

Global Mental Health a Priority in Toronto

The increasing global burden of mental disorders is a major public health issue seriously impacting many countries throughout the world. Access to quality care by mental health professionals is a priority as many countries have limited or no resources. Each year, the APA annual meeting provides opportunities for attendees to participate in discussions regarding challenges and developments in global mental health and international psychiatry.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

U.S. and Low- and Middle-Income Countries Models of Education and Training on Global Mental Health

This workshop addresses the lack of available resources to provide mental health care in low- and middle income countries by presenting diverse models of global mental health education and training for mental health providers, educators, and researchers.

APA Caucus on Global Mental Health and Psychiatry; chair: Milton Wainberg, M.D., co-chair: Bibhav Acharya, M.D.

Room 802 A-B, Level 800, South Building, Toronto Convention Centre

TUESDAY, MAY 19

9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Globalization and Psychiatry: APA and WPA Perspectives

With the release of the World Health Organization's "Mental Health Action Plan 2013-2020" and the World Economic Forum's "The Global Economic Burden of Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs)," which includes neuropsychiatric disorders such as NCDs, the collaboration of mental health professionals around the world is an increasing imperative.

All meeting attendees are encouraged to attend this forum and discuss methods for global collaboration, including opportunities for international medical graduates.

Chair: Rama Rao Gogineni, M.D., co-chair: Roy Kallivayalil, M.D.

Room 101, Level 100, North Building, Toronto Convention Centre

2 p.m.-5 p.m.

Global Mental Health

This symposium includes presentations on global issues related to cultural and social barriers in youth mental health care, the care of aging populations around the world, addiction issues in Africa, and global suicide-prevention findings from a recent report by the World Health Organization.

APA Council on International Psychiatry; chair: Dilip Jeste, M.D., co-chair: Anne Becker, M.D., Ph.D.; discussant: Dinesh Bhugra, M.D., Ph.D.

Room 714 A-B, Level 700, South Building, Toronto Convention Centre

OTHER SESSIONS TO NOTE

Beginning April 4, you can review detailed abstracts and other relevant sessions on the APA Meetings App (see page 33) by filtering on the topic "Global Mental Health and Psychiatry."

Symposium: Challenges and Opportunities for Global Mental Health

Sunday, May 17, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Room 801A, Level 800, South Building, Toronto Convention Centre

Symposium: Implementing Mental Health Interventions in Low-Income Contexts: Strategies, Stages, and Supports From Implementation to Scale

Wednesday, May 20, 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

Room 716 A-B, Level 700, South Building, Toronto Convention Centre

Symposium: Quality Improvement Initiatives: International Perspectives

Sunday, May 17, 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

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As a member society of the World Psychiatric Association (WPA), APA is part of a coalition of psychiatric societies representing more than 200,000 psychiatrists around the world.