

Ramune Mazaliauskiene for WPA Secretary General (2026-2029)

Statement about fulfilling the requirements for the post:

Knowledge of the WPA zones. I have been a WPA zonal representative for almost 6 years, the last three years being co-chair of the board, and since spring 2025 I chair the Board of national representatives. Such position makes me familiar with specific situations and needs in the WPA zones.

Involvement in important WPA activities. I have been at the very beginning of signing of Prague Agreement in Prague in 2025, representing Northern Europe, and I think it is one of the most important steps taken to have better mental health, and better psychiatry. I participate in the multinational editorial board of WPA journal Education and Psychiatry. And a lot of small and sometimes not seen activities: reviewing symposia and abstracts, chairing sessions, etc.

I have a long-lasting international experience. Starting from training form young psychiatrists of Baltic States organized by Swedish East Europe Committee, continuing with Triangulo Austral in 2006 in which Tromso University (Norway) and three South American countries (Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay) were involved, followed by extensive work in Nordic Psychiatric associations since 2016 (chairing the organization 2021-2024). I was involved in editing the journal The Nordic Psychiatrist.

Experience in management. I have master international business administration, and I have been working in different management positions – from head of department to director of mental hospital. I have been head of psychiatric clinic during the years of pandemic, and I can manage to work hard and creative under pressure and in unpredictability.

Experience in different organizations – Lithuanian, zonal, international. I always say that psychiatry is about mental health, too. That is why all other organization who are the players in this field are extremely important, and people representing psychiatry must be involved in all these activities. It means different areas of expertise, different organizational cultures, different opinions. I take part in activities of psychotherapeutic organizations, I take part in activities of human rights institutions, etc. Just to know all the aspects of the complex and interesting system.

Clinical experience and work related. I still work as a psychiatrist and psychotherapist, and this is not about knowing psychiatry and psychotherapy, it is all about knowing people. And working with ministry of health, other institutions involved in organizing psychiatry and mental health I am familiar with slightly boring, yet necessary world of laws, by-laws and regulations.

Personal qualities. I value integration of sometimes very different opinions, fields, areas, collaboration to achieve it, big dreams/big plans. I can plan creatively and dream strategically and manage to carry these dreams/plans to life. I enjoy cyphers, analysing it and putting in the context. I am fond of working with systems as it can help modifying and modelling the future.

I will work dedicating all my skills and personal qualities as I enjoy being the part of WPA, and all my efforts will be dedicated to have strong organization where different opinions, cultures, beliefs will be integrated.

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