

Conferences 2009

World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) World Congress 2009: 'Working Together for Mental Health'

2–6 September 2009

Hilton Hotel, Athens, Greece

The great historic capitals of the world are those endowed with light, colour and brilliance, bring the past to life, enhance the present, and stamp their mark on the future. Modern Athens is a vibrant city with great appeal and charm. The city of Athens today combines the historic and cultural tradition of the past with the dynamic and financial strength of the future. We must not forget that it is in this very land that Socrates and Plato set the principles of Psychosomatics, Hippocrates taught the Ethics of Medicine and Aristotle advocated virtue-based ethics in medical (and psychiatric) practice.

Athens provides the perfect venue for the 2009 World Mental Health Congress of the World Federation for Mental Health in the 61st year of the Federation's efforts to make mental health a global priority.

The 2009 Congress theme, 'Working Together for Mental Health', reflects WFMH's call to action to 'Make Mental Health a Global Priority' and recognises the crucial role of informed, concerted, and co-ordinated advocacy across the entire mental health movement – consumers and service users, family members and carers, professionals, citizen advocates, and the informed public – if mental health and mental illnesses are to gain the attention and priority needed. The 2009 World Congress will provide numerous opportunities for participants to gain new information and skills, to strengthen current networks and build new ones, to share their own knowledge and experiences and to become actively engaged in the global mental health movement.

Highlights of the Congress Program include a Congress Forum to review the impact of *The Lancet* Series on Global Mental Health, the biennial WFMH Margaret Mead, George Albee, and Mary Hemingway-Rees memorial lectures and the first WFMH Mental Health Consumers Lecture, a host of special issue symposia, and a special plenary session to introduce the 2009 World Mental Health Day global awareness campaign.

The Society of Preventive Psychiatry, the Hellenic Psychiatric Association, and the World Federation

for Mental Health are pleased to be collaborating on the planning and organising of the 2009 World Mental Health Congress. Your attendance and participation are cordially invited and we look forward to welcoming you to one of the great cities of the world and to the Congress.

Further details available at: www.wfmh.org/09WC/Congress.htm

Wonca Europe

16–19 September 2009

Basel, Switzerland

Wonca Working Party on Mental Health Launch Symposium Lecture: Integrating Mental Health into Primary Care – A Global Perspective, Thursday 17 September 2009 (12.45–13.45 hrs)

In 2008 Wonca Working Party on Mental Health and the WHO issued a joint publication on mental health integration into primary care. During this Wonca Europe meeting we will review the current evidence relating to the utility value of primary care to society, service users and governments. We will also examine the role of primary care in delivering mental health interventions worldwide and illustrate this by using the Wonca/WHO mental health pyramid and the voices and comments of some mental health service users worldwide.

As many people who suffer from mental health problems also have co-morbid physical health problems the benefits of integrating mental health into primary care are significant. Such an approach to mental health delivery enables the mind and body to be dealt with holistically.

The Wonca Working Party on Mental Health will bring together International Primary Care experts and some of those who have contributed to this publication so that they can share their experiences.

Business Meeting Wonca Working Party on Mental Health

Friday 18 September 2009 (12.35–14.35 h)

You are all invited to the Wonca Working Party on Mental Health Business Meeting which takes place during the Wonca Europe Conference. This will be an opportunity for you to shape the programme of the Working Party programme for the next

triennium (2010–2013). The venue is the Phönix Room on the first floor of the Swissôtel, Basel, Switzerland.

Further details available at: www.woncaeurope2009.org

PRIMHE Conference

23 September 2009

Warwick University, Warwick, UK

‘Integrated Primary Care Mental Health – Making it happen’

Do you want to meet like minded people? Would you like to be in a position where you can influence change within primary care mental health? Do you want to know more?

Keynote speakers:

- Ruby Wax
- Professor Steve Field
- Dr Roger Banks
- Dr Ian Walton
- John Seddon Leading Management ‘Thinker’

Workshops:

- Balint
- Positive Mental Health Training
- Psychology of Terrorism
- Primary Care a world wide perspective
- Medically Unexplained Symptoms
- Wellbeing and Prevention
- Prison Mental Health

For further details or to book on line please contact admin@primhe or see website www.primhe.org

The Collaborative Family Healthcare Association 11th Annual Conference ‘Families, Culture and Collaborative Care Perspectives From Home and Abroad’

22–24 October 2009

Hilton San Diego Resort and Spa, San Diego, California, USA

The Collaborative Family Healthcare Association (CFHA) is a member-based, member-driven collaborative organisation. For us, collaboration isn’t just a word in our name; it defines who we are, how we interact with each other and other organisations. We believe deeply that collaboration is an essential element necessary for re-visioning health care, specifically, and society, generally. CFHA promotes a comprehensive and cost-effective model of healthcare delivery that integrates mind and body, individual and family, patients, providers and communities. CFHA achieves this mission through education, training, partnering, consultation, research and advocacy.

The CFHA Annual Conference has become the premiere conference of its type, bringing together practitioners, researchers, students, academicians, corporations, governmental agencies, foundations and many others. More than 300 practitioners are expected to attend the 2009 CFHA Conference in San Diego, California.

The three-day Conference includes pre-conference workshops; three plenary sessions and approximately 50 different education sessions.

Further details available at: www.CFHA.net