

## **PLENARY SESSION THREE** Event Code: LEE22-00523 World Mental Health Congress London Mental Health a Global Priority, London, UK 28/06/2022-01/07/2022 Your details Dr Nasser Loza (as you want them listed President WFMH in the programme) 28 June 2022 Date and time of your plenary 16:00hrs session **Opening Ceremony Duration** 20 mins Mental health from 1948 to the present- what has been achieved? **Proposed title** (please complete) Learning Reviewing achievements and challenges over 75 years of hard work **Objectives** since the birth of WFMH (please complete) Highlighting our mission in promoting the highest possible level of Mental Health among all nations Communicating our duty to review our performance. Looking into the future; being vocal and visible with our messages in this world of information technology WFMH was born in 1948 to follow the role of the International Committee Abstract (max 500 words) for Mental Hygiene. In 1948 the world was recovering from the aftermath of world wars. London had suffered more than many cities in the world and it is admirable that delegates from 36 nations were able to travel to UK under such circumstance. Messages sent to the conference by HM King George and other dignitaries reflect the position of Mental Health in post-world war politics. This year's theme of World Mental Health Day: making "Mental Health a Global Priority" is particularly relevant. The support to communities for Mental Health is globally inadequate. Problems including lack of mental health support, institutionalization policies, funding problems, human rights issues and lately the burden of pandemics and military conflicts worldwide. It's nearly 75 years since that conference took place in London in this same venue but the world has changed around us, and we have over the years followed a careful path supporting mental health needs globally while successfully avoiding politicizing our mission. We've managed to attract funding with the highest ethical standard. We're here to promise you continuous effort aiming at prioritizing the

## Key references or resources

(maximum five)

International Congress on Mental Health: printed material Wellcome

mission of Mental Health in serving the needs of our communities.

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