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THE ORDEM DOS PSICÓLOGOS (OPP) IS THE ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS PSYCHOLOGISTS IN PORTUGAL, HAVING MORE THAN 17.000 REGISTERED PROFESSIONALS, VIRTUALLY ALL PORTUGUESE PSYCHOLOGISTS. THE ORDEM DOS PSICÓLOGOS PORTUGUESES (OPP) IS THE ONLY ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROFESSIONAL TITLE IN PORTUGAL. MEMBERSHIP IS MANDATORY. OPP IS ALSO THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITY FOR PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION REGARDING THE EUROPEAN PROFESSIONAL MOBILITY DIRECTIVE.



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REPRESENTATION

OPP is a member of Conselho Nacional das Ordens Profissionais (National Council for Professional Orders), which is the organization that represents all liberal professions regulated by law in Portugal. As a member of this organization, OPP has recently participated in the European Economic and Social Council meeting for the discussion of the future of liberal professions on the European Union under the Professional Mobility Directive and the Services Directive.

There are other important fields of action where the OPP is represented such as the Conselho Nacional de Saúde Mental (National Council for Mental Health), the A3ES (Agency for Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Education) and the Conselho Consultivo para o Plano Nacional de Saúde 2011-2016 (Council for the National Health Plan 2011-2016).

OPP will have the Presidency of the *Federação Ibero-americana de Associações de Psicologia* – FIAP (Ibero American Psychology Associations Federation) in 2012-2014 and Portugal will host the Ibero American Psychology Congress in 2014.

CONGRESS

The first National Psychologists Professional Congress in Portugal will be held in April 2012, in the Belém Cultural Center – CCB, where we expect more than 1.500 professionals.



CODE OF ETHICS

In Portugal, a psychologist is any person who has undertaken specific training in Psychology, and who performs a professional role in any area or context of Psychology. In order to practice Psychology, it is mandatory to be registered as a member of the Order of Psychologists (Ordem dos Psicólogos) or as a trainee member when practising professionally under supervision. Members of the Order of Psychologists (Ordem dos Psicólogos) have to abide by the principles laid in the Code of Ethics approved by the OPP in March 2011.

In April 20th it was published in the *Diário da República*, as *Regulation No. 258/2011* according to the national rules (Article 51 of Law no. 57/2008, 4th September).

MAIN ACTIONS

From our program for 2010-2013 we would like to highlight the following:

Professional training: since December 2010, more than 550 trainee psychologists have attended and successfully concluded our training program and, as such, have therefore become a fully licensed Psychologist.

Department for the Study of Professional Issues: the development of the profession in Portugal, how it compares to other European countries as well as the psychologist's economical and social trends are some of the issues being studied in this Department. The first studies are now being ready to be published.

Training for Professional Psychologists: in planning are 5 areas of training for Psychologists. These first areas will start the continuous professional training of all Portuguese Psychologists. Entrepreneurship, Project Management, Ethics, Personal Development and Crisis and Disaster Intervention will be the ones.

Specialization: We have undergoing work regarding the 3 specialization areas for Portuguese Psychologists: Social, Clinic and Educational, according to our bylaws.

Services and internal structure and financing: More than 20 employees make possible this reality, giving OPP the possibility to supply a quality service to its members. Until the end of 2012, OPP will have physical headquarters in five Portuguese regions, including the Madeira and Azores Islands. The OPP's budget for 2011 is close to 2.000.000 Euros, dedicated to the development of the profession of psychologist in Portugal (only equity financing).



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