



You are invited to attend the meeting for the Council of Organisational Representatives
In Beijing, China at the XXVI IASP Congress
Wednesday, 14 September 2011 at 12.30p.m

AGENDA

1. Welcome by Chair of the Council of Organisational Representatives.
2. Recording of those present and apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the Council of Organisational Representatives meeting held in Montevideo, Uruguay 2009
4. Business arising from the 2009 Council of Organisational Representatives meeting minutes.
5. Election of a Deputy and Chairperson of the Council of Organisational Representatives
6. Reports
 - 6.1 Report of the Chair of the Council of Organisational Representatives.
 - 6.2 Report from the President.
7. Consider the motions submitted by organizational members to the Central Office in advance of the meeting day.
8. Proposals and recommendations of policy for the Association.
9. New business.
10. Adjournment

MINUTES: COUNCIL OF ORGANISATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES 2009

Montevideo Uruguay

1. Chair of the Council of Organisational Representatives welcomed participants.

2. Recording of those present and apologies for absence.

American Association for Suicidology – Lanny Berman

Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention – Diego de Leo

Beijing Crisis Centre – Michael Phillips

Federal University of Ceara – Fabio Souza and Valeria Souza

Finnish Association for Mental Health – Outi Ruishalme

LifeLine – Ron Walker

Choose Life – Donovan Thomas

Samaritans – Joy Field

SPRC – Jerry Reed (Chair)

Stop Suicide - Florian Irminger

Members of the Board: Heidi Hjelmeland, Murad Khan, Vanda Scott, Brian Mishara

3. Reports

a. Report of the Chair of the Council of Organisational Representatives. A formal written report on the activities of the past two years with agenda for the meeting was provided to all in attendance.

b. Comments from the floor

- Request to define the Role of the Council
- Incentives to encourage organisations to become an organizational member of IASP
- Define products and resources that we can offer to organisations
- IASP branding and association with an organisation brings visibility and credibility to the work of the organization when working to promote World Suicide Prevention Day or other suicide prevention activities
- Suggest offering IASP Certificates of Membership with WHO labels “in official relationship” that organizational members could use in their local efforts to promote suicide prevention efforts
- The Chair reminded the Council of its obligations:
 - Promote and recommend policy guidelines to the Executive Committee.

- Present information on organizational members to the Executive Committee
- Communicate organisational needs to the Executive Committee
- Encourage organisational members to share models of good practice

c. The President, Professor Mishara advised on the work of the Executive Committee by delivering a report to the Council.

The four strategic priorities, which are being translated into actions are:

1) To make the problem of suicide and the need for suicide prevention more visible at a global level.

- ✚ **Asia-Pacific Regional Congress:** In 2009, the 3rd Asia-Pacific Regional Congress was held in Hong-Kong, under the direction of Paul Yip
- ✚ **World Congress:** The Congress in Montevideo has participants from over 61 different countries and 567 registered participants.
- ✚ **CRISIS:** The journal has received increasing numbers of submissions. After consultation with the Board and examination of the IASP financial situation, it was decided to increase the number of issues by 50% from 4 to 6 issues per year, starting in January 2010.

2) Promote suicide prevention activities

- ✚ **Web site:** IASP developed its own website. Each year, activity on the Website increases tremendously around World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD), celebrated annually on 10 September. This year not only was activity on the Website very high, but we have Facebook page where we now have over 900 Facebook fans and IASP had a very active presence on Twitter.
- ✚ **World Suicide Prevention Day:** In the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 activities on World Suicide Prevention Day were held in over 40 countries around the world with a launch event held at the United Nations headquarters in New York. The launch activity each year involved a public conference which in 2009 was held to a standing room only audience.
- ✚ **New WHO Mental Health Initiative:** The WHO has launched a new mental health initiative called "Mh-GAP", the programme has several goals concerning suicide prevention. According to the programme, collaborating NGOs, of which IASP is the only collaborating NGO in official relations with WHO working exclusively in the area of suicide prevention, will be called upon to help implement this new WHO initiative.

3) Systematic knowledge transfer providing knowledge and experience at a global level.

- ✚ **IASP-WHO Collaborative Publications:** In the past 2 years, two new publications were produced by IASP Task Forces and these documents were published jointly by IASP and the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ✚ **IASP and WHO initiated a joint project involving pesticide suicide prevention pilot programmes in India, Sri Lanka and China.** Unfortunately, after having signed a contract with the Mental Health Division of WHO and working on the project with WHO for over a year, the director of the division decided that the agreement would be cancelled. This was not due to the IASP Steering Committee members but that this was part of a WHO policy of no longer having such individual contractual agreements with different organizations.

✚ **Violence Prevention Alliance:** IASP was represented at the Violence Prevention Alliance meeting at WHO by the President, Brian Mishara and Jerry Reed. Although suicidal behaviors account for a large proportion of violence worldwide, the Violence Prevention Alliance has decided to focus on interpersonal violence at the present time, although suicide is often mentioned and is also cited in number of their documents.

✚ **Task Forces:** There is a separate report on Task Forces so I shall not go into detail. However, IASP now has established new Task Forces on Police and the Military, Emergency Medicine and Suicide and Helplines.

4) Strengthening the Association

✚ **Central Office Relocation:** One of the other major Board activities has been the move of the Central Office to Oslo, Norway. Central Office will be replaced by a new person who will be recruited to begin work on 1 January 2010.

✚ **Representation of IASP:** The IASP President represented the association in three important activities in Latin American and Caribbean region, the Latin American and Caribbean Association for Suicide Prevention meeting in Brazil, and WHO-Pan American Health Association regional conferences in Nicaragua and Guyana., as well as activities in Taiwan and the ceremony and conference on the occasion of recognition of the Beijing Suicide Research and Prevention Centre as an official WHO collaborating centre.

I would like to conclude my report by saying what an honour it has been to lead this Association for the past 4 years with an amazing Board of inspirational and challenging colleagues.

Response from the floor:

- Clarification on the role of WHO
- WSPD statement went out globally but local offices had not necessarily been contacted.
- Requirement to ask WHO to be more regionally activated

President's report was approved:

Proposed: Michael Phillips

Seconded: Diego de Leo

4. Consider the motions submitted by organizational members to the Central Office in advance of the meeting day. None received

From the floor:

- A website facility for organisations
 - Consultation process to assist countries who wish to pursue research opportunities or perhaps identify international speakers
 - Consider whether the President report should not be a part of future Council meetings since it will be presented to the General Assembly.
5. Proposals and recommendations of policy for the Association.
 - Explore meaningful way of fostering relationships
 - Engage organisational members in IASP activities
 - Continue to find ways to promote the work of Organisational members (newsletter

and possibly considering a dedicated plenary to focus on organizational member contributions at future regional and world congresses).

- WSPD – publicity package was sent to all organizational members. Continue cohesion and collaboration with other's activities was encouraged.
- Remain tuned in to any conflict and confusion within countries in regard to activities around suicide prevention such as WSPD. It may be helpful to support choosing a lead organization where there are multiple organizational members in one area to facilitate success and prevent unnecessary duplication.
- Council encouraged continued efforts by encouraging all stakeholders to be fully represented (i.e. Survivors and Help Lines)
- Personal links with new members should be proactive. Outreach should begin as soon as a new organizational member is identified.

6. Election of a Deputy and Chairperson of the Council of Organisational Representatives

Nomination for Chair: Jerry Reed

Nomination for Deputy: Joy Field

Both positions were supported with full acclamation

7. New business.

Brazilian representative discussed integration of other professional organisations in the country. Also commented on media issues in his country. Requested assistance of IASP to start national process. Murad Kahn and Jerry Reed agreed to meet with members of the Brazilian delegation to explore opportunities. Meeting set for Friday, October 30, 2009.

8. Chair expressed the appreciation of the Council to the exiting Board Members Dr. Mishara, Dr. Beautrais, Dr. Bronish and Dr. Van Herringen and thanked all for the support of organizational member activities over the past two years. Chair also expressed a welcome to new board members and looked forward to continued advances.

9. Adjournment



Jerry Reed, Ph.D., M.S.W.
Chair
Council of Organizational Representatives
International Association for Suicide Prevention
October 30, 2009