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Dear Friends and Colleagues

It is our pleasure and honour to invite you to our next thematic conference Mental health and family medicine professionals working together. This conference will build on the themes developed in Granada in June 2008 during the WPA Thematic Conference, organised in close collaboration with Wonca-Europe, Depression and relevant psychiatric conditions in Primary Care.

Mental health service users worldwide deserve the best possible management and interventions to achieve the best possible outcomes. This second thematic conference will further strengthen the collaboration between primary and secondary care organisations working in the field of mental health for the benefit of those people affected by mental ill health, including their families and carers. The best possible outcomes can only be achieved through collaboration and working together.

This second thematic conference provides an opportunity to share ideas through presenting original scientific research, participation in workshops, through short presentations, posters and plenary sessions delivered by a variety of international and local experts in the field of mental health, including the voice of service users.

Some of you may already have experienced the hospitality of Andalusia. This is an area that has a strong background in mental health developments, and the Andalusian Group of Research on Mental Health (GAISAM) was created in 1987. The MARISTAN Network to promote cooperation in the Mental Health field between Europe and Latin America was developed in 1997 and in 2008 the group became part of CIBERSAM, a Spanish network of Biomedical Research Centres in Mental Health.

Granada has successfully hosted four previous international mental health conferences, and it gives us great pleasure to invite you to this WPA Wonca Thematic Conference which takes place in February 2012 in Granada, a city built under the shadow of the Alhambra, a magnificent legacy of the Arabic cultural heritage.

Further information available at: www.thematicconferencegranada2012.com/

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