



**ATHENA NETWORK ASSEMBLY**  
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**ADVOCATING FOR ONLINE E-LEARNING**

As Chair of the WPA-TPS and the Director of the Teaching, Studies and Research Pole in Minkowska Centre, I would like to propose to put an online E-learning program onto the WPA-TPS website, that will enable any health professional world-wide to access the program with the possibility of receiving University Credits at the end of the training period in the framework of the Boulogne Plan. This e-learning program will be structured on the existing program created and organized by Pr Joseba Achotegui, Barcelona University. This program is a great opportunity to transmit transcultural skills throughout the world. To be realized, this projects needs close collaboration between the three Universities: Barcelona, Berkeley and Paris Descartes.

We already have the agreement of prestigious universities and international institutions, like the SSPC (Society for the Study of Psychiatry and Culture), McGill University (with the support of Lawrence Kirmayer) and the WACP (World Association for Cultural Psychiatry).

Minkowska Centre is at the center of the French healthcare system, who serves as an interface with migrants and refugees, and offers person-centred cross-cultural psychiatric consultations. Minkowska Centre receives a lot of people who experienced extreme situations, and during clinical consultations the elements described by Joseba's scale have often been found.

The WPA-TPS (Transcultural Psychiatry Section of the World Psychiatric Association), of which Dr Rachid Bennegadi is the Chair, and Pr Joseba Achotegui, member of the Executive Committee, is intensively developing the website of the Section. Due to the overwhelming amount of information on transcultural psychiatry and other fields linked to it, this website will offer a data bank that aims to ease the access to information by providing selected information from the past 25 years, classified into different categories as well as an International Comparative Practices page as a means of enabling visitors to access information concerning transcultural clinical services, cultural training structures and research teams throughout the world.

I would like to offer these expertise to the Athena Network.

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