Special Section for Contributions on International Community Psychiatry

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For the last 2 years, increasing numbers of manuscripts have been submitted by our international colleagues, offering considerable research on the efficacies of a wide variety of programs, interventions, and treatment modalities, as well as observations on populations facing unique challenges. The Board of the American Association of Community Psychiatrists has committed to a more “global” embrace of community psychiatrists; one step in this process is ensuring that authors from beyond our shores have

ample opportunity to have their findings published in the literature. As such, I am using dedicated space in the CMHJ to highlight findings by international authors, knowing we will all profit from better understanding the salient mental health issues that affect the world’s population; I predict we will find both similarities and contrasts in our thinking, our approaches, and our philosophies regarding mental health. I know expanding our understanding can do nothing but enhance our global community.

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