



## Message from the President



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Colleagues,

Today I am delighted to be able to share with you the WPA's new website: [www.wpanet.org](http://www.wpanet.org). We have been working hard these past months to create a site that is modern, fresh, intuitive and useful. While we had hoped to launch this first stage before now, getting it "right" took us longer than anticipated. We didn't want to launch something that had broken links or pages under construction, so we chose to hold off until we could provide a complete site that includes only the most up-to-date materials.

Our previous website contained an enormous amount of valuable information, but it wasn't always easy to find. It's myriad pages and legacy links also made it difficult to update and keep up-to-date. The new format allows us to make sure you have the most up-to-date information at your fingertips. It allows us to make almost immediate changes, to add news as it happens and to provide visitors with a more interactive experience. What you see now is only the start. We're still building behind the scenes, adding more materials, targeting it more precisely so that every user can find the information relevant to them and adding automated processes that are currently handled manually via the secretariat.

Going forward, we'll have the capability to allow WPA components to upload their own news, to access private login areas and to make their annual subscription payments. Already, visitors can use online forms to submit enquiries and speed up administrative processes. They can download publications and education curriculums, link directly through to congress websites and easily find information on board members, council and committees.

We encourage you to visit the website and tell us what you think. You might notice that some of the documents we had there previously are no longer available; in most cases this is because the information is out-of-date (and in the process of being archived) or we don't have a date or author for it. Please feel welcome to reach out if you find something missing that you think should still be there. Our aim is to make [wpanet.org](http://wpanet.org) the first place you think to go when you need a WPA resource or want to know our latest news, events and work. Feedback will be welcomed and, where appropriate, used to build on and better the site for all users. [Wpanet.org](http://wpanet.org) is, first and foremost, for WPA members and components.

We're delighted with the new [wpanet.org](http://wpanet.org) and hope you are too.

Best wishes  
Helen

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