



Global psychiatry: a LAMIC perspective

Abstract

This editorial highlights the nouveau approach of OJPAS® to promote psychiatry in low and middle income countries (LAMIC), with research contributions from a global consortium.

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We strived to bring a nouveau OJPAS™... we realised that 'nouveau' necessitates change.[1] Hence, we have resumed in our endeavour as a team, and are working on changes toward that: a nouveau OJPAS®.

The Open Journal of Psychiatry & Allied Sciences, in short OJPAS, got registered with Controller General of Patents Design & Trade Marks, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. As a result, OJPAS™ becomes OJPAS®.[2]

The journal has been registered under the Press and Registration of Books (PRB) Act, 1987 and the Certificate of Registration from the Office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI), Government of India is issued with Registration Number (RN): ASSENG/2016/70661.[3,4]

The Editorial and Advisory Boards are restructured,[5] as well as About the Journal and Author Instructions are reformed.[6,7] We need to name the following six figures in this context, who are always there to support and contribute in what OJPAS® strives to be:

Dan Joseph Stein from South Africa, Ritwij Niketan Oodun from Mauritius, Ivana Stasevic Karlicic from Serbia, Leslie Marneau from France, Korina Hatzinikolaou from Greece, and Unaiza Niaz from Pakistan.

To the journal's already existing scopes of: 'tapping new ideas from young minds before being bogged down by conventional thinking' and 'understanding mental illness from the cultural viewpoint to formulate preventive and therapeutic approaches', is now added: 'promotion of psychiatry in low and middle income countries (LAMIC)'. [6]

The new logo of the journal is designed by our creative Editorial Assistant, Arunima Dutta (Figure 1). It is an ellipsoid earth with the image of brain in the middle, to signify 'global psychiatry'. There are two semicircles on opposite sides, representing the LAMIC and the non-LAMIC. The shared blue colour of the semicircles symbolises what OJPAS® aims for: to bring them at par.[6]

Let OJPAS® be the platform for contributors from both LAMIC and non-LAMIC: a true global consortium, to reduce the LAMIC—non-LAMIC gap as far as research related to translational science of mental health in this region is concerned. Such initiatives are on, in the forms of World

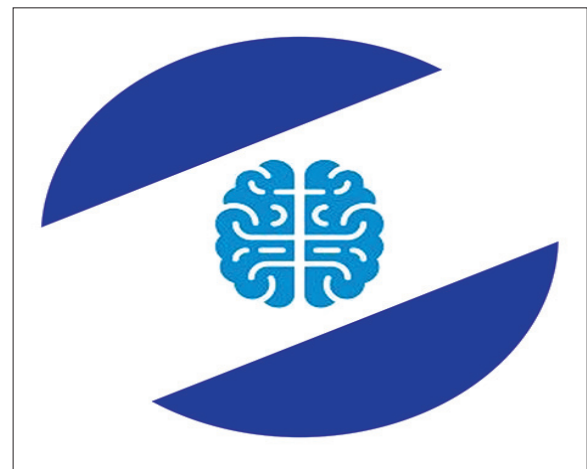


Figure 1: Global psychiatry: a LAMIC perspective.

Psychiatry,[8] Global Mental Health[9] and the like. But, they are mostly from high and middle income countries. This is the first such initiative from a LAMIC. Thus, 'Global psychiatry: a LAMIC perspective'!

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