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BULLETIN**

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International Conference on "Depression and other Common Mental Disorders in Primary Care"

The International Conference on "Depression and other Common Mental Disorders in Primary Care" was held in the city of Granada, Spain, from June 18-21, 2008. The event was sponsored by a group of institutions including the University of Granada, the World Association of Psychiatry, WONCA, the Spanish Psychiatric Association, the Spanish Society of Family and Community Medicine and others. The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) were also sponsors of this event.

Mental health professionals from Brazil, Chile, and Belize, representing Latin America and Caribbean countries, served on different panels stating the continental vision of mental health as well as the most positive field experiences from their respective countries.

Dr. Jorge Rodríguez, the Coordinator of Mental Health in PAHO/WHO, offered an overview of the situation of mental health services in Latin America and the Caribbean as well as the principal challenges and perspectives. The presentation also focused on the experience with programs for prevention and treatment of depression in some countries of the region, with particular emphasis on the Panama experience based on community participation."

SMAD Electronic Journal Mental Health Alcohol and Drugs

SMAD Electronic Journal Mental Health Alcohol and Drugs (www.eerp.usp.br/resmad) is a new on-line information system that offers a platform for researchers and specialists in mental health, alcohol and drugs to disseminate their experience and research in Scientific articles.

The Journal was planned and developed by the Department of Psychiatric Nursing and Human Sciences at the University of São Paulo at Ribeirão Preto College of Nursing, WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing Research Development, located in the city of Ribeirão Preto, São Paulo State, Brazil.

SAMD offer free access to full version of scientific articles; knowledge exchange among researchers from all over the world; information in Portuguese, English and Spanish; Electronic management of manuscripts; abstracts published in three languages; advanced search of platform content; opportunity to disseminate national and international events on these themes.



Mental Health in the Americas

[A Change of Mentality >>](#)

Mental Health Information on PAHO/
WHO Webpage



**World Fellowship for
schizophrenia and
allied disorders**

(WFSAD)

<http://espanol.world-schizophrenia.org/>

alianza/



Committee for the Upliftment of the Mentally Ill

The Committee for the Upliftment of the Mentally Ill (CUMI) is a non-governmental organization (NGO) and charitable foundation based in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

CUMI seeks to provide community-based outreach to and advocacy for the homeless mentally ill of Montego Bay and St. James Parish. The length of treatment is determined by the nature of the illness and the availability of community resources.

After the initial recovery of the client in a hospital setting, CUMI seeks to continue the stages of care by re-educating the client into the activities of daily living, such as maintenance of personal and household care, medication maintenance, skills training, and social and vocational rehabilitation. Without this second stage of treatment, the benefits of initial care through hospitalization would quickly be lost.

The site for CUMI was chosen near the town center, where most of the homeless population congregates (the project managers must have access to those who need services, and those in need must have access to centrally located agencies).

For more information visit the Web site <http://www.cumimobay.org/index.html>

Latin American Journal of Nursing

The **Latin American Journal of Nursing (RLAE)** is the official scientific publication of the University of São Paulo at Ribeirão Preto College of Nursing, Brazil, WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing Research Development. Its mission is to publish scientific research results in nursing and other areas of interest for health professionals. This Journal is published in Brazil and circulates bimonthly in different countries around the world. Its first issue was published in January 1993. The printed version is issued in English and the electronic version in Portuguese, Spanish and English. RLAE is affiliated with the Brazilian Association of Scientific Editors - ABEC and indexed in the most important national and international databases.

At present, all online material published by this journal's site is available free of charge.

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Coming EVENTS

- **WFMH International Forum on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings, London, England, 28-29 August 2008.** www.wfmh.org
- **XX Peruvian Congress of Psychiatry, Lima, Peru, 29-31 August, 2008.** www.app.org.pe
- **51st International ICAA Conference on Dependencies, Limassol, Chipre, 2-7 November 2008.** www.icaa.ch/ICAA_Limassol_2008_majin.html
- **XXV Congress APAL 2008, Isla Margarita. Venezuela, November 18- 22, 2008.** www.apal2008.org
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