



WORLD FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES  
OF BIOLOGICAL PSYCHIATRY

# 2001-2005 Term Report

**Beyond Boundaries,  
Across Borders**

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# History

## Defining Moments

- 24 September 1974, Buenos Aires:  
Prof. Edmund Fisher inaugurated the 1st WFSBP Congress with the following speech :  
*"In the name of the Executive Committee of the First World Congress of Biological Psychiatry, we wish to send a message to all biological psychiatrists and specialists of allied disciplines throughout the world expressing our pleasure which is based on two fundamental factors. Firstly, that this event brings together for the first time, biological psychiatrists from the four corners of the Earth, and secondly, because, during the Congress, an Assembly will be held which will achieve the purpose for which so many of us have been working for many years ..."*
- 27 September 1974: During the General Assembly the World Federation of Biological Psychiatry (WFBP) was founded. The name WFSBP was only endorsed later in 1981, in Stockholm.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Committee  
President: E. Fisher (Argentina)  
Vice-Presidents: H. Van Praag (Holland), H. Mitsuda (Japan), J. Yayura-Tobias (Argentina)  
Secretary: S. Gaboy (USA)  
Associate Secretary: O. H. Arnold (Austria)  
Treasurer: M.A. Perez Toledo (Mexico)  
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Members : R. Debuck (Belgium), G. Osuide (Nigeria), N. Noya-Tapia (Bolivia),  
C. Perris (Sweden)  
Alternate Members : M. Feldman (Venezuela), A. Boulton (Canada), A.A. Long (Italy),  
C. Stefanis (Greece)
- January 1975: Prof. Fisher deceases.
- Prof. J. Obiols takes over the Presidency.
- 1978 Barcelona: 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress of Biological Psychiatry. Congress President: J. Obiols.
- 1979 Prof. Obiols deceases.
- Prof. C. Perris takes over the Presidency.
- 1981 Stockholm : 3<sup>rd</sup> Congress of Biological Psychiatry. Congress President: C. Perris.
- 1985 Philadelphia: 4<sup>th</sup> Congress of Biological Psychiatry. Congress President: C. Shaggas.
- 1991 Firenze: 5<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Biological Psychiatry. Congress President: G. Racagni.
- 1997 Nice: 6<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Biological Psychiatry. Congress President: J. Ciprian Ollivier.
- 2001 Berlin: 7<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Biological Psychiatry. Congress President: H.J. Möller.

## WFSBP Past Presidents

Prof. Carlos Roberto Hojaij would like to pay tribute to all WFSBP Past Presidents for their vital contribution to the advancement of the Federation throughout its 30 years of existence:

1974 - 1975 : Edmund Fisher (Argentina)  
1975 - 1978 : Juan Obiols (Spain)  
1978 - 1981 : Carlo Perri (Sweden)  
1981 - 1985 : Charles Shagass (USA)

1985 - 1991 : Tetsuo Fukuda (Japan)  
1991 - 1997 : Jorge Ciprian-Ollivier (Argentina)  
1997 - 2001 : Hans-Jürgen Möller (Germany)

# Letter from the President



Founded in 1974, the World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry is a non-profit global organization composed of 60 National Societies of Biological Psychiatry.

The history of the World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry dates back to 1974 when Edmund Fisher, a Hungarian immigrant in Buenos Aires, Argentina, pioneered the first international congress dedicated to Biological Psychiatry.

Edmond Fisher's vision and leadership encouraged many psychiatrists from many corners of the globe to create an international organization to promote and develop biological psychiatry. Currently, over 7500 psychiatrists from 105 countries are registered in the Federation's membership database, with a total of established societies in 60 countries.

From an amateurish management model relying largely on the good will and personal dedication of its Executive members, the Federation has progressively transformed into a modern and well-structured organization, with several departments that are responsible for a range of activities from daily contact with members to the complex organization of congresses.

One of the most significant developments – a testament to the Federation's new aptitudes was the Executive Committee's resolution to launch *The World Journal of Biological Psychiatry* in 1998. This title rapidly became considered as one of the most important publications in psychiatry.

To protect the Federation and the registered member benefits package, a WFSBP Members Identification Card was recently introduced, providing members with exclusive access to: reduced registration fees at congresses, member only web content and features, Committee and Task-Force participation, subscription to *The World Journal of Biological Psychiatry*, as well as full election and voting rights at the Council Meeting and General Assembly.

Embracing National Societies that both span the globe and incorporate psychiatrists from different cultures in all our activities, the Federation strives to promote diversity yet further: multiplicity is encouraged, and the Federation recognises that often progress springs from initially confronting differences, positioning the WFSBP as a unique international arena of biological psychiatry representing and integrating the richness of a myriad of cultures.

The Federation also strives to address disparity in development by promoting education to follow the important principle that all doctors should follow from the outset: the one who knows more has the moral obligation to transfer knowledge to the one who knows less. The Federation is highly dedicated to the organization of tailor made educational activities and special programs at congresses.

Recently an additional logo was designed for the Federation website: a flying dove over the tag line "Justice and Peace. We all are responsible". Although the Federation is politically neutral, the fact that society is often threatened by self-made constraints on freedom and serious challenges affecting different ethnic groups, cannot be ignored. Calling for moral consciousness is the least the Organization can do. It is hoped that by promoting awareness and consequently vigilance, that justice and peace will prevail worldwide.

Thanks to the dedication and efforts of so many members throughout its short 30 years of history, the Federation is today an international, modern, active and well-recognized organization.

If the present is gratifying, the Federation has a tremendous future ahead. The astonishing progress in research and treatment within the biological sciences already positions psychiatry as one of the most advanced and promising medical specialties. The Federation serves as a universal arena where knowledge and results are delivered, presented, and shared.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CR Hojaij'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Carlos Roberto Hojaij

# 2001-2005 Achievements & Activities

## Congresses (World, International and Regional)

Latin American Congress, Santiago, Chile, February 2002. **President:** Veronica Larach

2<sup>nd</sup> European Congress, Copenhagen, Denmark, April 2002. **President:** Birte Glenthoj

1<sup>st</sup> Asian Congress, Selangor, Malaysia, June 2003. **President:** Saroja

Regional Symposium, Bruges, Belgium, December 2003

1<sup>st</sup> International Congress, Sydney, Australia, February 2004. **President:** Carlos Roberto Hojaij

1<sup>st</sup> Mediterranean Congress, Athens, Greece, October 2004. **President:** Constantin Soldatos

2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Congress, Seoul, Korea, 2004. **President:** Min-Soo Lee

Asian Symposium, Jakarta, Indonesia, 2005. **President:** Yul Iskandar.

8<sup>th</sup> World Congress, Vienna, Austria, July 2005. **President:** Carlos Roberto Hojaij

## Continuing Medical Education **President:** Olya Mikova

In 2001 the WSBP and Bulgarian Society of Biological Psychiatry initiated a 5-year cycle of Continuous Medical Education courses in Biological Psychiatry. The main idea behind these courses was to bring together different Biological Psychiatry data from all over the world. The increasing and rapidly progressing scientific advancement in neuroscience, psychopharmacology, genetics, technologies among others, demands that psychiatrists regularly update their knowledge and skills to keep at the forefront of research. Only by continuing education can we keep informed about the most recent scientific data and development. Such courses within the different national societies of the Federation will establish a connection and network between the psychiatrists who need to receive such data, but may be unable to attend congresses overseas (due to restrictions such as language, budget or other such barriers), and the world specialists in the different fields of Biological Psychiatry – the Lecturers. These educational courses not only serve to present the most recent advances within the field, but also ensure the gradual acceptance of common criteria and standards worldwide.

For the last four years topics have included: 2001 – Novelties In Schizophrenia Research And Clinical Practice. 2002 – Novelties In Research And Clinical Practice Of Affective Disorders. 2003 – Novelties In Research And Clinical Practice Of Anxiety Disorders. 2004 – The Mind-Body Connection: Novelties In Research And Clinical Practice

An average of 100 Bulgarian psychiatrists attended each meeting. Invited lecturers from overseas included: Prof. Carlos R.Hojaij, Prof. José L.A.Gutierrez, Prof. Bill Deakin, Prof. Michael Maes, Prof. Bilgen Taneli, Prof. Constantin Soldatos, Prof. Fl. Thibaut, Prof. Asen Jablensky, Dr. N. Stefanis, Prof. Norbert Mueller. The local lecturers were all professors and doctors from the medical universities throughout the region.

Although potential industry sponsors did not manifest a primary interest in funding such non-commercial activities, we hope to establish future collaboration through the recognition of our highly professional and scientific efforts.

For 2005 we have been organizing the last in the first cycle of courses to focus on “Organic psychiatry and alcohol and drug abuses”. Given the proven success of these courses we envisage a second cycle of 5 courses, to involve several other participating societies on a rotational basis, and ultimately hope to provide a web-based course.

## Congress programs – a WFSBP seal of quality and diversity

The independent International Scientific Program Committee is composed of more than a dozen psychiatrists representing different perspectives of the biological psychiatry community, with the Chair selected from a list of suitable members.

Since 1997 a strong emphasis has been placed on responding to the needs of the Federation membership when setting congress programs. To offer a balanced program and match expectations and needs of potential delegates, schedule and content are grouped into specific interest sections: clinical, basic and mixed. 50% of the total program is usually dedicated to a more clinical audience, 20% to the basic sciences, and 30% to a combination of the basic/clinical arena. Promoting sessions specifically geared towards education, such as plenary lectures, discussions with experts, workshops focused on Federation "guidelines", debates, etc., has proven particularly successful.

The role of the International Scientific Program Committee is therefore not only to select and accept the best proposals, but also to develop the most suitable and innovative program to serve its membership and the delegates.

In order to encourage and increase contributions from financially-challenged young researchers the Federation grants special Travel Awards: about 140 grants are awarded to young attendees whose participation and interaction adds important scientific value to each congress.



### 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Day - Buenos Aires, 1 November 2004.

**Chairman:** Carlos Roberto Hojaj **Invited speakers:** Max Fink, Hermann van Praag, Hanfried Helmchen, Carlo Altamura, Wagner Gattaz, Jose-Luis Ayuso-Gutierrez, Marie-Odile Krebs

In 2004 The World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry announced the celebration of its 30th anniversary: "1974-2004: WFSBP Celebrating 30 Years of Excellence in Biological Psychiatry - Beyond Boundaries, Across Borders". For this one-day event, WFSBP returned to its birthplace and host city of its first ever World Congress: Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The program provided participants with the unique opportunity to network with colleagues from across the globe, to share experiences and to enjoy remarkable scientific lectures with debates led by 7 prominent biological psychiatrists. To close the day, a special awards ceremony and cocktail were held to honor key members and Executive Committee leaders.

A World Journal Supplement including the papers of this symposium will be published in the Fall, and distributed to all registered members.

### *World Journal of Biological Psychiatry*

**Editor in Chief:** Hans-Jürgen Möller **Associate Editors:** Carlos Roberto Hojaj & Joseph Zohar

The *World Journal of Biological Psychiatry* was founded in early 2000 as the WFSBP's official journal, dedicated to improving and advancing the dissemination of both clinical and basic biological psychiatry research, with a major clinical orientation. Its target readership includes clinical psychiatrists, educators, scientists and students with an interest in biological psychiatry. With its wide and diverse scope and depth the journal facilitates an enormous variety of information, ensuring broad interest and highly varied readership demographics.

In the field of biological psychiatry the *World Journal of Biological Psychiatry* is the essential tool for educating (through critical review papers), publishing original work and observations (original papers and case reports) and expressing and voicing personal opinions (Viewpoints/Letters to the Editor).

This year, the *World Journal of Biological Psychiatry* celebrates its fifth anniversary. Several milestones have been achieved over the past years, including acceptance for indexing by both the National Library of Medicine (MedLine), in 2002, and Thomson ISI, in 2003. An impact factor will be issued in 2006. The company Janssen Cilag has provided generous financial support to the Journal over its first four years, allowing for free-of-charge distribution to all WFSBP members worldwide. Since 2004, the company Lundbeck continues to support the *World Journal of Biological Psychiatry* through an educational grant.

After five volumes of "home-production", a new era for the journal was marked at the start of this year by a partnership with the professional publisher Taylor and Francis, a leading international academic publisher. The Journal continues to be a free and key benefit for registered WFSBP members both in print and electronically on the member-only section of the WFSBP website.

For Non-members and the public at large past issues are made freely available via the WFSBP website after a period of two years.

### Publication of Guidelines **President:** Hans-Jürgen Möller

The World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry strives to stimulate research and improve clinical diagnosis and treatment in the field of psychiatric disorders. To meet these objectives special task forces were established and the first strategic priority was set and met: the development of treatment guidelines.

The main aim of these guidelines is to overcome the divergences between national guidelines and promote an international blueprint that can be accepted and followed by the psychiatric community worldwide regardless of differing economical and psychosocial factors.

To-date, treatment guidelines have been drawn up and published for the following: major depressive disorder, bipolar disorder, anxiety/obsessive-compulsive disorder/ post-traumatic disorder and schizophrenia. These guidelines have been published in the *World Journal of Biological Psychiatry*, as follows:

- Bauer et al. (2002) World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry (WFSBP) Guidelines for Biological Treatment of Unipolar Depressive Disorders, Part 1: Acute and continuation treatment of major depressive disorder. *World J Biol Psychiatry* 3(1):5-43.
- Bauer et al. (2002) World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry (WFSBP) Guidelines for Biological Treatment of Unipolar Depressive Disorders, Part 2: Maintenance treatment of major depressive disorder and treatment of chronic depressive disorders and sub threshold depressions. *World J Biol Psychiatry* 3(2):69-86.
- Grunze et al. (2002) World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry (WFSBP) guidelines for biological treatment of bipolar disorders. Part I: Treatment of bipolar depression. *World J Biol Psychiatry* 3(3):115-124.
- Grunze et al. (2003) The World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry (WFSBP) Guidelines for the Biological Treatment of Bipolar Disorders, Part II: Treatment of Mania. *World J Biol Psychiatry* 4(1):5-13.
- Grunze et al. (2004) The World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry (WFSBP) guidelines for the biological treatment of bipolar disorders, part III: maintenance treatment. *World J Biol Psychiatry* 5(3):120-135.
- Bandelow et al. (2002) World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry (WFSBP) guidelines for the pharmacological treatment of anxiety, obsessive-compulsive and post-traumatic stress disorders. *World J Biol Psychiatry* 3(4):171-199.
- Falkai et al. (2005) World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry (WFSBP) Guidelines for Biological Treatment of Schizophrenia, Part I: Acute Treatment. *World J Biol Psychiatry* 6(2): in press

Guidelines for the long-term treatment of schizophrenia and for the biological treatment of dementia are currently in progress, and an additional guideline task force on addiction disorders is also in the pipeline. The importance of the WFSBP guidelines is emphasized by the fact that they have been translated into several languages. Internationally accepted, WFSBP Treatment Guidelines represent just one of the highlights of many exceptional publications in past issues.

## The Web – Member Only Access - [www.wfsbp.org](http://www.wfsbp.org) - Editor: Chris Bervoets

The web site has been progressively improved throughout the term. Today it represents an efficient and privileged communication tool with frequent updates on important news from the Federation and National Societies, and cutting edge scientific content. Dr. Bervoets (Belgian Association of Biological Psychiatry) has accepted the position as Web Editor, to provide all users globally with:

Archived issues of the *World Journal of Biological Psychiatry* (2 years after publication date), Federation and Member National Societies News, Congresses Calendar WFSBP Congresses, Recommended and Useful Links

As a result of revamping and improving upon both content and usability we have seen a continuous increase in visitor statistics: over the last year the daily average increased from 46 visits to 133, cumulating in a total of 36.013 visits during the last 12 months from members as well as outside stakeholders.

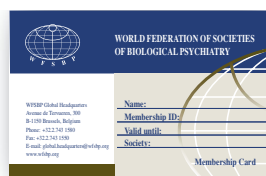
To yet further develop strong and valuable member benefits, the Federation web site now provides a restricted area accessible only to registered members. This section can be accessed using the ID number and password on the membership card and provides several added features:

An archived 2 years (last 8 issues) of the *World Journal of Biological Psychiatry*, Specific news from the National Societies and articles written by members, The provision of an online forum and debate area dedicated to specific scientific issues and topics to promote a highly interactive member participation in such discussion groups

## Membership ID cards

To provide all affiliated members with their special benefits package:

- 4 issues per year of the *World Journal of Biological Psychiatry* of the WFSBP
- Access to the members only web section
- Personal listing in the annual members directory
- The possibility of being elected to join the Federation Executive Committee
- Substantial discounts on registration fees to attend Federation congresses



**WSFBP Global Headquarters Executive Director** : Michel Ballieu, **Community Manager** : Geraldine Damar **Member Services Administrator** : Nele Van Den Berghen

Since June 2004 the establishment of a new office with a dedicated team of professionals has been a milestone in the development of the organization, which will position the WFSBP to take full advantage of exciting opportunities that lay ahead.

The new administration and executive management have been fostering an even closer collaboration between the Federation and National Societies, as well as several other organizations linked to the field of biological psychiatry. As a result, all members will continue to receive a wide and increasing range of benefits.

Centralization of efforts based at the Global Headquarters will ensure more reliable data collection from the National Societies and efficient and continuous contact with partners, making the Federation a modern organization with all the necessary technology, tools, and specialized staff to face the future.

As the new Global Headquarters rapidly develops, the Federation hopes to be better prepared than ever to maintain and extend its worldwide leadership role in biological psychiatry.

## An Increase in Membership - Latest Trends

The Federation currently embraces 60 National Societies of Biological Psychiatry. Having firmly established itself in Europe and America, a focus continent that is making an important contribution to membership is Asia. We have witnessed a steadily increasing application rate from throughout the region and Central Europe is also experiencing significant movement in Biological Psychiatry, with several new societies being founded that are on the eve of becoming Federation members.

The Federation is also open to our colleagues from countries without a society of Biological Psychiatry, although it is hoped that new societies will also be established in many more areas.

## WFSBP Relationship - International Psychiatric Organizations

Despite much effort and initiative on the part of the Federation and similar international organizations, little has been gained. Talks involving cautious discussions at meetings seemed to break down with little reward. On a positive note for the future though, a cordial relationship with all international psychiatric organizations has been established with an ambience of mutual understanding and respect for the respective fields.

One project still to be developed by the Federation in the near future is an effective collaboration with the World Health Organization and Patient Associations on specific programs.

## Improving Consistency and Continuity

To ensure consistency and continuity of our congresses, the goal of the Executive Committee has been to look towards the centralization of all Federation functions and activities – an envisaged strategy of the previous administration.

The Executive Committee has recently taken two major steps:

- To hire a core-PCO responsible for forthcoming congresses in order to: establish consistency in the organization of World and International Congresses, centralize fund raising data, maintain and develop collaboration with Pharma and Industry
- To address the wide gap existing between the main activity of the Federation - the Congresses, and all other activities by bringing them together “under one roof”: the GHQ and core-PCO combination.

## Brand Identity Guidelines

In line with consistency and to avoid the dilution of identity, the Federation has asked the GHQ to structure branding and create guidelines for the use of the WFSBP name, image and logo.

Consequently all activities involving the Federation must follow the Brand Identity Guidelines and National Societies are asked to submit their marketing material for GHQ revision and final approval.

## Partnership Opportunities Brochure

Upon request of the EC, GHQ produced a brochure to outline the various partnership opportunities offered by the Federation – mainly targeted to the pharmaceutical industry. This brochure brings companies up to speed with the Federation’s outreach and activities, and illustrates to potential partners the multiple and valuable possibilities that an alliance with the Federation can offer.

# 2005 Membership

## Affiliated National Societies and their Presidents

Argentine Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Gustavo Vazquez) • Armenian Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Samvel Sukiasyan) • Austrian Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Barbara Sperner-Unterweger) • Belgian College of Neuropsychopharmacology and Biological Psychiatry, (Paul Cosyns,) Bolivian Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Nils D. Noya-Tapia) • Brazilian Association of Biological Psychiatry, (Jose Eduardo Vilela) • British Association for Psychopharmacology, (Clare Stanford) • Bulgarian Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Olya Mikova) • Chilean Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Eduardo Duran) • Columbian Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Jorge Forero) • Costa Rican Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Rosa Villalobos) • Croatian Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Miro Jakovlievic) • Czech Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Jan Sikora) • Danish Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Anders Fink Jensen) • Dominican Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Fior Solis de Mendez) • Dutch Society of Biological Psychiatry, (H G M Westenberg) • Ecuadorian Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Victoria Valdez) • Egyptian Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Ahmed Okasha) • Estonian Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Aleksander Zharkovsky) • French Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Olivier Blin) • German Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Norbert Muller) • Guatemalteca Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Hugo Soto Chavez) • Hellenic Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Constantin R Soldatos) • Honduran Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Jesus Americo Reyes-Ticas) • Hungarian Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Attila Lipcsey †) • Indonesian Society for Biological Psychiatry, Psychopharmacology and Sleep Medicine, (H. Yul Iskandar) • Israel Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Leon Grunhaus) • Italian Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Mario Maj) • Japanese Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Mitsumoto Sato) • Korean Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Min-Soo Lee) • Latvian Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Biruta Kupca) • Lebanon Society of Biological Society, (Fuad Antun) • Lithuanian Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Robertas Bunevicius) • Malaysian Association of Scientific Research in Psychiatry, (Saroja Krishnaswamy) • Mexican Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Humberto Rico Diaz) • Moroccan Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Driss Moussaoui) • Norwegian Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Norma Mjellem) • Panamanian Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Gaspar Da Costa) • Paraguayan Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Julio Cesar Morinigo Escalante †) • Peruvian Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Jorge Castro Morales) • Polish Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Marek Jarema) • Portuguese Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Maria Helena Pinto de Azevedo) • Russian Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Sergei Mosolov) • Salvadorian Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Manuel Meija Pena) • Slovakian Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Peter Molcan) • South African Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Soraya Seedat) • Spanish Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Jose Giner Ubago) • Swedish Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Elias Eriksson) • Swiss Society for Biological Psychiatry, (Werner Konrad Strik) • Taiwanese Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Keh-Ming Lin) • Thai Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Pichet Udomratn) • Turkish Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Bilgen Taneli) • Uruguayan Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Raquel Zamora-Cabral) • Venezuelan Society of Biological Psychiatry, (Jorge Ibanez-Dominguez)

The World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry has always greatly appreciated the honor and nobility that Julio Cesar Morinigo Escalante and Attila Lipcsey brought to the organization through their professionalism and kindness. WFSBP shares the sorrow of the Paraguayan and Hungarian societies for these tragic losses.

## National Societies are being set up in the following countries:

Georgia, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Pakistan, Singapore, Puerto Rico and Serbia & Montenegro.

## Individual Members

The WFSBP Constitution allows for individual memberships in countries where no national society of biological psychiatry is affiliated to the WFSBP.

Currently there are individual members in the following countries:

Australia, Canada, Georgia, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Macedonia, New Zealand, Oman, Peoples Republic of China, Serbia and Montenegro, Ukraine, Yugoslavia and USA.

# 2001-2005 Executive Committee

<b>President</b>	Carlos Roberto Hojajj, Australia
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## WFSBP Committees

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*The eminent psychiatrists who have contributed to the advancement of the Federation through their valuable involvement in the above-listed Committees and Task Forces, or as Presidents of member National Societies will receive the official WFSBP 30th Anniversary Medal during official ceremonies at the 8th World Congress in Vienna, symbolizing three decades dedicated to the advancing biological psychiatry worldwide.*

## Forthcoming WFSBP Congresses

### 2<sup>nd</sup> International Congress , Santiago, Chile, April 17-21 2007

#### Organizing Committee

- Prof Carlos R Hojaij, WFSBP President (Australia)
- Dr. Verónica Larach, Chairman of the LOC (Chile)
- Dr. Daniel Flores, Co-Chair of the LOC (Uruguay)

### 9<sup>th</sup> World Congress, Paris, France, July 15-19 2009

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- Prof Carlos R Hojaij, WFSBP President (Australia)
- Prof. Olivier Blin, AFPB President (France)

## Executive Director's Report **Executive Director:** Michel Ballieu

The foundation of the Federation is supported by three concrete pillars: the Membership, the World Journal and WFSBP Congresses. As such, the Executive Committee is committed to the constant professionalization in these areas to build the future and the evolution of WFSBP.

Since the Executive Director and his team in the Global Headquarters were appointed, a primary objective has been to structure and articulate a strong strategy with clear values to all members. The implementation of the membership card, suggested by Professor Hojaij, and the members benefit package are the direct result of this action plan.

The development of a dynamic web site, the involvement of a qualitative professional publisher for the World Journal, and a core Professional Congress Organizer for future events, all follow the same direction: to ensure that the mission of the Federation is executed successfully and professionally. Through creating such a credible and active organization, private industry and donors will believe in the opportunities presented by the Federation and will help us to secure the necessary funding to create more Educational events and even better communication tools to serve all our members across the globe.

The Global Headquarters team believes in this bright future and is committed to the achieving and surpassing all WFSBP objectives.

## Financial Report and Audit

**Associate Secretary –Treasurer:** Florence Thibaut

The Treasurer Report will be distributed during the Council Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2005.

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## **WFSBP – Principle Objectives:**

- To foster and encourage scientific research and advancement in the field of Biological Psychiatry
- To improve the quality of training spanning all the biological psychiatry sciences
- To promote education and achieve the highest level of knowledge and understanding within the field
- To provide information and guidance to all institutions, societies or individuals with an interest in biological psychiatry
- To establish, build, and maintain solid collaboration with international and national organizations related to biological psychiatry

*“The WFSBP philosophical background is based on the diversity of its membership in terms of knowledge and culture from different parts of the world. This omnipresent diversity is enhanced with a common sense of respect and equity between the Federation and its member National Societies.” (CRH)*

Educational activities, national and international congresses, the quarterly Newsletter, and the *World Journal of Biological Psychiatry* represent Federation's portfolio and presence world wide.

## **WFSBP Key Components:**

- Executive Committee
- Sub-Committees
- Task Forces
- National Society Presidents' Council
- General Assembly