

Professor Roy Abraham Kallivayalil for WPA President- Elect (2026- 2029)

Statement about fulfilling the requirement for the post:

As my CV documents show, I fulfill the criteria for the post of President-Elect. I have been a member of the teaching faculty of various medical colleges during the last 41 years, including Professor and Chair of a major Dept of Psychiatry and Dean of a Medical School in my country, India. I am fluent in English and several Indian languages including Hindi, Tamil and Malayalam and has working knowledge of French and Italian. I have been participating in WPA activities for three decades and have participated in World Congresses since Madrid 1996. I am ready to devote at least 30 days per year to WPA activities. I am fully identified with the ethical codes and purposes of WPA and there are no legal, political, or economic conflicts of interest between my personal and professional affiliations and the WPA. I have office support from my home institution for space, staff, phone, and email. I reside in India which is one among the Low and Middle Income countries of the world.

I have been in management positions for more than two decades including as Chair of the Dept of Psychiatry for 18 years, Dean and Vice-Dean of Medical Schools in my country, India for 10 years. I have been privileged to enjoy excellent professional and scientific reputation in my country, regionally and across the world and have been involved in a broad range of WPA activities.

My experience as Secretary General of WPA has given me rich experience and the opportunity to understand organisational matters of the Association thoroughly. Besides, I had the privilege of being the President of both the WPA Member Societies from India (Indian Psychiatric Society and the Indian Association of Social Psychiatry). I have also been the President and Secretary General of the World Association for Social Psychiatry. My intention is to put all this experience and knowledge to strengthen WPA at all levels. The opportunity I had to work with other world organisations has sharpened my skills for effective communication at international level. This is an asset, which I am committed to fully utilise for WPA. I will gladly contribute at least 30 days per year to WPA and use my diplomatic skills to resolve any situation of conflict or misunderstanding in the organisation or outside of it. If elected, I will deal with all whom I come across on WPA matters with appreciation, sensitivity and understanding.

I will work with commitment, sincerity and devotion to fulfill the objectives of WPA. With my organizational experience of nearly four decades, it is my humble belief, I have the credentials required for the post. I will always uphold the dignity of our profession and WPA and promise to work with full energy, efficiency and dedication.

Thanking you,



Roy Abraham Kallivayalil
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