

Reports from the colleges

Report: Wonca Working Party on Mental Health

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Executive Summary

Integrating Mental Health into Primary Care: a global perspective

Since the last report we successfully launched the joint Wonca/WHO publication *Integrating Mental Health into Primary Care* in October 2008. This report has influenced policy makers worldwide and is beginning to make an impact on patient care. This book and its concept have been adopted by the WFMH (World Federation of Mental Health) as the theme for this year's World Mental Health Day on 10 October 2009. The full promotional material for World Mental Health Day 2009 has been forwarded to the CEO of Wonca and distributed to all our sister colleges and members worldwide. As this theme is about primary care and mental health we expect all Wonca Colleges and Affiliates to mark the occasion. We also hope that the CEO and President of Wonca will mark this occasion with a symbolic activity that can be visible to the world.

Book launch

Integrating Mental Health into Primary Care: a global perspective has been launched at a variety of WHO and Wonca events worldwide and will continue to be launched until Cancun, Mexico in 2010.

Book translation

A Memorandum of Understanding between the WHO and Wonca is being developed to enable *Integrating Mental Health into Primary Care: a global perspective* to be translated into non-English languages.

Mental Health in Family Medicine

Our journal continues to be useful in improving patient care worldwide. We have now successfully secured a team in Spain who will translate the journal and circulate it to all Spanish family practitioners free of charge. The journal has also been provisionally accepted for PubMed Central and now that the third issue under the new editorial team has been published, the electronic files are in the process of being assessed. Once acceptance has been confirmed we will inform our members worldwide.

Guideline development

We have begun to explore the possibility of producing Primary Care Dementia Guidelines. Once the feasibility has been evaluated we will provide the Wonca Executive with the details.

Ongoing Wonca/WHO collaboration

We are exploring the possibility of making an application for a research grant in partnership with the WHO. We are asking that the Wonca Executive support the general principles and ethos of this plan.

Collaboration with WPA (World Psychiatric Association), WFMH (World Federation of Mental Health) and WACP (West African College of Physicians)

We are exploring ways to improve the collaboration with these organisations and we are planning to hold another Thematic Conference with them in 2011 or 2012. Wonca is collaborating with the WACP to hold two simultaneous meetings in Nigeria and Ghana on 9 October 2009 to celebrate World Mental Health Day.

Mental health and physical health In Europe

We are collaborating with the Mental and Physical Health platform of the European Union to develop a consensus statement on how physical health care for those with mental illness can be improved.