

Warm Greetings!

I am Rodrigo Córdoba, a Colombian psychiatrist with over 30 years of clinical experience. My commitment to psychiatry has led me to various academic, professional, and research positions. I have also been involved in leadership roles within the Colombian government, actively participating in the media to promote mental health and psychiatry. In my academic career, I have been a professor at the Universidad del Rosario, a three-hundred-year-old university, where I have held various positions in the Department of Psychiatry.

I continue to teach there, having previously served as its Head, and have contributed to the training of over 100 psychiatrists. Through the Rosario Research Center (CERSAME) and the Center for Research on the Nervous System (CISNE Group), where I am the General Director, I have contributed to numerous research projects, which are reflected in my curriculum vitae. In my professional activities, I have had the honor and privilege of serving as President of the Colombian Association of Psychiatry.

I am a member of several scientific societies in my country, Colombia. I am the president of the Latin American Psychiatric Association (APAL) and have also maintained an active and consistent involvement with the World Psychiatric Association (WPA), where I served two terms as the zonal representative for Zone 4. I was also a member of the meeting committee and currently serve on the planning committee. I have actively contributed to and collaborated with the last five WPA presidents on various activities and have been a member of the scientific committee for more than six congresses.

In my clinical work, I am involved in my institutional role managing a center that provides inpatient, partial hospitalization, and outpatient services, as well as participating in various programs promoting mental health and prevention.

I am currently an advisor to the Ministry of Health and Social Protection in my country where I am implementing the national mental health policy. This policy has been developed in a way that has served as an example for other countries in the region.

My research activity has led to my participation in various clinical studies and trials, as well as publications in journals and books, as reflected in my CV. I believe this experience will contribute to developing these activities in different countries. With the World Psychiatric Association, I am pleased to present my candidacy for Secretary of Finance. I believe my background provides me with the necessary qualifications to develop activities that will benefit our association. I am confident in the possibility of finding additional resources.

The association's finances cannot be solely dependent on the World Congress we hold each year; we must find additional sources of funding by promoting different activities that allow us to find allies in governmental and non-governmental organizations, private funds, and collaborative centers. We must also implement evaluation and qualification based on quality standards, as we have been working on in the planning committee. Undoubtedly, having these resources will allow us to develop much more structured, functional, and promising programs for associations in all countries am seeking your support and to which I am fully committed

Sincerely,

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