



## EPA Statement on the actions taken in light of the ongoing war in Ukraine

### Membership of Russian National Psychiatric Associations:

EPA Board has carefully considered the position of the *Russian Society of Psychiatry* which has not been prepared to support the EPA statement condemning the Russian invasion and war on Ukraine in which innocent people, EPA members and psychiatric hospitals are being bombed. A decision has therefore regrettably been taken by the Board to suspend the membership of the *Russian Society of Psychiatry*.

The EPA continues to welcome Russian members, both NPA and Individual, who endorse the EPA statement condemning the Russian invasion.

The EPA hopes that in due course circumstances and positions will change to allow the full reinstatement of suspended Russian members.

### More help needed for Ukraine:

The EPA Solidarity Network, with this fourth Statement, calls on its members to help colleagues, patients, and families in Ukraine more robustly. Over the last month, EPA has been involved in the following activities:

**Donations for Medications and medical goods:** The EPA donation of medications for two Psychiatric Hospitals Ukraine arrived safely, thanks to the support of EPA's German member DGPPN and of the Bavarian Parliament.



Pictures courtesy of Professor Nataliya O. Maruta,  
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13 additional hospitals have made, at the request of EPA, a list of urgently required medications plus care materials. These are currently being procured, packed, and being shipped to each of the hospitals. To finance the purchase of these medications and goods the EPA urges its members to donate to the EPA Fund for Ukraine. More information can be found at <https://www.europsy.net/fund-for-ukraine/>.



**“Help for Helpers“webinars:** Martina Rojnic-Kuzman, supported by colleagues from the countries of the EPA Solidarity Network for Ukraine, Germany and Belgium, organised a series of 3 webinars where practical tips were given to lay people helping those traumatised or experiencing difficult situations as a consequence of the ongoing war i.e. friends, family members and neighbours. The webinars have been recorded and will soon be available at the EPA Trama Resource Centre at <https://www.europsy.net/resource-page/> A video introducing the webinars can be found [here](#).

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