



Action plan for 2014-2017

WPA Section on Religion, Spirituality and Psychiatry

- 1- Expand Section's international profile
 - a. Contact all national psychiatric associations, informing about the Section and asking contact of potentially interested psychiatrists
 - b. Collaboration with R/S sections of national psychiatric associations (e.g.: USA, UK, South Africa, Brazil)
- 2- Improve Section's website
 - a. Frequent updates
 - b. Connect with WPA and national associations' websites
- 3- Improve the content and circulation of the newsletter Psyche & Spirit
- 4- Fostering transcultural research on Spirituality and mental health
 - a. Disseminate information about research methods and R/S scales on several languages
 - b. Network of researchers from different countries
- 5- Organizing conferences, symposia and workshops (including joint activities with other WPA's Sections) in national and international psychiatric conferences, especially at
 - a. Global meeting in Spirituality and Mental Health (Florianópolis, Brazil, 4-7 Nov 2015)
 - b. WPA International Congress (Cape Town, South Africa, 18-22 Nov 2016)
 - c. 17th WPA World Congress of Psychiatry (Berlin, Germany, 8-12 Oct 2017)
- 6- Development of a WPA position statement on R/S
- 7- Publication of papers on R/S and mental health
 - a) Publication of papers
 - b) Videos
- 8- Preparation of guidelines for
 - a. Clinical implications of spirituality
 - b. Including R/S in medical schools and psychiatry residences
 - c. Spiritual/religious organizations: dealing with mental health issues in an integrative approach