

Message from the President



Dear Friends and colleagues,

Obviously, the interest for WADD is very strong all over the world. With respect to organizational events related to WADD, next April 14-16, 2016 we will attend the XVIII “Jornadas Nacionales de Patología Dual” which will take place in Madrid, Spain. This will offer a unique opportunity not only to educationally present in this Congress on behalf of WADD, but we will also have an official meeting of the leadership of WADD where we will address, discuss and plan future events related to WADD; Likewise, we will also have the opportunity to attend and participate in the forthcoming VI Portuguese Dual Pathology Congress that will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, on June 1- 4, 2016; In this occasion, not only will be actively involved in the educational component of this Internationally-driven Congress, but we will also have the opportunity to conduct a leadership meeting of WADD

to further expand the activities of WADD at an international level; Likewise, I will, on behalf of WADD, participate in the ISAM international congress that will take place in Montreal, Canada, on October 20-23, 2016. Dr Nady el-Gebaly will also be present in this occasion and will also be deeply involved in the organization of this international event; without question, many of our worldwide members of WADD will also be present during the Annual Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association that will take place on May 14-18th of this year (2016) in Atlanta, Georgia; Likewise, we will also have the opportunity to participate and address the topic of Dual Disorders in the International Congress of the Mexican Psychiatric Association and AILANCYP that will take place in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico on June 9th – 12th of 2016. We should also mention the Dual Diagnosis Congress that recently took place in Colombia, Latin American, under the leadership of Dr Guillermo Castaño, Dr Elvia Velasquez and Dr Silvia Gaviria, and where our own international leader, Dr. Nestor Szerman, attended and presented on behalf of WADD; Obviously, WADD is growing very fast and appropriately. It is certainly a pleasure and an honor for me to be the current President of WADD”

Best regards,

Pedro Ruiz, M.D.
PRESIDENT, WADD

Message from the Secretary



Dear Friends and colleagues,

The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) convened a meeting of a working group, at its headquarters in Washington DC, in December 8th and 9th 2015, in order to review conceptual considerations and define a proposal for comprehensive public health approach for the concurrence between substance use disorders and other mental disorders, also known as "Dual Disorders".

During the meeting, the group agreed to set a timetable of related activities, to be developed in the Americas Region during the period 2016-2017.

The working group was coordinated by Dr. Luis Alfonzo, (Advisor on Substance Abuse of PAHO), Dr. Rodrigo Marin-Navarrete, (Principal Investigator of the National Institute of Psychiatry "Ramon de la Fuente Muñiz" (INP) from Mexico) and myself as President of the Spanish Society of Dual Pathology (SEPD), WADD Secretary and Chair of WPA Section on Dual Disorders, on behalf of and representing Spain's Delegation Government for the National Plan on Drugs.

The meeting had the in-person participation of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) staff and representatives of national, regional and supra-regional agencies and organizations, related subjects under discussion and work sessions were open to participants of these countries, through a liaison of telematics network. From the debate carried out, it was possible to draw a series of conclusions, which were integrated in joint work plan 2016-2017, coordinated by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), with the support of the World Association on Dual Disorders (WADD), World Psychiatric Association (WPA) Section on Dual Disorders, Spanish Society on Dual Disorders (SEPD), the National Institute of Psychiatry Ramón de la Fuente Muñiz (INP) and other actors of regional importance, such as the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), Organization of American States (OAS) and Iberoamerican NGO working in drug addictions (RIOD).

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Warm regards,

Dr. Nestor Szerman
SECRETARY, WADD

WADD Executive Committee Meeting

Madrid, April 14th, 2016

During the XVIII Spanish Congress on Dual Disorders (Madrid, April 14th 2016) the second Executive meeting of WADD will take place to which the President, Prof. Pedro Ruiz, Vice-President Prof. Miguel Casas, Secretary Dr. Nestor Szerman and Treasurer Prof Icro Maremmani will be attending.

Send your proposals of candidatures for your country to be represented at WADD's Board. Candidatures will be reviewed by the Executive Committee which will be presented, to be voted, at the **General Assembly scheduled for March 23-26th , 2017. Save the date!**

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

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

V INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON DUAL DISORDERS

Madrid, 23-26 March, 2017



VI Congress of Dual and Addictive Disorders

Lisbon, June 1-4th 2016

The Portuguese Association of Dual Pathology (APPD), is pleased to invite you to the VI Congress of Dual and Addictive Disorders in Lisbon, Portugal from the 1st to the 4th of June in 2016 under the theme Dual and Addictive Disorders: A challenge for Humanity.

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.

New Associations on Dual Disorders

COLOMBIAN ASSOCIATION ON DUAL DISORDERS

During the "Dual Disorders Simposia" (Medellín, November 27th 2015) the Founding meeting of the "Asociación Colombiana de Patología Dual", which is sponsored by WADD, took place.

Dra Elvia Velasquez, country representative for WADD, attended this meeting. Dr Guillermo Castaño, professor from CES University, was elected as Acting President of the Colombian Association on Dual Disorders.

ASSOCIAÇÃO BRASILEIRA DE IMPULSIVIDADE E PATOLOGIA DUAL (ABIPD)

We are pleased to announce the future constitution of the "Associação Brasileira de impulsividade e patologia dual- ABIPD". The founding meeting will take place in Salvador de Bahia on 1st-2nd July 2016.

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BECOME A WADD MEMBER!



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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