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Elections for New Leadership

At the very beginning of the year, WPA Military Section Officers launched elections for new leadership for the next triennium. After internal discussions among the Section Officers and consultations with WPA leadership, they proposed the following candidates for Section Officer positions for the next triennium:

- Professor (Associate) Dr. Marina Letica-Crepulja for Chair
- Professor Dr. Kristina Adorjan for Co-Chair
- COL (ret) Dr. Elspeth Ritchie for Secretary

Following the elections, the membership confirmed the proposed leadership.

Communication with Membership

We introduced ourselves to the membership, updated the membership list and mailing list accordingly, and shared our plans for future collaboration. Additionally, we invited members to provide suggestions. Communication and Collaboration with WPA Secretariat and Secretary of Sections

We established communication with the WPA Secretariat and the WPA Secretary of Sections, who assisted in updating the website, facilitating connections, supporting our activities, and providing the legal framework for procedures.

Website Update

We refreshed our section's official website, which now includes an updated membership list:
WPA Military Psychiatry Section

Position Statement on Military Personnel and Veterans' Mental Health

We invited all members to participate in the initiative to prepare a Position Statement on Military Personnel and Veterans' Mental Health. This initiative was proposed by Prof. Thomas G. Schulze, WPA President-Elect.

The statement was discussed in the context of the current global conflict situation and its impact on the mental health of military personnel and veterans. Seven colleagues actively contributed to this effort, engaging in fruitful collaboration through correspondence and online meetings to discuss each topic.

After finalizing the draft, we initiated the official evaluation procedure with the WPA Executive Committee and shared the document with the Secretary of WPA Sections. By the end of 2024, we were awaiting the Executive Committee's response.

WPA World Congress of Psychiatry 2025

The WPA Sections were invited to propose State-of-the-Art Sessions for the upcoming WPA Congress in Prague, scheduled for October 5–8, 2025. The deadline for submissions was January 21, 2025.

We proposed two sessions:

1. Military Personnel and Veterans' Mental Health
2. Complex Posttraumatic Stress Disorder – A New ICD-11 Category: State-of-the-Art Approach in

Military and Veteran Populations

By the end of 2024, we were awaiting a response, hoping that at least one of these sessions would be accepted.

Collaboration with WPA Sections

We actively participated in all meetings with the Secretary for Scientific Sections and fully committed to supporting plans for future activities.

Future Activities

- Participation in the WPA World Congress of Psychiatry 2025
- Organization of a Section Meeting during the Congress to discuss future activities
- Publication of the Position Paper on the official WPA website upon acceptance
- Preparation of a report for publication in World Psychiatry