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**APA Addresses Issues of Mental Health Disparities in the Community During Mental Illness  
Awareness Week at the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute on Psychiatric Services  
October 6 – 10, 2004, Atlanta, GA**

**Arlington, Va.,** - During Mental Illness Awareness Week (October 3 – 9), the American Psychiatric Association (APA) will be holding the Annual Institute on Psychiatric Services (IPS) in Atlanta, Georgia. The theme of this year's IPS "Mental Health Disparities in the Community" brings into focus one of the main objectives of mental health awareness, the ways in which the psychiatric community can bridge social and economic boundaries to provide premium care to all persons suffering with mental illnesses.

The IPS is a four day conference that brings together many of psychiatry's best minds. This year, mental health professionals from around the country will meet in Atlanta with the goal of improving care in both the public and private sectors.

Experts from varied disciplines will cover a range of issues from "Exploring Trauma and Resiliency in Minorities" to "New and Emerging Paradigms for Understanding Disparities in Mental Health." The conference will highlight the work of the APA's Council on Minority Mental Health and Health Disparities and the Steering Committee for Eliminating Disparities in Access to Psychiatric Care.

All events will be held at the Hilton Atlanta Hotel in Atlanta. The program includes lectures, symposia, research posters, debates, workshops and discussion groups.

**APA President Michelle Riba, M.D., M.S.**, associate chair for education and academic affairs and a clinical associate professor in the department of psychiatry at the University of Michigan and director of the psycho-oncology program at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, will deliver the opening address on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Grand Salon, Second Floor.

Additional highlights include:

**Wednesday, October 6**

- **Mental Health Systems in Primary Care: A Public Psychiatry Fellowship's Experience** (Workshop, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m., Fayette Room, Second Floor)
- **Propaganda, Propaganda, Propaganda** -portrayal of psychiatrists in the media (Plenary Session, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Grand Salon, Second Floor)
- **Celebrity Stalkers and Presidential Assassins** (Lecture, 3:30 – 5: 00 p.m., Clayton Room Second Floor)
- **Presidential Address and Awards Ceremony** (Opening Session, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Grand Salon, Second Floor)

**Thursday, October 7**

- **Do More People Get Mental Health Care on the Internet Than in the Office?** (Workshop, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m., Forsythe Room, Second Floor)

#### **Thursday, October 7 (cont'd)**

- **Psychiatric Services Achievement Awards** (Symposium, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., Newtown Room, Second Floor)
- **Cultural Attitudes and Perceptions in the Diagnosis of ADHD** (Clinical Discussion Group, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., Assembly Room, Fourth Floor)
- **Disparities: Health Care for Women in Public Systems** (Workshop, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Forsythe Room, Second Floor)

#### **Friday, October 8**

- **Race and Substance Abuse: Dual Diagnosis for Bipolar Disorder** (Lecture, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m., Clayton Room, Second Floor)
- **Transforming Mental Health Care in America** (Plenary Session, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Grand Salon, Second Floor)
- **Treatment of PTSD in Women** (Lecture, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., Cherokee Room, Second Floor)

#### **Saturday, October 9**

- **When Morality Discriminates: The Impact of Homophobia on Lesbian Mothers** (Workshop, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m., Fayette Room, Second Floor)
- **Street Work: Helping Homeless Persons Maintain Their Humanity** (Workshop, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., Rockdale Room, Second Floor)

#### **Sunday, October 10**

- **Police and Mental Health Professionals: Learning From Each Other** (Workshop, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m., Newtown Room, Second Floor)

All presentations are *embargoed until day and time of presentation*. To view the program, go to [http://www.psych.org/edu/ann\\_mtgs/ips/04/programbk/56thipsprogrambk.pdf](http://www.psych.org/edu/ann_mtgs/ips/04/programbk/56thipsprogrambk.pdf).

**Credentialed members of the working press/freelancers must first visit the Administrative Staff Office to verify credentials and/or documentation of an assignment with APA Communications Representative John Blamphin.** The office is located in the State/Club Rooms on the Fourth Floor of the Hilton Atlanta Hotel. Once credentials are approved, members of the media can receive their press badges at Registration, Foyer, Grand Ballroom, on the Second Floor. Media interested in attending the meeting can contact Jessica Mikulski at 703-907-8640 or [jmikulski@psych.org](mailto:jmikulski@psych.org). Please visit [www.psych.org/news\\_room/](http://www.psych.org/news_room/) to download a registration form prior to the meeting.

The American Psychiatric Association is a national medical specialty society, founded in 1844, whose close to 36,000 physician members specialize in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of mental illnesses including substance use disorders. For more information, visit the APA Web site at [www.psych.org](http://www.psych.org).

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