Ukrainian Psychiatry: Practice, Education, Researches

Scientific-Practical Conference with International Participation “Ukrainian Psychiatry: Practice, Education, Researches” was held in Kharkiv (Ukraine) on May 17-18, 2018.

Participants of the Conference were more than 350 specialists from Ukraine and abroad who work in the field of mental health care (psychiatrists, narcologists, psychotherapists, medical psychologists, educators, and representatives of non-governmental organization). The Conference was opened by Prof. Petro V. Voloshyn, President of the Association of Neurologists, Psychiatrists and Narcologists of Ukraine.

The letters of greeting for participants of the Conference were sent by head officers of the World Psychiatric Association (WPA) and the European Psychiatric Association (EPA) (Prof. Helen Herrman, WPA President (Australia), Prof. Silvana Galderisi, EPA President (Italy), Prof. Muhammad Afzal Javed, WPA President-Elect (UK/Pakistan), and Prof. Tamas Kurimay, Chair of the EPA Council of NPAs (Hungary)).

In the framework of the Opening Ceremony, young scientists, members of the Association of Neurologists, Psychiatrists and Narcologists of Ukraine, Sofia Lagutina (Kyiv), Kateryna Zelenska (Kharkiv), Yuriy Mysula (Ternopil), Viktoria Fedchenko (Kharkiv), and Lilia Korovina (Kharkiv) were awarded with commendations for their research activities.

There were 1 plenary session and 7 section meetings, scientific debates, as well as a council of heads of departments of psychiatry, narcology, and medical psychology from medical universities in the structure of the Conference. During the event, 68 lectures and presentations were made and discussed on the most actual problems of education, practice and investigations in the field of mental health in Ukraine.

The main scientific directions of the Conference were important topics, such as a development of mental health care in Ukraine (legislation, services, workforces, and interdepartmental interactions); an implementation of evidence based guidelines of psychiatric care for population in Ukraine; effective models of treatment and rehabilitation for principal mental disorders (neurotic and depressive disorders, schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorders, dementia, etc.); medical and psychological consequences of military conflicts (diagnosis, rehabilitation, organization of medical care delivery); an implementation of international experiences into the mental health care practice in Ukraine; an improvement of researches which determine ways for reforming, the structure and personnel provision of the mental health care system in Ukraine.

Participants of the Conference came to a consensus that actual problems of development of the mental health care in Ukraine will be solved within the “Concept of Development of Mental Health Care in Ukraine for the Period up to 2030”, approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine (Order No. 1393-p from 27 December 2017), and the Plan of measures to realize this Concept (on the stage of public discussion at the moment). Representatives of the Association of Neurologists, Psychiatrists and Narcologists of Ukraine participated actively in development of these documents.

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