

WORLD PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct is for Members of the Board, the Executive Committee, Council, the Standing Committees on Ethics and Review; Finance and Fundraising; Education and Scientific Publications; Nomination; Planning; Scientific Meetings, Scientific Sections and the Accreditation Committee, Special Advisors to the President, Tasks Forces and Appeals Panel

1. Introduction

As an association of national member societies whose aims are to advance psychiatry and mental health across the world, the World Psychiatric Association expects the highest ethical standards from those who serve on the Board, Executive Committee, Council, all Standing Committees (Education and Scientific Publications, Ethics and Review, Finance and Fundraising, Planning; Nominations, Scientific Meetings, Scientific Publications and Scientific Sections) the Accreditation Committee, Special Advisors to the President, Tasks Forces and Appeals Panel. This Code of Conduct, which all members shall be required to sign and abide by, sets out the expected standards of behaviour. It is designed to protect and enhance the reputation of the World Psychiatric Association and to reflect our values.

2. Core Missions of the World Psychiatric Association (WPA)

- To encourage the highest possible standards of clinical practice
- To increase knowledge and skills about mental disorders and how they can be prevented and treated.
- To promote mental health
- To promote the highest possible ethical standards in psychiatric work
- To disseminate knowledge about evidence-based therapy and values-based practice
- To be a voice for the dignity and human rights of patients and their families, and to uphold the rights of psychiatrists
- To facilitate communication and assistance especially to societies that are isolated or whose members work in impoverished circumstances

3. Code of Conduct

3.1 Mutual Respect

Members shall treat each other and all those with whom they come in contact with respect. This includes recognizing that other people may have different points of view, speaking and listening to others with courtesy and adhering to the standards set out in this Code.

3.2 Acting in Good Faith

Members shall act sincerely, honestly and without malice.

3.3 Carrying Out Responsibilities Diligently

Members shall exercise care, continuously develop their skills and generally conduct the affairs of the WPA with due diligence.

3.4 Integrity

Members shall not place themselves under any financial or other obligations to outside individuals or organizations that might influence them in the performance of their official duties.

3.5 Transparency and Accountability

Members shall be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions they take. They should give reasons for the decisions they make and submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office.

3.6 Selflessness

Members shall take decisions solely in the interests of the WPA. They should not do so to gain financial or other benefits for themselves, their family or their friends.

3.7 Disclosure of Interest

Members shall declare any interest of a pecuniary or personal kind, which may have an impact on their official roles.

3.8 Compliance

Members shall comply with the Statutes, By-Laws and the Operational Procedures in the performance of their official duties.

3.9 Leadership

Members shall promote and support this Code by leadership and example

Acknowledgement of receipt:

By _____
Name and signature

Name of Office

Date

Procedures

1. The Code shall be prepared by the Secretariat.
2. The Code shall be sent out to the relevant member no later than two weeks after their election/appointment.
3. The Code shall be signed and returned to the Secretariat no later than one month after the receipt of the form.
4. The original of the signed Code shall be kept at the Office of the Secretariat.