



‘Psychiatry in the Changing World’ – the Fifth Congress of Psychiatry in Mostar

On 4-6 November the Fifth Congress of Psychiatry of Bosnia and Herzegovina took place with international participation. Entitled 'Psychiatry in the Changing World' and held in Mostar, the Congress was held in Mostar and welcomed 300 participants from 11 countries in a relaxed, face-to-face, atmosphere, free of COVID-19 restrictions.



This most significant psychiatric event in our country was organised by the Psychiatric Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina (PABH) with WPA co-sponsorship and EPA patronage, the Congress had a dynamic Scientific Programme with six plenary sessions, 35 invited lecturers who are experts in their fields, plus 35 short oral and 51 poster presentations.

Young colleagues from five countries had the honour to spend 90 minutes in an ‘Ask the Expert’ session with distinguish Professors Norman Sartorius and Miro Jakovljevic, covering a range of topics important for their future clinical and scientific career. Two books and two guidelines were promoted at the Congress, as well as the first Psychiatric Lexicon in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

A meeting of WPA Zone 9 with Professor Igor Filipic, Zonal Representative and the PABH Assembly was also held during the Congress.

The Congress was co-organized by the University of Mostar, the Clinic of Psychiatry of the University Clinical Hospital of Mostar, the Medical Chamber of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton and the Medical Division of the International Academy of Science and Art of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Very important international support was provided through the patronage of the European Psychiatric Association and the co-sponsorship of the World Psychiatric Association.



Professor Dragan Babic, PABH and Congress President, stressed the importance of the traditional support of the EPA to such important scientific events organised by our Association. An EPA Plenary Symposium was held with Prof. Peter Falkai, EPA President, and Professor Eka Chkonia, Secretary of the Steering Committee of the EPA Council of the NPAs.



The Fifth Congress of Psychiatry of Bosnia and Herzegovina was a successful event and gave an opportunity to all participants to take home new knowledge and build new connections and friendships among colleagues from the region. We are looking forward to next year's Annual Symposium, the 18th Psychiatric Days of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in autumn 2023.

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