

## *Message from the President*



Since our last World Association on Dual Disorders (WADD) report, I have been very active in fulfilling my duties as President of WADD; we decided to expand worldwide the WADD representation and the results of our efforts were quite positive; currently, we have representation in the following countries/regions of the world : Canada, United States (USA), Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentina, Spain, Portugal, England, Ireland, France, Italy, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Netherlands, Austria, Yugoslavia, Croatia, Morocco, Slovenia, Israel, Kuwait, Algeria, China, Taiwan, Malaysia, India and Australia; In future months, we will continue our efforts to reach out to all countries of the world.

On May 24, 2016, I was invited to deliver a Lecture in Buenos Aires, Argentina during the "Jornada Seguridad Social: Adicciones y Estrategias de Prevention", organized by the "Superintendencia de Servicios de Salud" of the Argentinian Government" Dr. Javier Didia Attas joined me in this occasion; my lectured focused of "Los Trastornos por Abuso de Substancias: Abordajes y Revision de las Estrategias de Prevencion".

On June 1-3, 2016, I attended and presented in the "VI International Congress of Dual and Addictive Disorders" held in Lisboa, Portugal, on the topic of "Dual and Addictive Disorders : A Challenge for Humanity"; In this Congress, I participated in a Forum on the topic of "Tratar o Doente Adicto e Dual"; The Excutive Committee of WADD also held an official meeting of our WADD organization during this Congress.

On August 18, 2016, I delivered a lecture on the topic of "Focusing on Dual Disorders" during the "ECOS DE APA (American Psychiatric Association) which is held annually in Buenos Aires, Argentina for approximately 10 years.

On September 14-16, 2016, I will be lecturing at the public university of Asuncion, Paraguay, and I will certainly have plenty of opportunities to address and discuss with medical students, psychiatric residents, and faculty the topic of "dual disorders".

On October 5-7. 2016, I will attend and present in the "Segundo Simposio Colombiano de Patologia Dual", organized by the "Universidad CES" and directed by Dr. Guillermo Alonso Castano Perez; In this Symposium, I will present a lecture on the topic of "Enfoques en Patologia Dual"; I will also participate in "discussion groups" with psychiatric residents, professors and invited psychiatrists from the community; Dr. Carlos Roncero will also participate in this educational Symposium.

On October 20-22, 2016, I will attend and present in the congress organized by the "International Society of Addiction Medicine" of Canada; Dr. Nady El-guebaly, and my lecture will be on the topic of "Dual Disorders : Current Perspectives".

I look forward to the next meeting of our WADD Executive Committee that will take place in Madrid, Spain, on January 13-15, 2017, as well as, "The First World Congress of the World Association on Dual Disorders (WADD)" in collaboration with "The V International Congress on Addiction and Other Mental Disorders" of the "Sociedad Espanola de Patologia Dual" that will jointly take place in Madrid, Spain, on March 23-26, 2017.

I also wish to take this opportunity to deeply thank our Administrative Secretary Lucia Garagorri for her excellent assistance in the affairs of WADD.

**Pedro Ruiz, M.D.**  
**PRESIDENT, WADD**

# *Colombian Dual Pathology Association*

## *Activities*

The Colombian Dual Pathology Association - ASODUAL - [www.patologiadual.co](http://www.patologiadual.co), is a non-profit scientific society, composed of professionals in different areas who work in clinical practice, teaching and researching on the field of dual pathology, defined as the presence of at least one substance use related disorder and at least one mental disorder.

ASODUAL contributes with health care, government and education agencies, creating and implementing national and regional policies in Dual Pathology management in Colombia.

Among its objectives, it aims to:

- Represent professionals working in the field of Dual Pathology.
- Achieve integration of different groups, associations and professionals at a national and international level, who are dedicated to the field of Dual Pathology.
- Promote teaching and research programs in the field of Dual Pathology.
- Raise awareness and extend knowledge of the problem that Dual Pathology represents among professionals, government institutions and society in general.
- Participate in the design and planning of activities and resources aimed at improving the quality of life of patients with Dual Pathology, their families and environment.

Actions for 2016:

1. Collaboration in providing teachers in Dual Pathology courses offered by the Faculty of Medicine of CES University in Medellin-Colombia.
2. Collaboration with teachers at the Dual Pathology course of the Psychiatry Specialization Program at CES University, offered to its residents.
3. Cooperation with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in the Dual Pathology Project 2016- 2017.
4. Organization of the 2nd Dual Pathology Symposium on October the 7th 2016, at CES University in Medellin-Colombia, with the participation of Dr. Pedro Ruiz, President of the World Society of Dual Pathology, and Dr. Carlos Roncero Alonso, Vice President of the Spanish Society of Dual Pathology.

Sincerely,

**Guillermo Alonso Castaño Pérez**  
**Samuel Zuleta Sánchez**  
**Luz Angela Rojas Bernal**  
**ASODUAL Promotion Committee**

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## ***ACAPI- Meeting about Substance Abuse, prevention and treatment***

ACAPI in joint with the of Social Security office of Argentina (Superintendencia de Servicios de Salud) and the substance abuse Office (Sedronar) organized a meeting about Substance Abuse, prevention and treatment on May 24th .

It took place at the Auditorium of the National Bank of Argentina(Banco Nación) and held about 400 participants.

In this event Dr. Pedro Ruiz, President of WADD and Past President of WPA was invited as a main conference speaker presented by ACAPI's president Dr. Javier Didia Attas. The lecture was about "Substance Abuse & Hispanics : Policies and Outcomes" .

Dr. Ruiz emphasized about enhancing preventive programs in the region and showed a vast experience in the US implementing treatment and preventive programs and its outcomes.

## ***DUAL AND ADDICTIVE PATHOLOGY: A CHALLENGE FOR HUMANITY***



The **VI International Dual and Addictive Pathology Congress**, with the theme “Dual and Addictive Pathology: A Challenge for Humanity” was held in **Lisbon, Portugal, from 2nd June until 3rd June 2016**, with pre-congress seminars in the 1st of June. It was organized by the Portuguese Dual Pathology Association. The President of the Congress has been Dr. Luís

Patrício, founder and Director of Addictions Unit and Dual Pathology Health House Carnaxide and the Vice President has been Dr. Célia Franco, also from Portugal and President of the Portuguese Dual Pathology Association (APPD). It had innumerable well known speakers like Prof. Pedro Ruíz, from USA and President of the World Association on Dual Disorders (WADD), Dr. Mark W. Parrino, President of the American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence (AATOD), Dr. Gilberto Gerra, Chief of Drug Prevention and Health Branch (UNODC), Prof. Icro Maremanni, from Italy and President of European Opiate Addiction Treatment Association (EUROPAD), Dr. Néstor Szerman, from Spain and President of the Dual Pathology Section of World Psychiatric Association (WPA), Dr. Javier Didia Attas, from Argentina and President of three Iberoamerican Addictions and Dual Pathology Association (ACAPI). The congress was well participated with about 350 participants and it was an opportunity to change experiences between different countries such as Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Caribbean, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Guinea-Bissau, Italy, Macedonia, Mexico, Mozambique, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain and the United States of America.



**Dra Celia Franco**

**President of the Associação Portuguesa de Patologia Dual APPD**

## ***ABOUT WADD***

The growth across the world of what is now referred to as “Dual Disorders” brings about the need to create a World Association which will bring together professionals whose clinical, teaching and research activities are related to Dual Disorders.

WADD “World Association on Dual Disorders » was founded on April 19th, 2015 and its registration has been formally requested in the corresponding official Registry Office in Madrid in July 2015.

This association has been created to achieve the following purposes : To increase the study, research and divulgation of Dual Pathology from a bio-psycho-social perspective, Dual Pathology being defined as the coincidence in the same person of an addiction, or addictive conduct and another mental disorder. Being a priority to address the concept ‘Dual Disorders’ and its future role in the world.

WADD contemplates organizing every other year a World congress (the first one to be held in Spain) and motivating, encouraging and scientifically supporting, 2- 3 annual Regional meetings. WADD will also co-sponsor meetings achieving WADD’s scientific standards, organized by other agencies or institutions.

WADD officers were decided , a President, elected for 3 years, who can be re-elected for a second term, a Vice-president, elected for 3 years, will remain in that position for another 3 years term if the President is re-elected. The Secretary is elected for 3 years and the Treasurer for 4 years. Country representatives are elected for 3 years and can be elected for another 3 year term.

The Candidacy for the office of the Executive Committee and Country Representative needs to be submitted at least 3 months before the election day. Information regarding this issue will be publicized six months in advance.

WADD is building a website and will publish a Digital Newsletter every four months, we wish the impact of Dual Disorders in the different parts of the world to be clearly presented and acknowledged.

We invite all professionals in Dual Disorders to join WADD, to send us their feedback, their proposals for regional meetings and to express how Dual Disorders is affecting life at large in your environment, making WADD’s Newsletter a live instrument.

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# *Future Scientific Meetings*

***The First World Congress of the World Association on Dual Disorders (WADD) and the Fifth International Congress of the Sociedad Espanola de Patologia Dual (SEPD) will be jointly organized in***

***Madrid, Spain, on March 23-26, 2017***



## ***AATOD Conference***

***Baltimore, October 29 – November 2, 2016***

We are pleased to announce the Conference of the American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence. Prof. Icro Maremmani, member of WADD's Executive Committee will be representing WADD at this conference.

***WADD will be, scientifically, sponsoring high level events related to Dual Disorders proposed by its members. Members are encouraged to send their proposals to WADD's Secretariat [secretariat@worlddualdisorders.org](mailto:secretariat@worlddualdisorders.org)***

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**Are you facing daily individuals with addictions and psychiatric disorders?**

**There is a need to create new approaches, to propose new techniques and procedures to national and international health institutions.**

**Dual Disorders are a major issue in our world of today.**

**Join the World Association on Dual Disorders and address the future role of the “Dual Disorders” concept at a worldwide/international level**

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