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1. WPA Military Psychiatry Section Members

Through continuous contact with our members and ongoing interaction with colleagues, we continue to strengthen and expand our membership by attracting new members. Since the last update, we have welcomed 9 new members and updated the membership list on our website.

We currently have 58 members from all over the world, all of whom are members of their respective national psychiatric organizations and associations.

Our leadership was elected at the very beginning of 2024, in accordance with WPA rules:

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

We have also updated the website with information on the Section's activities and publications by the Section and its members: <https://www.wpanet.org/section-page/military-psychiatry/>

2. The Action Plan

The **action plan for 2025** is outlined in the Military Psychiatry Section Annual Report – 2024, available on our website:

<https://wpanet.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/WPA-Military-Psychiatry-Section-Annual-Report-2024.pdf>

It included: 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; and preparation of a report for publication in World Psychiatry.

All activities have been completed and the goals achieved (explained in detail below under points 3 and 4).

The **action plan for 2026** includes:

- Submission of the intersectional Symposium and other types of participation in the WPA World Congress of Psychiatry 2026
- Organization of a Section Meeting during the Congress to discuss future activities
- Establishment of intensive collaboration with other sections particularly Disaster Psychiatry Section
- Book Project development

3. Information about organized symposia

WPA World Congress of Psychiatry 2024

Military Psychiatry Section submitted STATE OF THE ART SYMPOSIUM – MILITARY PSYCHIATRY SECTION:

- COMPLEX POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER – A NEW ICD-11 CATEGORY: STATE-OF-THE-ART APPROACH IN MILITARY AND VETERAN POPULATION

The proposal was not accepted for presentation on WPA Congress in Mexico 2024

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. Military Psychiatry Section proposed two sessions:

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

State-of-the-Art Symposium Military Personnel and Veterans' Mental Health was accepted for presentation and presented on WPA World Congress in Praha, 2025

WPA World Congress of Psychiatry 2026

After establishing fruitful collaboration with Disaster Psychiatry section, we proposed and **submitted joint intersectional symposium:**

- Proposal ID: 473 Proposal Title: MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGIES FOR TRAUMA IN EMERGENCIES: FROM PREVENTION TO TREATMENT Proposal Type: Symposium Proposal -intersectional
Nikos Christodoulou (Greece) Community-based psychosocial support and resilience building in war and disaster settings
Elspeth Cameron Ritchie (USA) Rapid mental health response to mass trauma: Lessons from the 9/11 Pentagon attack
Marina Letica-Crepulja (Croatia) Tailored modular interventions for veterans with complex PTSD: results from the ESTAIR program
Hesed Virto Farfan (Peru) Transcranial magnetic stimulation for combat-related PTSD: Evidence, safety, and clinical application

4. Other activities

4.a **Collaboration with WPA Sections** - We actively participated in all meetings with the Secretary for Scientific Sections and were fully committed to supporting plans for future activities. We established close collaboration with the leadership and members of the Disaster Psychiatry Section. Correspondence and meetings with members of the Military Psychiatry Section have been held on a regular basis.

4.b. **Organization of a hybrid Section Meeting during the Congress to discuss future activities** - a hybrid section meeting (on the 7th of October) for those who were on-site in Praha and for colleagues who participated remotely. We discussed current and future plans, including participation of colleagues in Ukraine.

4.c. **Position Statement on Military Personnel and Veterans' Mental Health** was accepted and published On WPA website <https://www.wpanet.org/position-statements/> and chrome-extension://efaidnbnmnnibpcajpcglcleftindmkaj/https://www.wpanet.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Position-Statement-on-Military-Personnel-and-Veterans-Mental-Health.pdf

4.d. **Report from the WPA Section on Military Psychiatry in journal World Psychiatry** - Letica-Crepulja M, Pagkalos G, Morganstein JC, Adorjan K, Hopwood M. Report from the WPA Section on Military Psychiatry. World Psychiatry. 2025 Oct;24(3):458-459. doi: 10.1002/wps.21373. PMID: 40948081; PMCID: PMC12434353. <https://doi.org/10.1002/wps.21373>
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1002/wps.21373>

4.e. **Website Update** - We refreshed our section's official website, which now includes an updated membership list <https://www.wpanet.org/section-page/military-psychiatry/>

4.f. **Book Project** - Elspeth Ritchie initiated a book project titled The Oxford University Textbook of Military Psychiatry and invited all members to contribute. Several members expressed their willingness to participate.

- Oxford Textbook of Military Psychiatry SUBTITLE: Preparing and Caring for Mental Health Consequences of Military Operations SERIES: Oxford Textbooks in Psychiatry EDITORS: Elspeth Cameron Ritchie, MD, MPH, COL (ret)¹ and Christopher H. Warner. MD2, COL (ret)

4.g. **OECD Knowledge Exchange Event** on "Policies and practices to strengthen targeted supports to veterans and their families in Ukraine" **Participation.** <https://www.oecd.org/en/events/2025/12/policies-and-practices-to-strengthen-targeted-support-to-veterans-and-their-families-in-ukraine.html>