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