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Through its networks of international members (n=53) and organizational affiliates (n=15), the Stigma Section engages in scholarly, scientific, and public health activities designed to reduce prejudice and discrimination because of mental disorders and improve social inclusion for people with mental illnesses and their families.

The Section leadership meets on a regular basis to develop and implement action plans including collaborating with national organizations to host a biennial international Together Against Stigma Conference. The section election is typically held before the stigma conference. During the last triennial election, the Section received permission to retain its Section Committee without an election as they were heavily involved in planning for the Together Against Stigma Conference that was held in Iceland.

This year, the 11th international Together Against Stigma Conference will be held in November in New Delhi, India and the election will precede this. Stigma Section members are active researchers, publishing approximately 300 journal articles, chapters, and books within a typical triennial period. A detailed bibliography of these publications is maintained on the WPA website.

Members are also regular contributors to regional and international conferences as plenary speakers, chairs of special sessions, and as presenters.