



**ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΨΥΧΙΑΤΡΙΚΗ ΕΤΑΙΡΕΙΑ**  
**HELLENIC PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION**

Athens, 9 February 2017

Professor Dinesh Bhugra  
President of the World Psychiatric Association

Dear Prof. Bhugra,

We would like to convey the agreement of the Executive Committee of our Association to your protest regarding classification of dementias within neurological (and not psychiatric) disorders.

We feel that the WHO initiative is not in line with practical necessities (as outlined in your letter) and will deprive patients with dementia from the holistic psychiatric care that is essential in dealing with such complex biopsychosocial problems like the dementias.

Furthermore, we feel that by excluding dementias (and inevitably other psychoorganic conditions) from the domain of Psychiatry we unnecessarily reduce the limits of our discipline.

Our Association would like to be informed about the outcome of the WPA intervention on this important issue.

With best regards

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