On its 10th Anniversary i.nez - International Network for Co-operation in Mental Health (registered association) has organized together with Professor M. Siebeck, Centre for International Health and Professor N. Müller, Psychiatric Hospital of the LMU, an International Symposium on: "Mental Health in Developing Countries" The Symposium is open to all staff and students interested in health in developing countries.

**Venue:** Lecture hall, Chirurgische Klinik LMU, Nußbaumstr. 20, 80336 Munich from 9:00 - 17:00 o'clock

Since a long time "Mental Health" has been the Cinderella of health care, whether in OECD countries or in developing countries. Attempts to introduce "Mental Health" on the agenda for a global public health are in its infancy.

Over half a billion of the world’s population is suffering from neuropsychiatric disorders or from alcohol or drug dependence, the vast majority of patients is living in developing countries. Most patients receive no appropriate treatment - many are stigmatized with prejudice and exclusion. This leads to serious psychological, physical, social and economic damage.

At least 20% - 30% of patients in developing countries, who visit primary care facilities, suffer from one or more neuropsychiatric disorders. Particularly important are chronic illnesses such as: depression, substance dependence, schizophrenia, epilepsy and dementia.

This symposium intends to give an overview of neuropsychiatric disorders and their importance to developing countries. Reports from Africa and Asia will illustrate various aspects of the problem.

Mental Health Services should not be a privilege in rich countries, but mental health also in developing countries is of enormous importance both for the individual and for the development of entire regions.

You are cordially invited to participate in the International Symposium “Mental Health in Developing Countries”

Dr. Wolfgang Krahl
Chairman, i.nez
Program 4th December 2010 in Munich

9.00 - 9.15
M. Siebeck / W. Krahl
Welcome and Introduction

Session I: Chair: Hans Jochen Diesfeld/Starnberg

9.15 - 9.45
Matthias Siebeck/Munich
Why is a Surgeon getting involved in Mental Health in Ethiopia?

9.45 - 10.15
Wolfgang Krahl/Munich
Mental Health in Developing Countries

10.15 – 10.45
Matthias Dose/Taufkirchen
The WHO Model List of Essential Medicines - Can Psychiatric Patients be treated well with the Drugs listed

10.45 - 11.00 BREAK

Session II: Chair: Wolfgang Krahl/Munich
11.00 - 11.30
Tyloth Murali/Tumkur/India
Psychiatric Rehabilitation in Rural India

11.30 - 12.00
Brunda Amruthraj/Bangalore/India
Psychological Problems of employees in the Indian IT industry

12.00 - 12.30
Claudia Lang/Munich
Ayurvedic Treatment of Mental Disorders in Kerala

12.30 - 13.30 BREAK
Session III: Chair: Norbert Müller/München

13.30-14.00
Andrea Jobst/Munich
**Personal Experiences: Teaching Psychiatry in Ethiopia**

14.00-14.30
Markos Tesfaye/ Jimma/Ethiopia
**I have Dreams: How to develop psychiatric Services in Ethiopia**

14.30- 15.00
Georg Rieder/Traunstein
**Community based Rehabilitation of Street Children in Ethiopia**

15.00-15.30 BREAK

Session IV: Chair: Matthias Siebeck/Munich

15.30 – 16.00
Gabriele Escheu/Kaufbeuren
**Epilepsy in Africa**

16.00 – 16.30
Andrea Winkler/Munich
**Cysticercosis: A growing Threat in Africa - Implications on Mental Health**

16.30 – 17.00
Rupert Pöschl/Göttingen
**Vimbuza – Ritual Healing in Malawi (Film)**

Closing Remarks

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