

ASC Chapter report

In 2012, we organized an international meeting in Marrakech which was successful. The theme was **Psychotherapy, Neurosciences and Culture**. Participants came from 20 countries.

Some board members were in Marrakech:

Mony Elkaim was the honorary president of the congress.

Nicole Aknin from France, Shankar from India, Abbas Makké from Lebanon, were also present. The conference was supported by the World Psychiatric Association, the World Association for Social Psychiatry, the European Family Therapy Association, the European Association of Psychotherapy, the Asian Federation of Psychotherapy ... The Moroccan Association of Psychiatry, the Moroccan Association of Family Therapy, the Moroccan Psychoanalytic Association and the Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Association participated actively and were represented by their presidents.

The keynote speakers were: Prof. Driss Moussaoui, president of the World Association of Social Psychiatry, Prof. Mony Elkaim, Prof. Boris Cyrulnik, Prof. Jean Cottraux, Prof. Ganesh Shankar, Dr Jalil Bennani Sigmund Freud Prize Holder.....The congress was placed under the High Patronage of the King of Morocco and all the attendees were invited to the Gala Dinner...

In the area of the Arab region, participants from Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon ...were in Marrakech and expect to organize and improve the activities of the Arab Association of Psychotherapy. Wars and revolutions in the Arab region make this work difficult but more than necessary.

It's important to continue the psychotherapy training because most of people suffering keep untreated. In 2013, Morocco hosted the European Congress of CBT. This event was another opportunity to meet people from the Mediterranean Region. Psychotherapists from Syria, Jordan, Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia... and many other Arab countries were present.

The Pan African CBT Network was created in Marrakech.

I am about to create the Moroccan Integrative Psychotherapy Association. All the presidents of the National Psychotherapy Associations will be members of the board. The next meeting of our region will be in Beyrouth, Lebanon.

Prof. Abbas Makké and I manage to organize a successful congress under the auspices of the WCP despite the war in Syria, Irak, Plestine... and the recent events in the Arab Region (Lybia, Tunisia, Egypt, Soudan, Yemen...).

Arab Region needs the WCP, seeks for help and the WCP needs The Arab Region Contribution.