IASP Task Force on Suicide in Prisons

The newly created Task Force on Suicide in Prisons is already proceeding with a series of new projects. The eight members of the Task Force represent different countries and areas of expertise:

- Professor Marc Daigle (Chair of the Task Force), Centre for Research and Intervention on Suicide and Euthanasia, Canada
- Dr. A. E. Daniel, M.D., Director of Psychiatric Services, Missouri Department of Corrections, USA
- Dr Greg Dear, School of Psychology, Edith Cowan University, Australia
- Dr. Patrick Frottier, Medical Director of the JA Mittersteig, Austria
- Mr Lindsay M. Hayes, Project director, National Center on Institutions and Alternatives, USA
- Professor Ad Kerkhof, Vrije Universiteit, Netherlands
- Dr. Norbert Konrad, Institute of Forensic Psychiatry, Charite - University, Germany
- Professor Alison Liebling, Cambridge Institute of Criminology, United Kingdom
- Professor Marco Sarchiapone, MD, University of Molise, Italy

The mandate of that task force is to bring together the available knowledge and expertise on suicidal behaviour in prisons in order to facilitate the wider dissemination of the fundamentals of effective suicide prevention in prisons.

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World Suicide Prevention Day 2006 Brochures Available and Collaboration on World Mental Health Day

A brochure announcing the 2006 World Suicide Prevention Day, to be held on 10th September 2006, is available on the IASP web site and printed copies have just been mailed to all IASP members. In the coming weeks French and Spanish versions will be available for downloading from the web site and we are also planning a Chinese version. This year’s theme, “With understanding, new hope,” focuses upon translating current research knowledge into practical programmes and activities that can reduce suicidal behaviours and save lives. This year we are collaborating with the World Federation for Mental Health in the launch of World Suicide Prevention Day as well as activities for World Mental Health Day (10 October 2006), whose theme this year is “Building Awareness- Reducing Risk: Mental Illness and Suicide.” IASP members will receive the WFMH information package on the 2006 World Mental Health Day and we will announce other collaborative efforts for these two events in future IASP Newsletters.