XIV World Congress of World Association For Psychosocial Rehabilitation (WAPR) and
7th Abu Dhabi International Mental Health Conference

Theme
“Mental health, rights, equity, recovery and social inclusion in testing times”

9-11 December 2021
Intercontinental Hotel
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Acclaimed experts from various continents will discuss latest advances in psychosocial rehabilitation, recovery, human rights and citizenship with service user involvement

Congress Include 4 Tracks
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About WAPR:

WAPR is an international NGO, composed mainly by interdisciplinary mental health professionals (psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, social workers, occupational-therapists, social educators, etc.), and also with people with service user and family member experiences, from all regions in the World.

The mission of the WAPR is the dissemination of principles and practices of psychosocial rehabilitation and recovery. Service user and family member-experiences are valued as important knowledge bases. In the WHO/WAPR consensus statement jointly endorsed in 1996, psychosocial rehabilitation is defined as a process that facilitates the opportunity for individuals impaired, disabled or handicapped by a mental disorder to reach their optimal level of functioning in the community. It implies both improving individuals' competencies and introducing environmental changes in order to improve their quality of life.

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“Mental health, rights, equity, recovery and social inclusion in testing times”

“A global NGO in advocacy for people experiencing mental illness”
Dear Colleagues,

It is indeed a pleasure that the excellent team from Abu Dhabi is organizing the 14th World Congress of World Association For Psychosocial Rehabilitation (WAPR) from 9th -11th December 2021 amid the difficult and unprecedented times.

The theme of this World Congress is "Mental health, rights, equity, recovery and social inclusion in testing times," which is apt as the pandemic has engulfed the whole world at different time lines and with varied severities, countries across the globe have gone for lockdowns ranging from partial to complete.

We have seen that the pandemic has crumbled the health systems even in the most advanced economies. The amount of human suffering caused in low- and middle-income countries is tremendous and unfathomable. As curbing the pandemic was the priority health systems across the world were geared for the same, sidelining the other health issues. Despite which, unusual number of deaths added to the woes of families and newer challenges were thrown to the world on a day today basis.

Owing to the heightened susceptibility for stress, the persons with mental illness were one among the hard hit populations. They could not attend to their treatment facilities, rehabilitation facilities, or not able to access medicines. Their families faced colossal economic losses due to lockdown. Access to basic requirements was difficult. The health care systems started tele consultations, and use of various online services. This congress will be highlighting some of these challenges as all of you will be experiencing a Hybrid Congress.

The World Health Organization has launched the initiative on "The WHO guidance and technical packages on community mental health services: Promoting person-centered and rights-based approaches" on Jun 10, 2021. This world Congress is striving to promote Person centered and rights-based approaches in community mental health services. Participation of persons with mental health issues and their families is an important component of the World Congress and happy to welcome proposals on these aspects.

Along with these areas this congress will address an array of themes especially on Human rights, Recovery, Community participation and inclusiveness apart from other topics in the announcement catering to the needs of all involved in the area of mental health. The organizers are working very hard to face the challenge of creating a very successful World Congress of WAPR in Abu Dhabi.

As the President of WAPR I am pleased to invite all of you to join us in Abu Dhabi in Person or through web and other social media.

I take this opportunity to thank the organizers in Abu Dhabi under the able leadership of Dr. Medhat Elsabbahy and Dr. Mohamed Al Garhy and their team.

Prof. Thyloth Murali
MD, DPM, PRESIDENT WAPR
Prof. and Head Dep. of Psychiatry
M.S.Ramaiah Medical College and Hospitals
India
Welcome message

Dear Colleagues & Friends,

It is an honour and privilege to invite you to 14th World Congress of World Association For Psychosocial Rehabilitation (WAPR) and 7th Abu Dhabi International Mental Health Conference that is planned to take place on 9-11 December, 2021 as a Hybrid Event at Intercontinental Hotel in Abu Dhabi, UAE – a vibrant and fast-growing city that combines state of the art facilities and infrastructures, as well as a glimpse into an ancient and endlessly fascinating past.

In 2021, our theme will be “Mental health, rights, equity, recovery and social inclusion in testing times” which is apt as the pandemic has engulfed the whole world at different time lines and with varied severities, countries across the globe have gone for lockdowns ranging from partial to complete.

The conference program is designed to challenge, inspire, and encourage participants while facilitating discussion. It includes an extensive range of topics with keynotes, concurrent sessions, workshops and posters to examine solutions and share ideas for improving the quality of life for our mentally ill patient.

The scientific committee has developed a truly international event with high profile program that will satisfy all of your expectations and is rich and due to the success. The program will focus on the latest developments in current and controversial issues of our specialty, aims to offer reliable scientific updates in child and adult behavioral health and meet the challenges and opportunities that arise.

Keynote lectures, submitted papers, Symposia, workshops and case studies will discuss how approaches and techniques can be incorporated into daily practice. Featuring National and International leading clinical practitioners, academics, and mental health experts, the conference will motivate and inspire professionals to make change and provide the best possible outcome for those living with mental health conditions.

This unique event will bring together prominent clinical practitioners, academics, service providers and mental health experts to deliberate and discuss mental health issues confronting the UAE, the region and the world.

The program will allow ample opportunities for participants to network collaborate and share ideas to enhance the quality and safety practices for mental care provided globally.

I would like to welcome you all in this meeting and I am confident that all the discussions and efforts that will be made during this conference will translate into a major step towards quality mental health care and service for the benefit of the people in need.

Looking forward to welcome you on the 9-11 December 2021 in our beautiful city of Abu Dhabi.

This is an event not to be missed!

Dr. Mohamed Al Garhy
President
Abu Dhabi International Mental Health Conference
Consultant & Medical Director of BSP SKMC, Abu Dhabi - UAE
Dear Colleagues & Friends,

We hope you are well and keeping safe during what has been a very unusual year.

We are delighted to let you know that this year we are organizing our 14th World Congress of World Association For Psychosocial Rehabilitation (WAPR) and 7th Abu Dhabi International Mental Health Conference to be held on 9-11 December, 2021 as a Hybrid Event at Intercontinental Hotel in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

The theme this year is “Mental health, rights, equity, recovery and social inclusion in testing times” the whole world is going through a period of challenge and mental health and social care is being excessively affected. To rise to these challenges, we need to hold our hope and find new ways of working.

We, in WAPR, believe that psychiatric rehabilitation is one of the most important interventions that we can give to service users. Using this innovative techniques of psychiatric rehabilitation will provide our service users the best techniques to overcome the difficulties they are facing and to improve their quality of life.

We believe that functional recovery is one of the most important goals that we have and we believe that psychiatric rehabilitation is a mission of all the health professionals working in the field of mental health. Our congress will provide the most advanced updates for the various techniques of psychiatric rehabilitation and we will exchange experiences from all over the globe that will present to our region the best possible psychiatric rehabilitation services.

We would like to invite you to join us in Abu Dhabi so that we can all learn from one another by sharing our experiences and knowledge to uncover new insights on the complex disorders we treat, exchange practical techniques and guidance for everyday clinical challenges, and reinforce our commitment to our mental health patients and their carers.

The WAPR and ADIMHC Congress provides an opportunity for mental health experts, scientists, advocates, service providers, service users and caregivers to get together to identify and discuss significant mental health issues, transfer information and build networks and friendships.

With this in mind we are honoured to bring together some of the world’s leading mental health specialists, distinguished speakers, carers, and other advocates joining us to showcase their work and provide opportunities for interaction.

We feel confident that the WAPR and ADIMHC 2021 hybrid Congress will serve as a place of learning where we can all share the latest models, approaches, and research representing for all participants a treasured personal and professional experience.

We very much hope you will be able to join and looking forward to welcoming you all.

Dr. Medhat Elsabbahy
Chair of Organizing Committee of XIV World Congress WAPR
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Topics for conference

Theme: Mental health, rights, equity, recovery and social inclusion in testing times

- Recovery-oriented services
- User involvement in service development
- Quality Rights
- Social inclusion and citizenship
- Living conditions and mental health
- Refugees and mental health
- User involvement in mental health research
- Cultural competence and mental health
- Current rehabilitation services and models of rehabilitation
- Cognitive remediation/rehabilitation
- Research in rehabilitation
- Incorporation of rehabilitation training in current education system
- Gender specific rehabilitation services
- Service utilization among homeless and destitute
- Barriers in service utilization
- Stigma
- Role of NGO in rehabilitation
- Rehabilitation in special population
- Rehabilitation in south Asian countries
- Psychosocial interventions
- Economics and social cost
- Role of families in psychosocial rehabilitation
- Human rights and special privileges
- Legal issues
- Policies and advocacy
- Psychotherapy and counseling
- Vocational training and employment
- Neurobiological aspects
- Regional differences in rehabilitation world perspective
- Deinstitutionalization & Trans-institutionalization
- Community based rehabilitation
- Disaster and mental health
- Future of rehabilitation
- Role of media in rehabilitation
- Multidisciplinary Rehabilitation - integration
- Psychopharmacology
- Substance use disorders
- Rehabilitation in major psychiatric disorders
Conference Highlighted Sessions

• User involvement in services
• Recovery oriented services
• Cultural competence and mental health
• Human rights
• Citizenship and social inclusion
• User involvement in mental health research
• Mental Health Access and Support, Service Design, Specialized
• Clinically Focused Programs
• Physical Wellbeing, Mental Wellness
• Child Mental Health
• Mentally Healthy Workplaces
• Strategies and Support for Wellness of Mental Health Workers
• Disorder Management
• Adolescent Mental Health
• Child and Adolescent Mental Health
• Aged Care Mental Health Solutions
• Suicide and Self Harm Prevention
• Living with Mental Health Issues
• Mental Health Care
• Artificial Intelligence in Mental Health Care

Key Features

• State of the art lectures
• Keynote presentations by renowned speakers
• Poster presentations
• World class exhibits
• Interactive sessions
• Case discussions
• Hands-on workshops
• Platform for global networking connecting scientific community

5 Great Reasons to Attend

• ACCESS a best-in-class program in mental health delivered by experts in the field
• LEARN new frameworks and skills that can be implemented in your organisation
• EXPERIENCE incredible networking opportunities
• ASK questions, challenge thinking
• JOIN a community of change makers working to build a better world

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION DATES (ORAL & POSTER | SYMPOSIUM)
Sep 15, 2021 - Deadline of Submission
Oct 09, 2021 - Notification of Acceptance
2021 is Going Hybrid!

This Conference will be a hybrid event (there will be both an in-person conference and a virtual conference) because some people may not be able to travel due to the pandemic or its economic impact. Making the congress more accessible helps us to achieve our mission to elaborate and advance the Mental Health medicine and practice, and to expand the contribution to Mental Health community by reaching a much larger audience all over the region.
Delegates Feedback

- Attended the event for scientific content: 96%
- Described the conference as excellent: 90%
- Rated the speakers as outstanding: 93%
- Rated the conference very well organized: 97%

"It was nice conference, very organized and useful. It covers all aspects of Mental Health. Good speakers, good contents and we learned a lot of updating new knowledge. It met the stated objectives. Overall, it is well organized and beneficial."

Dr. Malka Alburaiki
Physician, Security Forces Hospital
KSA

Tracks Covered

- TRACK 01: Psychosocial Psychiatry
- TRACK 02: Biological Psychiatry
- TRACK 03: Arabic Sessions

"I thoroughly enjoyed the conference. All speakers were excellent making me wish we had more time for each session. As a medical student, I have limited knowledge compared to the other attendees, but I still managed to cope up and gain a lot of insights and knowledge."

Rawan Al Abdullah
Student, King Saud University
College of Medicine

The conference are well organized. The ambiance of the conference room and the system were good. Thanks for getting good speakers all over the region and rest of the world. Praying that this conference grows in the coming years.

Dr. Rishi Kottukal, Medical Practitioner, Zayed Military Hospital
The UAE largest psychosocial rehabilitation event supported by World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation

There is no other show in the region which brings together as many industry experts to show case and discuss the latest developments in psychosocial rehabilitation.

**Why our Exhibitors chose 1st International Congress of the World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation?**

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**Exhibitors Survey Results**

- Exhibitors have re-booked for next year conference: 90%
- Described the quality of visitors was very good: 89%
- Exhibitor generated business leads: 93%
- Exhibitors described the overall quality of the event was excellent: 94%
- Exhibitors who responded to the survey were satisfied with the quality of visitors at 1st International Congress of the World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation: 95%

"Very Good Conference and wish you all the best of luck.
Dr. Hamda Al-Muhannadi, Students Counselling Researcher, Qatar"

"The conference was well organized, speakers were excellent, there is sufficient time for discussions and foods are great"
Maria Fe Berced, Physical Therapist
Al Gharbia Hospital
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If you are unable to attend, a substitute delegate will be very welcome in your place. If this is not suitable, a 20% administration fee will apply. Registrations cancelled less than two weeks before the event are non-refundable.

Event Venue

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Abu Dhabi, UAE

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