



News from WPA Section on Psychiatry, Law and Ethics New Office-bearers and Sectional Symposium

Office- bearers for 2023- 2026

Chair: Roy Kallivayalil (India)
Co-chair: Tsuyoshi Akiyama (Japan)
Secretary: Neeraj Gill (Australia)
Committee Members:

1. Harneet Kaur (India)
2. Rodrigo Ramalho (New Zealand)
3. Kuruvilla Thomas (India)
4. Manuel Trachsel (Switzerland)
5. Christos Tsopelas (Greece)

The Chair, Co-chair and Secretary were elected during the WPA Vienna Congress, September 2023. The Committee Members were proposed and approved later. The Section has remained very active during the last three months and has admitted some new and interested members.

World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) and WPA Section on Psychiatry, Law and Ethics Symposium on “Mental Health, Human Rights and Legislation” was held during the 75th (Platinum Jubilee) Annual Conference of the Indian Psychiatric Society at Kochi India 18- 21 January 2024.



Photo caption: WFMH and WPA Section on Psychiatry, Law and Ethics Symposium during ANCIPS 2024 at Kochi, India. Seen in the photo are Dr CL Naryan, Prof Sudhir Bhavé, Prof Roy A Kallivayalil, Dr Sunil Mittal and Dr Major Nand Kishore (Chair)

Speakers and Topics included:

1. Prof Roy A Kallivayalil- Human rights in the practice of Psychiatry
2. Prof Sudhir Bhavé – Mental health legislation- Ethical imperatives
3. Dr CL Narayan- Mental Health Care Act, India 2017- A critical appraisal
4. Dr Sunil Mittal- Mental Health, Human Rights and Legislation- Newer perspectives-

The symposium held on 20th of January at Le Meridien Kochi was marked by houseful attendance and much interested participation.

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