

WPA Section dealing with stigma

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The World Psychiatric Association (WPA)

- The largest international professional organization in the field of mental health
- Composed of member societies in most of the world's countries it counts some 200.000 members,
- Its Secretariat is located in Geneva
- WPA has a number of sections, dealing with various aspects of psychiatry, one of them deals with stigma

Activities of the WPA Stigma section

- Assembles and connects researchers, academic and practicing psychiatrists working against stigma of mental disorders
- Issues an annual Bibliography containing references to publications of its members
- Organizes symposia during world congresses of psychiatry and during other scientific meetings
- Initiated and supports the Stigma and Health journal
- A Compendium of GASA activities is being produced by the Secretary of the WPA Stigma section and her collaborator

Activities of the WPA Stigma section

- Continues to support activities of the ***Open the Doors*** program conducted under the auspices of the WPA
- Organizes courses – independently or in conjunction with scientific meetings – on how to start and conduct anti-stigma programs
- Conducts biennial anti-stigma conferences
- Helps in the conduct of international collaborative research on stigma and its consequences and (e.g. on the image of psychiatry in medical schools

Together against stigma conferences

- These conferences were so far held in Leipzig, London, Ottawa, Tokyo, Copenhagen,
- The conferences are organized by local anti-stigma programs with technical support from the leaders and members of the WPA stigma section
- The next conference in the series will be held in Singapore on 1st to 3rd October 2019. It would be wonderful to see all the GASA members there