



The Movement for Global Mental Health's
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Global Mental Health Summit

September 2nd 2009

The Hilton Hotel, Athens, Greece

10.00 am to 5.30 pm

Program

10 am to 12.00 am: Session 1: Scaling Up Mental Health in Low-Income Countries- Strategies, Alliances, Methods

Moderator

Gary S Belkin
Associate Professor and Director, Program in Global Mental Health
New York University School of Medicine
New York, USA

Keynote: Zulfiqar A Bhutta

Department of Pediatrics and Child Health
Agha Khan University Hospital
Karachi, Pakistan

Panelists

Atif Rahman
Chair, Child Psychiatry
University of Liverpool,
Liverpool, UK

Mark Roberts
HPFT 'Kintampo Project' - Developing Mental Health Services in Ghana
Hampshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Hampshire, UK

Harry Minas
Director, Center for International Health
University of Melbourne
Melbourne, Australia

René Stockman
Superior General
Brothers of Charity,
Belgium

Alex Cohen,
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine,
London, UK

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13.00 am to 15.00 am: Session 2: Human Rights

Organiser: Robert van Voren, Global Initiative on Psychiatry, Netherlands;

Keynote: Anand Grover, UN Rapporteur for Health and Human Rights, India

Panel discussion on human rights in mental health

Moderator

Clemens Huitink
International Policy Advisor,
Mental Health Association, The Netherlands

In this workshop we will focus on user participation and user involvement. After the WHO Ministerial conference in Helsinki (2005) this principle was broadly adopted by the governments of Europe. What has happened since? Was this principle turned into reality or was it just a lip-service? What is the reality, also for people in closed institutions? In this workshop we will also focus on the CRPD (Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities) from different perspectives. At the time the CRPD was developed and introduced it was surrounded by a lot of hopes that this Convention could change the lives of the users in psychiatry for the better and would encourage users to take more the lead in their own lives thus taking their faith in their own hands. What makes this Convention unique is that it focus on all people with disabilities including people with mental health problems.

Nevertheless questions can be raised about the Convention:

- is it a myth or a reality?
- Is it a new dawn or a false hope?

Our speakers include:

- Ursula Read from England who will give us an anthropological perspective on human rights
- Lina Ciuksiene who will focus on a user perspective from a country (Lithuania) which is struggling to bring their mental health systems more in line with the European standards, thus developing mechanisms on user participation
- Sylvester Katontoka from Zambia who will give his perspective from a user from Africa
- A user representative from Greece who will focus on human rights in Greece with a view on a reforming mental health system.
- Dovile Juodkaite will bring us a global legal perspective on the possible impact of the Convention
- Susan Catharine Keter from Kenya who will give us her personal experience as a user of the mental health system in Kenya

After the presentations Clemens Huitink will be the moderator in a round table discussion with the presenters and the audience.

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15.30 pm to 17.30 pm: Session 3: Strategies for the future

Moderator

Vikram Patel, LSHTM/Sangath, UK/India

Keynote: Vuyiseka Dubula-Majola, Secretary-General, Treatment Action Campaign, South Africa

Panelists

Ritz Kakuma,
Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research, Canada

Dr Christine Parsons
University of Oxford, UK

Jagannath Lamichhane,
Mental Health Foundation, Nepal

Kathryn Goetzke White
International Foundation for Research and Education on Depression, USA

Sarah Skeen
University of Cape Town, South Africa

Helen Herrman
ORYGEN, Australia

Richard Turner (tbc)
The Lancet

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