

WORK PROPOSAL

As a candidate WPA Zonal Representative, Southern Zone

2026 – 2029 As a psychiatrist with over 25 years of academic, research, and leadership experience in Latin America, and as a longstanding member of the WPA since 2001, I hereby present my candidacy for the position of Zonal Representative of the Southern Zone, backed by the Colombian Association of Psychiatry (ACP).

My commitment, if elected, will be guided by the following priorities:

1. Strengthen the integration and collaboration among the psychiatric associations of the Southern Zone, fostering active participation of all member countries in the WPA's initiatives and governance.
2. Promote scientific and academic exchange within the region, leveraging existing research networks to support the development of high-quality psychiatry grounded in Latin American realities and populations.
3. Advocate for greater visibility of Southern Zone research and clinical experience in global psychiatric forums, ensuring that our region's voice carries meaningful weight in WPA decisions and policies.
4. Work alongside fellow delegates and WPA leadership to consolidate the organization as the leading representative body of world psychiatry, contributing to its institutional strengthening and strategic development.
5. Drive mental health awareness campaigns adaptable to the diverse cultural and social contexts of our region, with special emphasis on reducing stigma, closing treatment gaps, and promoting early detection and timely care.
6. Foster alliances with international funding bodies, research institutions, and public health organizations to generate resources and opportunities that benefit psychiatric communities across the Southern Zone.

Kind Regards,

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