

General Characteristics of WPA Congresses 2023-2026

Scientific Meeting	Frequency	Location*	PCO	Supervisory Board	Congress President	Scientific Committee	Organizing Committee	Profit share	Timing	Duration	MS congress	WPA organizational meetings
World Congress of Psychiatry The major annual WPA Scientific Meeting	Annual	Geographic rotation between each 3 parts of the world and no more than once in a 3 years period	Core PCO	Yes	WPA President	Chair: WPA Co-chair(s): WPA + MS Members: WPA + MS	Chair: MS Co-chair(s): WPA + MS Members: WPA + MS	WPA & MS As mutually agreed.	Third quarter of the year	4-5 days	MS Congress merged with WPA Congress	EC Council Board
WPA Regional Congress	One or two times a year	Each of the 2 parts of the world not hosting a WCP during that year	Core PCO and local PCO by special arrangements	No	WPA President	Chair: WPA Co-chair(s): WPA + MS Members: WPA + MS	Chair: MS Co-chair(s): WPA + MS Members: WPA + MS	WPA & MS As mutually agreed.	Feb/March and Nov/Dec	3-5 days	Preferably merged or by special arrangements	EC
WPA Thematic Congress	One or more times a year	In any part of the world (best to be merged with the rotation)	Core PCO and/or local PCO by special arrangements	No	WPA President	Chair: WPA Co-chair(s): WPA + MS Members: WPA + MS	Chair: MS Co-chair(s): WPA + MS Members: WPA + MS	WPA & MS As mutually agreed.	Not competing with other WPA activities	3-5 days	No regulation	EC

(*) Parts of the world for rotation of WPA congresses (WCP, WPA Regional Congress) and WPA Thematic Congress, where possible:

Americas (WPA Zones 1-5); Europe/Middle East/Africa (WPA Zones 6-14); Asia/Oceania (WPA Zones 15-18)
MS: WPA Member Society; PCO: Professional Congress Organizer; Section: WPA Scientific Section

Nr.	03
Document Title:	General Characteristics of WPA Congresses 2020-2023
Document Type:	Policy
Date Created:	August 2022
Date for Review:	August 2026
Author/s:	WPA