



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.