Dear Colleagues,

The 28th European Congress of Psychiatry, organised by the largest international association of psychiatrists in Europe, will take place on 28-31 March 2020 in Madrid, Spain. The city’s rich past has produced some of Europe’s most awe-inspiring artwork, architecture, and landmarks, alongside a far-reaching cultural contribution to language, music, and cuisine. Madrid is among many European capitals that all boast an impressive artistic and historic heritage, and this collective European legacy extends well into the realm of science, where common approaches and shared objectives have led us to great and rapid progress.

To celebrate our remarkable scientific legacies, the 2020 congress will take place under the motto “The Shared Heritage of European Psychiatry”.

Indeed, we have a fantastic heritage in psychiatry, thanks not only to eminent clinicians and patients involved in research but also to the combined knowledge we gain from social-, neuro- and computer sciences. Attending the EPA Congress means sharing our experiences and knowledge to uncover new insights on the complex disorders we treat, exchange practical techniques and guidance for every day clinical challenges, and reinforce our commitment to our patients and their careers.

Psychiatry’s continuing evolution, involving the organisation of better mental health services, the development of innovative models of care, and the discovery of new research paradigms, drives us to share the latest discoveries for the benefit of all. Many challenges still exist, but by drawing on the successes from the past and moving forward with new knowledge together, we can help shape a better future for professionals and patients alike.

We feel confident that the EPA 2020 congress in Madrid will serve as a place of learning where we can all share the latest models, approaches, and research, continuing with all the best traditions of the European Psychiatric Association and representing for all participants a treasured personal and professional experience.

We look forward to welcoming you to the heart of Spain!

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