

Geneva, 12th February 2019

Dear Colleagues,

It gives us great pleasure to call your attention to a WPA sponsored Thematic Congress which will take place in Ohrid, Republic of North Macedonia, on 15-18 May 2019. The congress is organized by the Macedonian Psychiatric Association and the World Psychiatric Association. The congress in Ohrid is entitled: **“Dementia: Psychiatric and Neurological Challenges and Perspectives”**, www.wpadementia2019.com

It will be the **first WPA Thematic Congress on Dementia** in the Western Balkans and Europe, and will be **chaired by the President of the WPA**, Professor Helen Herrman (Australia).

Professor Dr. Antoni Novotni (Chair of the Organizing Committee) and the Organizing Committee are making arrangements for a very successful meeting that would attract a large number of participants. Their objectives are to build a professional network in the region, to improve dementia care including diagnosis, management and carer support, and to push the implementation of a national dementia strategy. One of WPA ideas connected with this Congress is to deliver the **Ohrid Declaration on Dementia**.

We would request you to kindly send the attached information to your membership and support our Macedonian colleagues by participating in the Ohrid conference. We may add that the city of Ohrid is a spectacularly located at lake Ohrid - one of the oldest lakes on the planet - and is an UNESCO Cultural and Natural World Heritage site.

Looking forward to seeing you in Ohrid,

With kind regards,



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WPA President Elect & Chair Scientific Committee



Prof. dr. Antoni Novotni
Chair of the Organizing Committee

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