The new impact factor and immediacy index of *World Psychiatry*

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The new impact factor of *World Psychiatry*, based on citations in the year 2011 to papers published in the journal in the years 2009 and 2010, is 6.233. The impact factor of the journal was 3.896 in 2009, 4.375 in 2010, and 5.562 last year.

The journal is in the top 10 of psychiatric journals and is preceded only by the *American Journal of Psychiatry*, the *Archives of General Psychiatry* and the *British Journal of Psychiatry* among journals of general psychiatry.

The papers that received the highest number of citations during the period considered in the calculation of the new impact factor are the Special Articles by De Hert et al (1) on the metabolic syndrome in people with schizophrenia, by A.C. McFarlane (2) on the long-term costs of traumatic stress, by D. Cicchetti (3) on resilience, and by A. Bateman and P. Fonagy (4) on mentalization based treatment for borderline personality disorder; the WPA guidance papers on steps, obstacles and mistakes to avoid in the implementation of community mental health care (5,6) and on how to combat stigmatization of psychiatry and psychiatrists (7); the Forums "Are psychiatrists an endangered species?" (8,9), "Pathophysiology of depression: do we have any solid evidence of interest to clinicians?" (10), and "Problematic Internet use – research evidence and open issues" (11); and the Research Reports by J. Angst et al (12) on hypomania from a transcultural perspective, by O. Gureje et al (13) on the Nigerian Survey on Mental Health and Wellbeing, and by V. Patel et al (14) on reducing the treatment gap for mental disorders.

The new immediacy index of the journal, based on citations in the year 2011 to papers published in the same year, is

2.556. It was 0.950 last year. The journal is in the top 3 of psychiatric journals according to this measure, preceded only by *Molecular Psychiatry* (3.676) and the *American Journal of Psychiatry* (3.583). The immediacy index of the *Archives of General Psychiatry* is 2.202. This immediacy index of the journal is mostly due to the high number of citations received by papers related to the development of the ICD-11 (15-19) and by other WPA guidance papers, educational modules and recommendations (20-25).

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THE BASE TRAINING COURSE FOR WHO'S mhGAP INTERVENTION GUIDE IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND FIELD TESTING

In 2010, the World Health Organization (WHO) launched the Mental Health Gap Action Programme Intervention Guide (mhGAP-IG), a clinical aid for assessing and managing mental, neurological and substance use (MNS) conditions in non-specialized health settings (www.who.int/mental_health/evidence/mhGAP_intervention_guide/en/index.html).

The WHO mhGAP team is pleased to announce the progress in the development of an accompanying training package.

The base training course, which is now ready for field testing, comprises 35 hours of training and covers the core knowledge and skills to assess and manage priority MNS conditions based on mhGAP-IG (including psychosis, depression, epilepsy, child and adolescent mental disorders, dementia, alcohol and drug use disorders and suicide). The objective of the training is to increase the capacity of non-specialized doctors and nurses to treat MNS conditions.

More than 100 experts have contributed to the training package, which has been piloted in countries including Ethiopia, Jordan, Nigeria, and Panama.

The mhGAP team encourages experts and organizations from around the world to review and field test the mhGAP training package. For access to the materials, e-mail mhgap-info@who.int with the subject "Request for access to mhGAP training package", with your name, affiliation and e-mail address.