

Social psychiatry in Africa

The World Association of Social Psychiatry is due to hold its first regional conference in Africa, in Johannesburg, during the month of March, 2004. This is a momentous occasion worthy of local support. The conference is truly international. Abstracts were received from all over the world from a wide range of professionals reflecting the spectrum of the multi-disciplinary team, with a strong South African representation. A range of topics will be covered which should provide something for everyone. There has been a specific attempt to ensure that the material presented will have relevance for both South African, African and international delegates. Aside from parallel and poster sessions, there will be plenary sessions on a daily basis, together with a pre-conference workshop dealing with substance abuse and a still to be confirmed post-conference medico-legal workshop. The preliminary programme can be viewed on the conference website www.sawasp.co.za. The nature of the conference lends itself to exploration of psychosocial issues in psychiatry that impact on patient care on a

daily basis. It is hoped that the conference will stimulate an awareness of the need for integrated approaches to patient care. In this regard, the conference is an important milestone in South African psychiatry. On behalf of the editorial board of South African Psychiatry Review, I would like to take this opportunity to wish presenters and delegates alike a truly interactive and meaningful experience and to congratulate Professor Rataemane as conference chairperson and his committee for all of their efforts.

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