



World Association of Social Psychiatry (WASP) Newsletter February 2024

Welcome to the latest edition of the WASP newsletter.

We would really welcome any contributions from sections of WASP and member countries about any news or developments in the world of social psychiatry to share with our friends across all five continents.

Message from Rakesh Chadda, President Elect, WASP

We are about to finish the first year of the WASP EC of 2022-2025 triennium. Though the world has been free of the pandemic in general, the world peace has been affected by two major political conflicts with possible impact on the world peace as well as mental health of the affected populations. We hope for a peaceful solution by initiatives by the likeminded countries.

Recently, India was a host to the G20 meet where heads of 20 countries met to discuss economic collaborations and stability all over the world. A meet on neurosciences, Neuroscience 20 (N20) was organized on 7-8 September 2023

at New Delhi as a parallel event. WASP was represented in the meeting by the President Elect, WASP, who also participated in a panel discussion on suicide prevention.

WASP also presented a symposium “Social Psychiatry and Public Mental Health” in the Diamond Jubilee International Conference on Mental Health on 14-16 September 2023 at Chandigarh. Drs Vincenzo Di Nicola, Rakesh Chadda, Andrew Molodynski, Yasser Khazaal and Roy Abraham Kallivayalil as participants. The symposium was well attended.



Participants in Panel Discussion on Suicide and Mental Health in N20 Meet, New Delhi, 7-8 Sept 2023

WASP was also a co-sponsor of the Diamond Jubilee International Conference on Mental Health, held at PGIMER Chandigarh, India on 14-16 Sept 2023. WPA and WFMH were the other co sponsors. The conference had attracted more than 800 delegates from India including about 50 from Europe, USA and Australia.



Participants in the WASP Symposium on “Social Psychiatry and Public Mental Health” in the Diamond Jubilee International Conference on Mental Health, PGIMER Chandigarh, 14-16 Sept 2023

Secretary General’s report- Andrew Molodynski

While there haven’t been any congresses over the winter period for many, it has been a busy time for WASP overall with work to make sure that some of our processes and financial arrangements are fit and robust going forwards. Not eh kind of thing that excites in a newsletter, so I won’t go into detail, but hopefully important work in the long term.

Much more interesting is the work of the Early Career Section, now much reinvigorated, with its first virtual education and learning seminar. Do have look below for joining details, encourage colleagues to attend, and share widely in your networks. It is on March 11th, is free for everyone, and we couldn’t be off to a better start than having Professor Dinesh Bhugra giving the first address, with contributions from early career psychiatrists also.

Other news

1. Early Career Psychiatrist Section Update.

The WASP ECP would like to invite everyone to our project: Intersect: A Multigenerational Conversation on March 11, 2024 at 13:00 GMT. We have invited Dr. Dinseh Bhugra to be the first experienced psychiatrist speaker. Talking alongside him would be an early career psychiatrist whom we shall reveal by soon. All the essay submissions were amazing. We hope that everyone can join the discussion stimulated and led by our wonderful pair.

See you there! Here are the links to register:

<https://t.co/F8XFKRkUN6>

Please follow us on X (formerly twitter) to keep updated on the WASP ECP sections' activities.

https://x.com/wasp_ecp?s=21&t=a0NDgDh6ISot1JFWG1VJ_A

Thank you everyone for the support and guidance.

2. 30th National Conference of IASP, Raipur 24th – 26th November 2023

Theme: "Public Health Approaches in Mental Health"

Report

The 30th National Conference of Indian Association for Social Psychiatry with the theme 'Public health approaches in mental health' was successfully conducted at Pt. JNM Medical College Raipur under the banner of Indian Association for Social Psychiatry, co-sponsored by World Psychiatric Association, World Association of Social Psychiatry and World Federation of Mental Health. Good number of delegates from all over the country attended the national conference and made it a success. A total of 13 Symposia, Theme Symposium, invited plenary Symposium and 3 Workshops were presented in the scientific programme. There were 3 Invited Lectures, 2 Orations, 4 Award Sessions and many Free papers and E Posters were also presented concurrently during the Conference in 4 halls.

The NCIASP Quiz for the PGs was also done during the conference for the Second time in National Conferences of IASP with a prize Money of Rs. 5,000/- as 1st Prize. Dr Arunima Krishnan, JR from Government Medical College got the first prize for National Level PG Quiz. For the first time awards (Rs 5,000/- each) for free papers and E posters were instituted at NCIASP Raipur. Dr Jasmine Fathima Said, JR from

Government Medical College, Ernakulam got the Award for best Free paper and Dr Bhupendra Singh Thakur, JR, Pt JNM Medical College, Raipur bagged the award for the best E- Poster.

The Theme Symposium was delivered by Dr Rakesh K Chadda, Prof Roy Abraham Kallivayalil, Prof Pratap Sharan, Prof Indu PS. A Venkoba Rao Oration was presented by Prof. Debasish Basu and NN De Oration was presented by Prof Rajiv Gupta. The invited Lectures were delivered by Prof C Naveen Kumar, Prof R Srinivasa Murthy, Prof Mohan K Issac and Dr. Sumi Jain. Next issue of IJSP was released in the inaugural function of the conference.

3. The World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry organizes its 20th International Congress on the topic

Social Challenges – Shared Responsibility
in Psychiatry and Psychotherapy

[Congress 2024 – World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry WADP
\(wadpinternational.com\)](http://wadpinternational.com)

from 16th till 20th April 2024

in Marrakech co-sponsored by WPA, WASP, WFMH, DGG, ICPCM, WFP, ALFAPSY.



Andrew Molodynski, Oxford, United Kingdom.

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