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**Curriculum Vitae
for the nomination as
WPA Zonal Representative Candidate for
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Personal data

Date of Birth: 1958 06 01
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Present Position

- Professor emeritus for Social Psychiatry, Medical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
- Researcher at the Clinical Division of Social Psychiatry, University Hospital Vienna
- Head of the Postgraduate study program “Behavioral therapy”

Education

1964 – 1976 Primary School and High School in Vienna
1976 – 1984 University of Vienna Medical School

Promotion / Graduation

1984 Graduation as M.D., 1984 06 29

Postgraduate Training

1984 – 1991: training in psychiatry at the Department of Psychiatry, University of Vienna including training in internal medicine and neurology

Board Certifications

1991 Specialist in Psychiatry and Neurology
2004 Diploma „Psychotherapeutic Medicine“
2008 Specialist in Psychiatry and Psychotherapeutic Medicine

Venia Docendi in Psychiatry:

1999 University of Vienna: "Epidemiology of psychiatric disorders in non-psychiatric services"

International Research Experience

1990 Department of Epidemiological Psychiatry, Central Institute of Mental Health (University of Heidelberg, WHO Collaborating Centre for Mental Health) in Mannheim, Germany

2003 – 2004 **Guest Professor** at the Psychiatric Epidemiology Unit at the Institute of Clinical Neurosciences, Göteborg University, Sweden

Since 1998 Research collaboration with universities in many European countries (e.g. EU-project on forensic psychiatry, EU-project on mental health of refugees, collaboration on family caregivers)

Leading clinical positions

1992 – 2011 Senior psychiatrist at the Clinical Division of Social Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry

Since 1993 Medical director of several psychiatric rehabilitation services

2011-2023 Medical and Scientific Head of the Clinical Division of Social Psychiatry, University Hospital Vienna

2011-2023 Professor and Chair for Social Psychiatry, Medical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria

2019-2023 Executive Head of the Department of Psychiatry and Psychiatry, Medical University of Vienna

Teaching experience

Since 1986	Teaching undergraduate medical students at Medical University of Vienna
2003 – 2012	Lecture courses for medical doctors for becoming specialists in psychiatry on behalf of the Austrian Association for Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics
Since 2004	Teaching of postgraduate students of the Doctoral Programme „Mental Health and Behavioral Medicine” at Medical University of Vienna
2014 – 2022	Coordinator of the Doctoral Programme „Mental Health and Behavioral Medicine” at Medical University of Vienna

Main research interests

- Psychiatric epidemiology, health services research, psychiatric rehabilitation, family caregivers.
- Social consequences of mental disorders, rehabilitation and social integration of severely mentally ill, burden and needs of family caregivers of mentally ill people

Selected positions and activities in the Austrian Association for Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics

- Chair of the Working Group on Psychiatric Day Hospitals (2001-2008)
- Chair of the Section Public Mental Health and Social Psychiatry (2004-2019)
- Member of the Scientific Board of the Association (since 2001)
- Member of the Executive of the Association (since 2014)
- President Elect of the Association (2017-2019)
- President of the Association (2019-2022)
- Past President of the Association (since 2022)
- (Co-)Organizer of the annual congresses of the Association (since 2017)

Selected positions and activities in WPA

- Member of the Section on Psychiatric Rehabilitation of WPA (since 1996)
- Secretary of the Section on Psychiatric Rehabilitation (2005-2017)
- Deputy Chair of the Section on Psychiatric Rehabilitation (2017-2020)
- Chair of the Section on Psychiatric Rehabilitation (2020-2023)

- Organization of numerous symposia on behalf of the Section on Psychiatric Rehabilitation during various WPA congresses (since 1997)
- Member of the Section on Public Policy and Psychiatry (2005-2011)
- Numerous lectures about psychiatric epidemiology and service planning during various WPA congresses (since 1996)
- Zonal Representative of WPA Zone 6 (Western Europe) and member of WPA Board (since 2023)
- World Congress of Psychiatry 2023 in Vienna: **Local Host and Co-Chair of the Organizing Committee**
- WPA Thematic Congress on “Innovations in treatment & psychosocial rehabilitation” in Abu Dhabi 2023: **Co-Chair of the Congress**

Selected positions in other Scientific Associations and Boards

- Treasurer of the International Federation for Psychiatric Epidemiology (2004-2009)
- President of the International Federation for Psychiatric Epidemiology (2011-2015)
- Board of the Section “Epidemiology and Social Psychiatry” of the “Association of European Psychiatrists” (since 2004)
- Chair of the Epidemiology Committee of the World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation (2002-2008)
- Secretary of the German-language Section of the „Association pour la Methodologie de la Recherche en Psychiatrie“ (2000-2003)
- Advisory Board for Mental Health of the Federal Ministry of Health in Austria (2008-2021)
- President of the Austrian Association for Social Psychiatry (2014-2020 and 2023-2026)
- Member of the Group of Governmental Experts on Mental Health and Wellbeing of the European Commission (2008-2017)

Positions in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology (Editor since 2010)
- Neuropsychiatrie (Editor since 2005, Scientific Board 2002-2004)
- International Psychogeriatrics (Associate Editor 2004-2018)
- Psychiatrische Praxis (Scientific Board since 2005)

Scientific publications

- More than 300 scientific publications in international and national scientific journals and books
- More than 410 scientific lectures internationally and nationally

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