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## Members List

The **Schizophrenia Section** currently includes 45 registered members across multiple regions. Following the 2025 membership confirmation process, 21 members actively confirmed continued membership, fulfilling the WPA requirement of at least 20 active members from different regions. In 2026, five new members joined the section, further strengthening the international collaboration and academic activities of the section. The new members are:

- Lone Baandrup
- Joanna Moussiopoulou
- Vladislav Yakimov
- Myrto Samara
- Ellis Onwordi

The section includes members from Europe, the United Kingdom, Africa, and Asia, reflecting the section's international and interdisciplinary collaboration in schizophrenia research, education, and clinical practice.

The membership list is maintained and updated regularly based on member confirmations and participation in section activities.

## Elections

The Scientific Section Committee and officers are elected in accordance with WPA regulations and section governance procedures. The section is currently reviewing its governance structure as part of the ongoing reactivation process. The timeline for the next elections will be clarified in consultation with the WPA Secretary for Scientific Sections, and will be communicated to all section members accordingly.

## Action Plan (2025–2026)

### 2025 (completed):

The section focused on reactivation and restructuring activities, including updating the membership list, re-establishing and modernizing communication among members, and planning future scientific and collaborative activities.

### 2026 (planned):

Planned activities include participation in the World Congress of Psychiatry (WCP) 2026 in Stockholm, organization of regular section meetings (next virtual section meeting after the WCP Congress in October 2026), launch of the section newsletter, development of collaborative research initiatives, and preparation of symposium proposals for upcoming WPA congresses.

## Action Plan 2027

The section is planning the following major activities for 2027:

1. Organization of a Joint **Symposium** at the **World Congress of Psychiatry (WCP) 2027**
  - a. The Schizophrenia Section is currently in the process of developing symposium proposals for upcoming WPA congresses. The section aims to contribute to WPA scientific meetings through joint symposia focusing on schizophrenia research, comorbidity, and global mental

health perspectives. Symposium activities are being planned within the current triennium period.

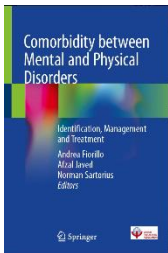
2. **Collaboration with other WPA Sections** is planned in order to promote interdisciplinary exchange.
  - a. Topics under consideration include comorbidities, common biological mechanisms and global mental health perspectives.

Further details regarding symposium topics, speakers, and collaborating sections will be developed during 2026.

## Other Activities

### 1. WPA Book Forum

The section contributed to the WPA Book Forum initiative. A relevant publication involving major contributions from section members is:



**Comorbidity between Mental and Physical Disorders** (Springer, 2025)  
Editors: Andrea Fiorillo, Afzal Javed, Norman Sartorius

This publication highlights the importance of comorbidity in psychiatric disorders, including schizophrenia, and supports WPA educational and academic activities.

### 2. Section Newsletter

The section plans to introduce a Section Newsletter, with the first edition scheduled for October 2026. The newsletter will include:

- Updates on section activities
- Recent publications by members
- Ongoing research projects
- Announcements of conferences and collaborative opportunities

### 3. Research Collaboration and Repository

The section will establish a shared repository for section members to:

- Share publications
- Present ongoing research projects
- Upload project proposals and collaborative ideas
- Facilitate international research collaboration

Members were encouraged to submit:

- Recently published papers
- Ongoing research projects
- Draft proposals and collaboration ideas

Submissions can be sent to the section leadership.

### 4. WPA Educational Programmes and Research Activities

Section members are actively involved in:

- Schizophrenia research
- Development of clinical guidelines
- Educational activities related to schizophrenia and psychotic disorders

- International collaboration projects
- WPA initiatives, including guideline discussions and educational activities

The section will continue supporting WPA educational programmes through research dissemination, symposium organization, and collaborative academic activities.

### Summary

The Schizophrenia Section continues to grow as an international platform for collaboration in schizophrenia research, education, and clinical practice. The section meets WPA membership requirements and is actively engaged in scientific, educational, and collaborative activities, including participation in WPA congresses, development of collaborative research initiatives, and preparation of scientific symposia.

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