Dear Colleagues,

Women’s mental health around the world remains a non-priority. Influenced by many social issues such as the ongoing disparity between the genders in wages and power, as well as greatly impaired by acts of violence - women’s mental health is threatened on a regular basis. There are new approaches for the treatment of mental disorders emerging that are specifically tailored for women as well as strategies to prevent the translation of adverse social factors into long lasting mental illness in women.

These matters will be in focus in the forthcoming Congress in Paris, in March 2019. Professor Florence Thibaut and her team have put together an exciting program which will provide us with new information to continue to improve women’s mental health. Of course, it is also an important opportunity for clinicians and researchers to ‘re-fuel’ in the company of friends and colleagues. Please join us in Paris for this important Congress. My very best wishes to you all for the festive season and a very happy 2019!

Kind regards,
Jayashri Kulkarni

www.iawmh.org has a new look! Do have a look and we would love to hear from you on how we can make it more engaging.
You are warmly invited to the 8th World Congress on Women’s Mental Health in Paris, “a legendary city”, in March 2019. Organized in collaboration with La Société Marcé Francophone (SMF), it promises to be a great event - there has been a lot of buzz and interest among our colleagues with more than 50 symposia and 15 workshops, and 336 more abstracts for oral communications and posters having been submitted.

The Program: The welcome ceremony and pre-conference sessions will commence on Tuesday, the 4th. There will be three keynotes in the morning sessions of the conference, delivered by expert colleagues. We also have five invited speakers for the plenary sessions through the conference. In the afternoons there will be several parallel sessions. We had to select the best symposia and workshops for the program to be able to fit them in the timetable from Wednesday morning till Friday evening (6th-8th March). You can view the detailed program on the next page. The oral communications and posters are presently under review by at least two reviewers each and we will inform you soon about the selection done for the program.

The Venue: The Congress is being hosted at the International University Campus of Paris, a historical building with a peaceful environment, set in a sprawling 85-hectare green space.
The biennial conference of The Marcé Society for Perinatal Mental Health was held in Bangalore, India, in September. Several IAWMH members participated at the conference. The IAWMH was represented by our President, Jayashri Kulkarni, who also spoke at the opening.

For specific information on the Congress please contact the PCO, Christine Senailles at christine.senailles@carco.fr.
REALIZING INNATE STRENGTHS AND EVOLVING (RISE)

As part of the pre-conference activities for the recently concluded Marcé conference in Bangalore, there was a women’s leadership workshop - Realizing Innate Strengths and Evolving (RISE), jointly organized by NIMHANS, Bangalore, and the IAWMH. The workshop aimed to enhance the skills and competence of the next generation of women mental health professionals from around the world, who could benefit from the inputs at a crucial stage in their careers. It was a unique opportunity for them to meet, meaningfully engage, and evolve. The sessions were conducted by five eminent panelists, on various areas of professional development such as time management, networking, attending meetings and interviews, and asserting oneself in a professional setting, to name a few. The workshop was well received and we are happy to announce that the next edition of RISE will take place during the pre-conference activities of the Paris Congress. More information will be made available on our website soon.

This report was based on inputs from Hargun Ahluwalia and Nikita Oberoi, both young professionals who attended the workshop.

THE IAWMH WISHES ALL OF YOU A JOYOUS FESTIVE SEASON! SEE YOU ALL IN PARIS!

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