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TRIBUTE TO THE DISAPPEARED (DETENIDOS-DESAPARECIDOS) MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS

On the 30th Anniversary of the genocidal coup d'état on March 24, 1976, APSA members pay homage to the detained-disappeared MENTAL HEALTH workers.

We want to remember and honor our colleagues who fought for a better, just and equitable country. The genocide carried out by the last military dictatorship imposed not only an economic model, but also a cultural model of extreme individualism.

From the end of the dictatorship to the present, we have learned several things: that memory is the indispensable foundation of individual and collective identity; that the truth is an ethical imperative and the best ally of the reality test as well; and that justice, as posed by Freud, is the first requirement of society. We know that these three instances must take place together, and that there is no justice without the corresponding punishment.

In this regard, we reaffirm the imprescriptibility of crimes against humanity.

History shows how human rights are not a gracious concession from any government or power, but the costly conquest of the peoples. Likewise, their validity is given by respecting and claiming them in their entirety, since no rights are more important than others; on the contrary, they form an indivisible corpus.

Like Governments have to respect Human Rights, and consolidate and develop them as well, we, as medical professionals, have to report the violations to them that we can verify in our practice, according to numerous international medical treaties and declarations.

The purpose of this memorial is to recapture the ideals of justice and social solidarity that our colleagues had in their professional and political practice.

We propose to remember them, not keeping silence, but with the vital force and optimism they put in their struggles.

(Text read by Dr. Daniel Kersner, Chairman of the Specialty Area on Human Rights and Torture, at the 24th Argentinean Congress of Psychiatry of APSA (April 2008), upon presenting the commemorative plaque that was placed at the headquarters of the Institution).

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