

World Mental Health Day is a significant part of our international advocacy and public education work each year. We also contribute to advocacy at the United Nations and the World Health Organization, with particular attention to WHO's Comprehensive Mental Health Action Plan. Our goals are to work for improved care for people with mental illness, encourage mental health promotion, and support measures that could prevent or reduce the incidence of mental disorders.

Many thanks to our members, to our generous donors, and to the many volunteers who have made our efforts possible during the year through their contribution of skill and time. We are grateful to you all.

Sincerely,

George N. Christodoulou

World Mental Health Day 2014

Various activities of the World Federation for Mental Health in 2014 were arranged around “Living with Schizophrenia,” the theme that had been selected by the WFMH Board for World Mental Health Day (10 October). The Board decided to use the theme for a number of activities during the year in order to spread the message that schizophrenia is a treatable illness from which improvement or recovery is possible in many cases.

It is an illness about which there is considerable ignorance, and which generates widespread fear and prejudice.

The aim of WFMH’s campaign was to expand public education about the latest expert thinking on the disease, the need for integrated physical and mental health care, and the importance of social support. An additional aim was to direct attention to the needs of the caregivers of people who experience schizophrenia, since many of them take on responsibilities that can be long-term and demanding.

WFMH’s World Mental Health Day Committee contacted medical experts and people who had experienced schizophrenia themselves to write 17 chapters on selected topics for the World Mental Health Day material, and edited it for posting on a special section of the WFMH website at mid-year (see www.wfmh.org).

The Ecumenical Patriarch of the Orthodox Church and Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu provided letters of endorsement for the campaign, and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon issued a message for the Day reflecting on the challenges faced by people with severe mental health problems. He called for “health and social care systems to work together to provide opportunities for education, employment and housing.” The World Health Organization noted the Day on its website and a number of WHO regional offices arranged events.

The material was disseminated by email attachment to a long list of people around the world who organize World Mental Health Day events with their countries, with their own funding. We are aware of events in Argentina, Australia, Canada, Cyprus, India, Ireland, Georgia, Malta, Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Portugal, Russia, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Tanzania, United Kingdom and the United States.

The material was translated into Arabic, Spanish and Japanese, and the translations were placed on the website. Translations were also made into Hindi and Chinese.

World Mental Health Day is supported each year by partners in the private sector. F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd. was a valuable corporate contributor in 2014.

The campaign also received a grant from the Lundbeck/Otsuka alliance, with each company contributing half of the grant. The Federation thanks these companies for their generous support for the Day.

Meeting at the EU Parliament

WFMH President George Christodoulou was one of the opening speakers at a meeting held at the European Parliament in Brussels on 7 October to mark World Mental Health Day. The meeting, hosted by Nessa Childers MEP, highlighted the critical role that caregivers and families play in supporting people who have schizophrenia. Caregivers and families need education about the illness, and advice about how to provide effective support.

Material for Caregivers

In addition to its World Mental Health Day material WFMH produced a group of articles reflecting caregivers' perspectives and posted it on the Federation website. It is available as "Caregivers and Mental Illness: Living with Schizophrenia" in the website's World Mental Health Day section.

WFMH Congress on "Living with Schizophrenia" in Athens, Greece

As a central event for the campaign WFMH held an international conference on 9-11 October 2014 at the Aegli

Zappiou conference facility in Athens. There were more than 400 participants from Greece, United States, United Kingdom, Turkey, Taiwan, Switzerland, Spain, South Africa, Slovakia, Singapore, Serbia, Qatar, Portugal, Pakistan, Netherland, Mexico, Korea, Japan, Italy, Israel, India, Germany, France, Finland, Estonia, Egypt, Belgium, Austria, Australia and Argentina.

The program provided information on schizophrenia in a variety of formats including 22 symposia, 15 plenary lectures, 32 oral presentations, a debate, and a panel discussion with 20 five-minute presentations.

World Mental Health Day itself was observed both at the Congress and with a special evening program at the packed Aula (Main Hall) of the University of Athens. The large audience was addressed by the Deputy Minister of Health responsible for mental health; the Rector of Athens University; the Chair of the Medical School, the President of the Central Council of Health; and representatives of consumer and caregiver organizations. The President of WFMH gave a condensed lecture on "Living with Schizophrenia," which was followed by a short concert by a string quartet and a reception in a nearby university building.

At the end of the Congress in Athens, a Declaration on “Living with Schizophrenia” which summarized recommendations for care was adopted and co-signed by 10 mental health organizations.

Latin American Regional Conference 27-29 August 2014

WFMH held a conference in Argentina on “Living with Schizophrenia” in conjunction with the Argentine Association of Mental Health’s Congress (AASM) on “Body and Subjectivity.” Professor Juan Mezzich, Vice-President for Government Relations, represented WFMH. The AASM had hosted WFMH’s Biennial World Conference in Buenos Aires in 2013, and following the great success of that meeting it was decided to hold an annual joint meeting in future so that the Federation could continue to develop its Latin American contacts. Some 3,000 people attended the joint programs in 2014, where the languages were Spanish and Portuguese.

Planning for Future Congresses

WFMH hopes to hold more conferences in order to improve outreach at the regional level. Representatives from three of the four WFMH conferences scheduled for 2015 attended the Congress and Board meeting in Athens to present updates for their events.

The WFMH Executive Committee and staff were involved in advance planning with conference organizers during 2014.

Lille, France.

An international congress will be held in Lille, France, on 28-30 April 2015 with the participation of WFMH. The theme is “Mental Health for All – Connecting People and Sharing Experience.” WFMH’s partners in the meeting are a group of ten French psychiatric organizations. Wonca, the World Association of Family Doctors, is also a co-sponsor. The program will focus on incorporating mental health into primary care, and on the goals of the new World Health Organization Mental Health Action Plan (www.imhclille2015.com). WFMH President Elect Gabriel Ivbijaro provided information at the Athens Board meeting about planning.

Buenos Aires, Argentina.

WFMH will hold a Regional Congress on 26-28 August 2015 in collaboration with the IX Argentine Congress of Mental Health. The host organization is the Argentine Association of Mental Health (AASM), and Alberto Trimboli is the President of the WFMH Congress (www.congreso2015.aasm.org.ar).

Singapore.

WFMH will present a regional conference in Singapore on 1-3 October in collaboration with Raffles College of Higher Education and Silver Ribbon (Singapore). The theme of the meeting is “Innovations in mental health care through multi-disciplinary interventions in the Asia-Pacific Region” (www.wfmhsingapore2015.com). Monica Walet, Academic Director of Raffles College, attended the Congress in Athens to meet Board members and make a presentation. Porsche Poh, Executive Director of Silver Ribbon (Singapore) was also at the Congress.

Cairo. Egypt.

The WFMH Biennial World Congress will be held in Cairo, Egypt, on 16-19 October 2015 (www.wfmh2015.com). The co-sponsors are the Behman Hospital, celebrating its 75th anniversary; the Royal College of Psychiatrists in the UK; and the Egyptian Society for the Rights of People with Mental Illness. Nasser Loza, Director of the Behman Hospital, made a presentation about planning to the 2014 WFMH Board meeting in Athens along with the hospital’s Clinical Director, Sherif Attalah.

Mental Health in the Workplace

WFMH President George Christodoulou represented the Federation at a one-day conference in London arranged by

The Economist Events on 25 November 2014. The theme was “The Global Crisis of Depression.” The program described the impact of the illness, nationally and internationally, on working-age populations and business managers.

Speakers included former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan and government ministers from Denmark, Sweden and the United Kingdom. Professor Christodoulou was a panelist in a program session on the treatment of depression.

WFMH received a grant from H. Lundbeck A/S earlier in the year for a project on “Depression in the Workplace.”

Intimate Partner Violence

WFMH was represented by staff member Elena Berger at a conference on intimate partner violence and child maltreatment held in Canada on 2-3 June 2014. The meeting was organized by PreVAil (Prevention of Violence Across the Lifespan research network), a Canadian research consortium that has a grant from 2009 to 2017 from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. WFMH supported the original grant application and is a partner of the consortium. The research network now has members from Canada, the World Health Organization, and also Australia, Denmark, India, Peru and the USA.

Researchers reported on current work, and it was noted that intimate partner violence against women and children was an emerging issue at WHO's World Health Assembly in May 2014.

World Health Organization

WFMH President Elect Gabriel Ivbijaro attended the WHO Mental Health Gap Action Programme (mhGAP) Forum in Geneva on 4-5 September 2014. On 5 September the Forum program was the launch event for WHO's World Suicide Report, "Preventing Suicide: A global imperative." Dr. Ivbijaro offered comments on behalf of the Federation. The Federation's Main Representative to the UN Office in Geneva, Myrna Lachenal, also attended the Forum. Earlier, both were observers at the WHO World Health Assembly in May.

UN New York

WFMH supported the #FundamentalSDG initiative that advocates for adding clear, measurable mental health targets to the UN Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals. The purpose of the initiative is to insert a more substantial mention of mental health in the proposed Goal 3 of the SDGs: "Ensure health lives and promote well-being for all at all ages." (For information go to www.fundamentalsdg.org).

WFMH co-sponsored a panel in the NGO parallel program of the 58th UN Commission on the Status of Women, 10-21 March 2014. The panel was organized by former WFMH Board member Chueh Chang on the topic "Addressing the Third Millennium Development Goal: Empowering Mental Well-being in Women through Alternative Healing Practices." The speakers discussed techniques for stress reduction.

WFMH's Main Representative in New York, Nancy Wallace, and another UN Representative, Eva Bak, attended the International Youth Day event presented by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs on 12 August on the theme "Mental Health Matters." The UN Secretary-General and other speakers focused on the problems faced by young people with mental health conditions.

In addition to Nancy Wallace and Eva Bak, WFMH's UN Representatives in New York in 2014 were Juan Mezzich, Linda Conte and Ricki Kantrowitz.

UN Office in Geneva

WFMH's Representatives to the UN Office in Geneva in 2014 were Myrna Lachenal and Anne Yamada. They attended various meetings on behalf of WFMH and participated in NGO activities, in addition to monitoring developments at the World Health Organization.

WFMH Governance

The Executive Committee met by teleconference on 25 January and 10 May 2014 to discuss issues requiring attention. On 12 October a Board meeting was held at the Aegli Zappiou conference center in Athens, Greece, following the WFMH International Congress on “Living with Schizophrenia.” Fifteen of the twenty-three Board members attended. Among other matters they reviewed progress on arrangements for the WFMH conferences to be held in different parts of the world during 2015, and approved plans to hold a Congress in Mexico in 2016.

The Board meeting considered draft revisions to the By-laws proposed by the By-laws Committee that was established in Argentina in August 2013. After considerable discussion the Board asked the Committee to provide a new draft incorporating different modifications to the existing By-laws as soon as possible.

WFMH has twelve committees. These are the Public Impact Committee; the World Mental Health Day Committee; the Constituency Development Committee; the Financial Policy & Sustainability Committee; the Meetings Committee; the By-laws Committee; the Education & Mental Health Information Committee; the Ethics Committee; the Prevention & Promotion Committee; the Committee for the “Great Push for Mental Health” Campaign; and the Past Presidents’ Board.

Communications

Early in 2014 the new Public Impact Committee worked on redesigning the WFMH website with the pro bono help of a branding and marketing firm in Chicago, c:change, headed by Hugh Schulze. Mr. Schulze’s firm also produced a new logo for WFMH which featured the acronym initials in large letters in the center of an oval, with the full name around it. To support communications in 2014 WFMH published an electronic newsletter (February, 6 pages) and two e-Bulletins (July, 24 pages; October, 25 pages). The Bulletins featured items about schizophrenia, forthcoming conferences, and news from Voting Member Organizations about their current activities. WFMH members also received separate email communications about conferences and about World Mental Health Day.

Financial Review

Provisional results showed WFMH’s income for 2014 was \$137,978 and expenses were \$105,788. The financial records for 2014 have been submitted to a certified public accountant for an Independent Accountant’s Review:

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WFMH Voting Member Organizations

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Advocacy Group for the Mentally Ill, Cyprus
American Psychiatric Association
American Psychological Association
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Asociación Argentina de Profesionales de la Salud Mental
Asociación Española de Neuropsiquiatría
Association for Community Mental Health Promotion, Turkey
Banjara Academy, India
Basic Needs US, Inc.
Caribbean Federation for Mental Health
Clubhouse International, USA
Department of Psychiatry, Dalhousie University, Canada
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Finnish Association for Mental Health
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Hellenic Psychiatric Association

Hong Kong Association of Doctors in
Clinical Psychology, China SAR

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Nursing, China SAR

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Hungarian Psychiatric Association

Indian Psychiatric Society

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Mental Health Fellowship of Australia

MIND, UK

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Asociación Cordobesa de Ayuda a la Persona Portadora de Esquizofrenia y sus Familia, Argentina

Association of Orphans and the Disabled ASODI, Cameroon

British Psychological Society

Centre for Mental Health and Counseling, Nepal

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