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To the Members of the National  
Psychiatric Associations

Strasbourg, 11 May 2012

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the EPA Scientific Programme Committee, we are pleased to invite you to the 21<sup>st</sup> European Congress of Psychiatry taking place in Nice, France on 6-9 April 2013. This Congress marks the **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the EPA. The scientific programme will have a well-balanced variety of sessions around the most important topics in psychiatry today while at the same time looking forward into the future.

As you may know, during the 20<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Psychiatry in Prague, the EPA Extraordinary General Assembly voted upon new statutes for the EPA. These modifications now allow your national psychiatric association to become a full voting member of the EPA. Through your national membership, you automatically become an affiliate member of the EPA. Affiliate members pay no annual fee to EPA and benefit from regular EPA e-news, observer status at the EPA General Assembly and a discount on membership upgrade to Individual level.

To take advantage of an **early bird Congress registration fee**, we invite you to register before 22 January 2013 at [www.epa-congress.org](http://www.epa-congress.org). Your participation in the Congress will give you the opportunity to interact and network with colleagues from Europe and around the world; it will also help to highlight the strengths of the National Society/Association Members within the new EPA structure.

The Congress motto, "Europe Challenges the Burden of Mental Disorders," is a call to contribute to the European psychiatrists' efforts to improve mental health in Europe. Therefore, in addition to your attendance we invite you to take part in this exchange of knowledge and experience by **submitting proposals online** for symposia and workshops (deadline 23 May 2012) and posters and free communication abstracts (deadline 22 October 2012). All details are available on the Congress website [www.epa-congress.org](http://www.epa-congress.org).

The Scientific Programme Committee and the EPA Head Office team remain at your disposal for any further information. We look forward to seeing you in Nice.

Best regards,



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