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The number of members in the Forensic Section has grown exponentially, coming from all 5 continents, and currently we have 108 members.

Every 3 years we hold the election you mentioned, and that was the case in 2023, as it will be again this year.

The action plan and, above all, its execution are fundamental elements. As co-chair, I intend to be the next chair, and part of my action plan consists of holding online meetings so that the members can present the forensic psychiatric realities of their countries. This is because legislation, among other aspects, varies substantially between different nations.

At every WPA meeting, our section organizes symposia, or at least one symposium. This year I will be coordinating the symposium on Compassion in Forensic Psychiatry (n. 361).

The Forensic Psychiatry section has had quite satisfactory productivity over the last three years. In addition to annual participation in all world congresses, we drafted the Consensus on Ethics in Forensic Psychiatry in November 2025, which I edited and it was updated on the website. Another highly relevant activity was the book "Forensic Psychiatry: Clinical and Ethical Approaches," published in 2024 by Cambridge Scholars Publishing. This book was written by us, members of the forensic section, and edited by me.