

WPA SUPPORT TO INDIA

Replies received from the WPA Components following the President's Letter sent on May 11th, 2021

1. Donations in cash: (details in excel sheet)

a) Member Societies

Barbados Association of Psychiatrists (President Dr Sharon Harvey)
Japan Society of Psychiatry and Neurology (President Dr Shigenobu Kanba)
Austrian Association for Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics (President Dr Johannes Wancata)

b) Sections

Old Age Psychiatry Section (Chair, Dr Carlos Augusto de Mendonça Lima)
Psychiatric Rehabilitation (Chair, Dr Johannes Wancata)

c) WPA Accountant

Fiducia plus (Ms Gioia Garifo)

2. Donation in kind:

a) Member Societies

1.The Royal College of Psychiatrists (RCPSYCH), President Dr Adrian James, also member of ACRE, shared all the actions already taken by the College to support India. (see letter)

2.Psychiatric Association of Turkey (PAT), President Dr Koray Basar.

They would like to share their experience and asked to be contacted to provide means of support.

*"...In the short or long term, we would be happy to share this experience with our Indian colleagues or provide support in any way possible with our members with experience with COVID-19 related trauma and burnout in health care professionals.
Please do not hesitate to contact us for any possible means of support we can provide. We wish you all good health and strength."*

b) Sections

1.WPA Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Section, Secretary General Ass. Prof. Vlatka Boričević Maršanić proposed to share the guideline for Telephone and Online Counselling in Coping with the COVID-19 Pandemic and Its Consequences published by the Child and Youth Protection Centre of the City of Zagreb, Croatia in 2020.

<https://www.poliklinika-djeca.hr/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/CONNECTED-Telephone-and-Online-Counselling-in-Coping-with-the-COVID-19-Pandemic-and-Its-Consequences.pdf>

2. Psychological Consequences of Torture & Persecution Section, co-Chair Prof Gabriel Diaconu shared his experience and asked how to support.

“...I know we have the resources and capacity to help, so let us know whether, and how, we may get involved by any means with grief counselling or any sort of psychological support to those in need.”

3.WPA Old Age Psychiatry Section, Chair Dr Carlos Augusto de Mendonça Lima (Please refer to email attached)

“Here are some immediate proposals form WPA-SOAP on how to help our colleagues from India. One of the members of the WPA-SOAP from India, Dr Benerjee, will contact our colleagues form the Indian Association of Social Psychiatry to discuss about possible collaborations.”

c) Affiliated Association

President of the **International Association of Ethnopsychologists and Ethnopsychotherapists (IAEE)**, Prof. Nikolay Bokhan. They shared their experience and mentioned they posted their material on the WPA website in April 2021.

<https://www.wpanet.org/post/telephone-hotline-provides-remote-support-to-those-suffering-in-covid-19-lockdown-conditions>

3. Acknowledgment of the Letter

Member Society

President of the **Portuguese Society of Psychiatry and Mental Health (SPPSM)**, Prof Maria João Heitor dos Santos indicated she will transmit the information to the Board of Directors.

WPA Secretariat. MC.

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