

Pierre Pichot, the man and his work in international Psychiatry

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The Man

- I joined his department (CMME) in October 1973 and found there more than 15 different nationalities
- I have been one of his closest students in the 1970's during almost 6 years
- Remarkable in many aspects: culture, languages, help of international students
- Professor Pichot will be 100 in two days from now

Pierre Pichot main topics of interest

- Psychiatry: Classification, Quantitative psychopathology, History of Psychiatry,...
- Psychology: Psychometric testing, Behavioural therapy, Morita therapy,...
- Entomology, cultures and handicraft from various parts of the world, especially Japan

International work:

First World Congress of Psychiatry

- in Paris, 1950
- Under the leadership of Jean Delay, first president of the WPA and Henri Ey
- 50 countries participated, including Sarre Republic (Germany) and Italy
- Pichot was assistant to Henri Ey and did most of the secretarial work; he was 32



JEAN DELAY, **PIERRE PICHOT**, PIERRE DENIKER,
THERESE LEMPERIERE



OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FIRST WORLD CONGRESS OF PSYCHIATRY
SORBONNE AMPHITHEATRE, SEPTEMBER 18, 1950



FIRST WORLD CONGRESS OF PSYCHIATRY 1950:
ANNA FREUD, JEAN DELAY, HENRI EY

'THE SMALLEST CLUB OF THE WORLD'

- Alfred Freedman, USA
- Paul Kielholz, Switzerland
- Hans Hippus, Germany
- Pierre Pichot, France

All interested in: Ludwig II, Psychiatric classification (APA-Société Médico-psychologique meeting in Paris in 1977), Masked depression,...

Election as WPA President

- 6th World Congress of Psychiatry in Honolulu, Hawaii, Aug 28-Sept 3, 1977; WPA Hawaii Declaration
- Unanimous decision for election, especially USA and Soviet Union; Peter Berner (Austria) WPA secretary general
- During 6 years (1977-1983), WPA was plagued with problems of political abuse of Psychiatry, especially in the Soviet Union

Some of the work as WPA president

- French speaking countries:
 - Dakar WPA Regional Symposium, 1981
 - Marrakech WPA Regional Symposium, 1982
 - First contact in Paris with WHO 1981 for Casablanca department (with Peter Morozov)
- Spanish speaking countries: Spain but also Latin America
- Other regions: Cairo WPA Regional symposium 1983; **JAPAN!!**

Students from around the world

- Germany
- Sweden (Marie Asberg)
- Luxemburg
- Japan
- Thailand
- Egypt
- Tunisia
- Morocco,...

Other international activities

- One of the 12 founders of the European Psychiatric Association (with Singer of Strasbourg) in October 1983
- Permanent relationship with Spanish Psychiatry in the Basque country

Concluding remarks

- I personally owe Professor Pichot a lot, and he helped a huge number of young psychiatrists around the world, many of them being regional or international leaders
- His vast culture and the multiple international networks he created are an asset for the WPA and for Psychiatry, even today



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