Action Plan for 2017-2020
WPA Section on Religion, Spirituality and Psychiatry

1- Expand Section’s international profile – Alan Fung, Avdesh Sharma, Bernard van Rensburg, Bruno Mosqueiro and Chris Cook
   a. Contact all national psychiatric associations, informing about the Section, the Position Statement and asking contact of potentially interested psychiatrists
   b. Collaboration with R/S sections of national psychiatric associations (e.g.: Brazil, Germany, India, South Africa, USA, UK)

2- Improve Section’s website - Alexander Moreira-Almeida, Annahy Fonseca
   a. Frequent updates
   b. Connect with WPA and national associations’ websites

3- Improve the content and circulation of the newsletter Psyche & Spirit – Alan Fung, Arjan Braam, Bruno Mosqueiro, Peter Verhagen.

4- Organizing conferences, symposia and workshops (including joint activities with other WPA’s Sections) in national and international psychiatric conferences, especially at – Alexander Moreira-Almeida, Avdesh Sharma, Bernard van Rensburg, Alan Fung
   a. American Psychiatric Association Annual Convention (New York, USA, May 2018)
   b. Brazilian Congress of Psychiatry (Brasilia, Brazil, Oct, 2018).
   c. IV Global meeting in Spirituality and Mental Health (Jerusalem, Israel, Dec 2019)
   d. 18th WPA World Congress of Psychiatry (place TBA): to be confirmed
   e. Global Meeting at an American Psychiatric Association Annual Convention: to be confirmed

5- Translation and dissemination (including videos) of the WPA Position Statement on Spirituality and Religion in Psychiatry - Alexander Moreira-Almeida, Avdesh Sharma

6- Dissemination of information on R/S and mental health - all members
   a. Publication of papers in academic and lay media
   b. Videos
   c. Programs for general public (audio/video/print) for combining spirituality in daily life/mental health.

7- Preparation of guidelines for – Avdesh Sharma, Alan Fung, Alexander Moreira-Almeida, Hussien Elkholy
   a. Clinical implications of spirituality
   b. Including R/S in medical schools and psychiatry residences
   c. Interprofessional Collaborations between Spiritual Care and Mental Health Professionals
   d. Principles of good practice for general population for incorporating principles of positive psychiatry and spirituality for improving health in general and mental health in particular.

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