

Biography Prof. Carlos Roberto Hojaij

Born in Brazil, Carlos Roberto Hojaij graduated in 1968 from the Faculty of Medicine, Santa Casa of Sao Paulo. In 1972 he received the title of specialist in Psychiatry from the Brazilian Medical Association. He became Full Professor of Psychology in 1974, and Associate Professor in Psychiatry in 1980. PhD in 1987 from the University of Sao Paulo ("Understanding in Schizophrenic Patients"). He was Professor of General Psychopathology and Clinical Psychiatry, both for graduate and pos-graduate trainees. At the 1,000-bed Santa Casa Hospital of Sao Paulo he organised all the clinical services (Psychiatric Unit: outpatient, in-patient, day-hospital and liaison-psychiatry), ultimately becoming the Clinical Director.

In 1984 he organised the Psychiatric Unit in a private general 300-bed hospital, the Samaritano Hospital. There he worked until 1998.

Schizophrenia has been the main theme for his clinical and research work and many papers and lectures have been presented on this topic. General psychopathology always remains the basic subject of his thoughts and the foundation of all his papers and lectures.

He has been involved in the organization of in excess of 60 meetings and congresses, both national and international. He has attended more than 320 congresses and has been invited to present more than 300 lectures.

He is Honorary Member of several international societies of psychiatry and member of more than 50 medical societies. In 1990 he became Fellow of the Academy of Medicine of Sao Paulo.

At the school of medicine he was one of the founders of the Academic Centre. In 1977 he found the Centre of Studies and Research in Psychiatry in his faculty, and for some time was the President. In 1985 he founded the Brazilian Society of Psychopathology of Expression, and was elected President for 6 years. In 1988 he organised the International Congress of Psychopathology of Expression, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He is also Vice-President of the International Society of Psychopathology of Expression since 1982, and had been re-elected for this position until 2000.

In 1994 he became Fellow of the Collegium Internationale Neuropsychopharmacologicum (CINP), and is member of various Committees of the World Psychiatric Association (WPA).

He is one of the founding members of the Brazilian Association of Biological Psychiatry (BABP), was his Vice-President, and President from 1995 to 1998. While in the BABP he organised several educational meetings and international congresses, notably 3 Regional Congresses of Biological Psychiatry (WFSBP) in 1992, 1995 and 1998. He established together with pharmaceutical companies several awards to be given in the Brazilian congresses of biological psychiatry.

He has more than 200 personal publications in special and general topics of psychiatry, and contributed in the publication of various psychiatric books. He belongs to the Editorial Board of several international publications.

He is the founder (1993) of the journal *Psiquiatria Biologica*, the official publication of the BABP; he was the Editor in Chief until 1998. He also founded (1996) the bulletin of the BABP, the *Gazeta Psiquiatria Biologica*, and became his Editor for 2 years.

He is one the founders (2000) and Associate Editor of *The World Journal of Biological Psychiatry*, official publication of the WFSBP. Also, he is one of the founders (1997) of the WFSBP's bulletin and served as Associate Editor until 2002.

In 1997 was invited to immigrate to Australia where he took up residence with his family in 1998. He received the title of Associate Professor at the University of Melbourne and became Fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists. He is currently living and working in Melbourne in his private practice, The Melbourne Institute of Biological Psychiatry.

He occupied the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the WFSBP from 1997 to 2001, and the position of President from 2001 until July 2005.