

SIGNIFICANCE OF SUPPORT OF WORLD PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION AND EUROPEAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION TO CONGRESSES OF NATIONAL PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATIONS - CASE OF BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

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Bosnia-Herzegovina (BH) appeared as very complex geopolitical and demographical country after tragic 1992-1995 war and Dayton Peace Agreement. Besides all national professional medical associations, the Psychiatric Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina (PABH) is only one which is successfully established on the whole geopolitical space of BH. This Association organized the first national Congress which is the third Congress of psychiatrists after BH established through Dayton Peace Agreement. In very humble financial occasions with world economic crisis it was very difficult to organize professional and scientific meeting with high level of realization. After communication with the leaders of World Psychiatric Association (WPA) and European Psychiatric Association (EPA) considering mutual collaboration, realization of this Congress was possible on very high level of scientific and professional achievements and performances.

The Third Congress was Co-sponsored by WPA and under the patronage of EPA. WPA helped in engagement of ten distinguished university professors and researchers from USA, Australia, UK, South Africa, Pakistan, Germany, Italy and Austria but also with the workshop: "Partnership for mental health improvement in world: WPA recommendations for good practice in work with users of mental health services and their families". EPA helped with two EPA academia CME courses: "Complexity of posttraumatic reactions" and "Psychoses-proneness: Clinical assessments of vulnerability". All 30 university professors of psychiatry from Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina (region of former Yugoslavia) together with about 260 participants had opportunity to be informed about the most novel achievements in theory and practice of psychiatry and mental health care in the World.