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WPA VIENNA WCP 2023

CME COURSES :

COURSE 04: OPTIMAL CARE FOR THE MOTHER AND INFANT IN SEVERE POSTPARTUM PSYCHIATRIC MORBIDITY

Prabha Chandra (India)

Ranga Rao (United Kingdom)

Claudia Klier (Austria)

Nabagata Das (India)

SYMPOSIA :

1. SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH IN THE XXIST CENTURY

Chair(s) :

Florence Thibaut (France)

Josyan Madi-Skaff (Lebanon)

SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE DIGITAL WORLD: THE RUSSIAN EXPERIENCE

Natalia D. Semenova (Russian Federation)

CHEMICAL SUBMISSION AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Florence Thibaut (France)

TRAINING FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS IN THE COMMUNITY/ PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTERS

Prabha Chandra (India)

TRAINING FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS IN A TERTIARY HEALTHCARE CENTER IN LATIN AMERICA

Marta B. Rondon (Peru)

2. SUICIDALITY IN EUROPEAN WOMEN: FINDING STRENGTHS TO OVERCOME UNCERTAIN TIMES TOGETHER

Chair(s) :

Florence Thibaut (France)

Daria Smirnova (Russian Federation)

"DEATH IS A SUPPLE SUITOR": THE OVERLOOKED IMPACT OF SUICIDALITY IN WOMEN

Xenia Gonda (Hungary)

PREVALENCE OF SUICIDAL BEHAVIOURS AND ITS CORRELATES IN WOMEN LIVING IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES: BASED ON EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES

Jelena Vrublevska (Latvia)

MODELLING SUICIDALITY RISKS IN FEMALES POPULATIONS AND UNDERSTANDING THE PHENOMENON OF SUICIDALITY VIA PANDEMIC CONTEXT

Daria Smirnova (Russian Federation)

DEPRESSION, ANXIETY AND SUICIDALITY IN THE FEMALE POPULATION – A TRANS-PANDEMIC DYNAMIC IN ROMANIA

Anca L. Panfil (Romania)

3. VIOLENCE IN WOMEN'S LIVES

Chair(s) :

Prabha Chandra (India)

Marta B. Rondon (Peru)

WOMEN AS SEX OFFENDERS

Florence Thibaut (France)

CHILDHOOD TRAUMA AND ITS RELATION TO CLINICAL OUTCOMES OF FIRST EPISODE PSYCHOSIS IN WOMEN

Judith Usall (Spain)

INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Gihan El Nahas (India)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EXPERIENCED BY PREGNANT WOMEN AND MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN- FINDINGS FROM AN URBAN COHORT IN INDIA

Prabha Chandra (India)

4. GLOBAL ASPECTS OF ABORTION

Chair(s) :

Gail E. Robinson (Canada)

Zakia A. Al Difai (Oman)

ABORTION LEGISLATION IN CANADA AND THE USA AFTER OVERTURNING ROE V WADE

Gail E. Robinson (Canada)

ABORTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Baraa Mazi (Saudi Arabia)

ABORTION LEGISLATION AND ACCESS IN EUROPE

Claudia Klier (Austria)

ABORTION SOUTH OF RIO GRANDE

Marta B. Rondon (Peru)

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6. TREATMENT UPDATES SESSION: TREATMENT OF MENTAL DISORDERS IN THE PERIPARTUM

Chair(s) :

Anita Riecher-Rössler (Switzerland)

Prabha Chandra (India)

TREATMENT OF MENTAL DISORDERS IN THE PERIPARTUM - GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Anita Riecher-Rössler (Switzerland)

PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGICAL CHOICES IN PREGNANCY AND LACTATION

Annemarie Unger (Austria)

7. WOMEN AS VICTIMS AND PERPETRATORS OF SERIOUS CRIME

Chair(s) :

Carlos H. Isaac Serna (Mexico)

Britta K. Ostermeyer (United States of America)

WOMEN AS PERPETRATORS OF SERIOUS CRIME

Britta K. Ostermeyer (United States of America)

MENTAL HEALTH IN FEMALE PRISONERS

Vicente Tort Herrando (Spain)

WOMEN VICTIMS OF FEMICIDE

Carlos H. Isaac Serna (Mexico)

GENDER PERSPECTIVE IN MENTAL HEALTH

Judith Usall (Spain)

WPA MEXICO WCP 2024

PLENARY SESSION 05: GLOBAL PICTURE – WOMEN AND GIRLS MENTAL HEALTH IN COMPARISON WITH MALES (ID 171)

Chair(s) :

Helen Herrman (Australia)

Speaker :

Prabha Chandra (India)

SYMPOSIA :

1.ACCESS TO SAFE ACCESS TO ABORTION AND ITS IMPACT ON WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH WORLDWIDE (ID 47)

Chair(s) :

Donna E. Stewart (Canada)

Florence Thibaut (France)

SAFE ABORTION IN NORTH AMERICA (ID 201)

Donna E. Stewart (Canada)

SAFE ABORTION IN ASIA (ID 202)

Prabha Chandra (India)

SAFE ABORTION IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN AFRICA (ID 203)

Aida Sylla (Senegal)

SAFE ABORTION IN SOUTH AMERICA (ID 204)

Marta B. Rondon (Peru)

2.THE GLASS CEILING: INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES (ID 297)

Chair(s) :

Satsuki Watanabe (Japan)

Jorge Tellez (Colombia)

PANELISTS :

Ruby C. Castilla-Puentes (United States of America)

Satsuki Watanabe (Japan)

Jorge Tellez (Colombia)

Florence Thibaut (France)

Maria E. Medina-Mora (Mexico)

Prabha Chandra (India)

Mariana Pinto da Costa (United Kingdom)

3.UNDERSTANDING MENTAL HEALTH OVER A WOMAN'S LIFETIME (ID 296)

Chair(s) :

Florence Thibaut (France)

Rutger Jan J. Van der Gaag (Netherlands)

SEX-DIFFERENCES IN ALCOHOL WITHDRAWAL (ID 600)

Ruby C. Castilla-Puentes (United States of America)

SUICIDALITY IN EUROPEAN FEMALES: THE FACTORS OF INCOME INEQUALITY AND COUNTRY OF LIVING DO MATTER. (ID 601)

Daria Smirnova (Russian Federation)

GENDER AND STRESS MANAGEMENT REGULATION: FACTS AND THERAPEUTIC STRATEGIES (ID 602)

Rutger Jan J. Van der Gaag (Netherlands)

IMPACT OF COVID IN WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT. (ID 603)

Florence Thibaut (France)

4.GENDER MATTERS (ID 242)

Chair(s) :

Patricia J. Van Wijngaarden-Cremers (Netherlands)

Prabha Chandra (India)

GENDER DOES MATTER IN PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY AND CLINICAL RESEARCH. (ID 322)

Florence Thibaut (France)

PATTERNS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AMONG PERINATAL WOMEN FROM AN URBAN COHORT – A LONGITUDINAL ANALYSIS (ID 323)

Prabha Chandra (India)

EXPLORING THE INTERSECTION OF GENDER IDENTITY CONCERNS AND AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS: A GENDER DISPARITY (ID 324)

Patricia J. Van Wijngaarden-Cremers (Netherlands)

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF WOMEN'S (MENTAL) HEALTH – THE MANIFESTO 2024 OF THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH (ID 325)

Rutger Jan J. Van der Gaag (Netherlands)

5. WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION (ID 236)

Chair(s) :

Alexander Mario Baldacchino (United Kingdom)

Florence Thibaut (France)

GENDER DIFFERENCES IN ADDICTION (ID 305)

Florence Thibaut (France)

WOMEN, TRAUMA, STRESS AND ADDICTION (ID 306)

Marc N. Potenza (United States of America)

FROM AWARENESS TO ACTION: ADDRESSING WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION ISSUE (ID 307)

Alag Poorvanshi (United States of America)

6. UNDERSTANDING MENTAL HEALTH OVER A WOMAN'S LIFETIME (ID 296)

Chair(s)

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WPA PRAGUE WCP 2025

Congratulations to Marc Potenza: Winner of the prestigious 2025 WPA award

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE: EMPOWERING WOMEN IN PSYCHIATRY: BUILDING GLOBAL CLINICAL AND RESEARCH NETWORKS (ID 170)

Chair(s):

Florence Thibaut (France), Valsamma Eapen (Australia)

BUILDING WOMEN LED CLINICAL AND RESEARCH INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS IN PSYCHIATRY (ID 1843)

Ruby Castilla Puentes (United States of America)

CLINICAL MANIFESTATION OF NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS IN ADULT WOMEN (ID 1844)

Carolina Herrera-Ortiz (Mexico)

CME Course

“Pharmacology in Pregnancy” including Prof. G. El Nahas and Prof. F Thibaut

SYMPOSIA :

1. INTER-RELATED GENETIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF PERINATAL STRESS, LOSS, AND TRAUMA (ID 390)

Chair(s):

Miri Keren (Israel)

Florence Thibaut (France)

Temperamental and other psychosocial and behavioral factors influencing success of fertility treatments (ID 600)

Xenia Gonda (Hungary)

Management of grief following pregnancy loss (ID 601)

Ruby Castilla Puentes (United States of America)

Epigenetics of Transgenerational Trauma (ID 602)

Amine Larnaout (Tunisia)

Towards embracing the complexity of intergenerational transmission of maternal trauma and related psychopathology (ID 603)

Daniel S. Schechter (Switzerland)

2. ADDICTIONS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS (ID 179)

Chair(s):

Alexander M. Baldacchino (United Kingdom)

Ramune Mazaliauskienne (Lithuania)

Bilirubin as a marker of oxidative stress in substance-induced psychosis (ID 2692)

Antonietta Ferlauto (Italy)

Considering gender and sex and other individual differences in disorders and behavior disorders related to problematic usage of internet (ID 224)

Marc N. Potenza (United States of America)

Association between depression, anxiety and loneliness with gaming, smartphone, and internet addictions among public university students in Malaysia (ID 2051)

Nor Asiah Muhamad (Malaysia)

Impact of personality-targeted prevention program on adolescent substance use and substance use disorders: five-year outcomes from a cluster-randomized controlled trial (ID 3333)

Samantha J. Lynch (Canada)

The role of craving in gambling behavior: examining its relevance and links to psychological distress, personality, and demographics (ID 2259)

Thomas K. Westerberg (Sweden)

3. WAR, FORCED MIGRATION, AND REFUGEE CRISIS: A MULTIDISCIPLINARY AND BIOPSYCHOSOCIAL PERSPECTIVE ON MENTAL HEALTH IN DISASTER SETTINGS (ID 381)

Chair(s):

Florence Thibaut (France)

Tom Wenzel Austria

Parenting in Times of War: Experiences of Mothers from the Middle East (ID 576)

Hala Kerbage (France)
Creating Networks to Support Women's Mental Health in Times of War (ID 577)
Ruby Castilla Puentes (United States of America)
The Feminization of Migrations in Latin America: Psychosocial and Mental Health Aspects (ID 578)
Silvia L. Gaviria (Colombia)
The impact of war and conflict related human rights violations on Yazidi, Uighurs and Syrian minorities (ID 579)
Thomas Wenzel (Austria)

4. UPDATES ON GENDER ISSUES (ID 375)

Chair(s):
Judith Usall (Spain)
Valsamma Eapen (Australia)

Youth suicide and gender: how girls face risk and protection (ID 564)

Regina Vila-Badia (Spain)
Mental health consequences of pressure to breastfeed (ID 565)
Gail E. Robinson (Canada)
Functional neurological disorders as a female predominant disorder (ID 639)
Valsamma Eapen (Australia)

5. GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (ID 150)

Chair(s):
Gihan M. ELNahas (Egypt)
Florence Thibaut (France)

The Violence Against Women Caused by Abortion Restrictions (ID 448)
Gail E. Robinson (Canada)
From Tradition to Transformation: Gender-Based Violence in MENA-Arab States (ID 451)
Gihan M. ELNahas (Egypt)
Health professionals' attitudes about father-daughter incest in a Portuguese hospital-the role of consultation-liaison psychiatry to address sexual abuse, trauma and rehabilitation and its practical dilemmas. (ID 459)
Joana D. Sá Ferreira (Portugal)

6. WOMEN AND ADDICTIVE BEHAVIORS: UNDERSTANDING EXPERIENCES AND OPTIMIZING CLINICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTIONS (ID 373)

Chair(s):
Florence Thibaut (France)
Pedro S. Bacchi (Brazil)

The Role of Social Norms in Gendered Pathways to Addiction: Women's Coping Mechanisms. (ID 993)
Kimia Kogani (Iran)
Sexual Addiction and Gender Specificities. (ID 994)
Florence Thibaut (France)
Echoes from the Past: How Adverse Childhood Experiences Shape Women's Vulnerability to Substance Use (ID 995)
Pedro S. Bacchi (Brazil)
Designing Care Services for Addictive Behaviors that Address Women Specific Needs (ID 996)
Sophia Achab (Switzerland)

7. A LIFE-COURSE APPROACH TO AUTISM: IMPLICATIONS FOR CAPACITY BUILDING AND CLINICAL PRACTICE IN PSYCHIATRY INCLUDING QUALITY OF LIFE OUTCOMES (ID 380)

Chair(s):
Florence Thibaut (France)
Valsamma Eapen (Australia)

Early identification, training and capacity building: An international perspective including from developing countries (ID 570)
Valsamma Eapen (Australia)
Transcultural perspectives on parental Quality of Life (QoL) and Family QoL framework: Perspectives from a special educational setting (ID 571)
Kiran Hingorani (United Kingdom)
Empowering autistic people in Indonesia: A structured Life Skill Program to improve quality of life in Indonesia (ID 572)

Suzy Yusna Dewi (Indonesia)

Protective factors for quality of life among school-age autistic children and their parents in Hungary (ID 573)

Marta Volgyesi-Molnar (Hungary)

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CME COURSES :

COURSE 07: APPROACH, DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF ADHD IN WOMEN ACROSS THE LIFESPAN: A COMPREHENSIVE, SKILLS-BASED CLINICAL COURSE (ID 30)

Prabha Chandra (India)

COURSE 01: PHARMACOLOGY IN PREGNANCY (ID 25)

Chair(s) :

Gihan M. ELNahas (Egypt)

Florence Thibaut (France)

Maria Muzik (United States of America)

SYMPOSIA:

1. PROGRESS IN WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH (ID 603)

Chair(s) :

Gail E. Robinson (Canada)

Gihan M. ELNahas (Egypt)

Women's Mental Health Section of the Russian Psychiatric Association: Development, Interdisciplinary Collaboration, and Scientific Focus Areas (ID 1348)

Natalia Semenova (Russian Federation)

"Progress in Women's Mental Health in the EMR & South Asian Region" (ID 1353)

Unaiza Niaz (Pakistan)

The EU Women's (mental) health strategy: addressing social determinants (ID 1712)

Rutger J. Van der Gaag (Netherlands)

Managing abuse and trauma during the peripartum in the 21st century (ID 1713)

Gisele Apter (France)

2. ADDICTIVE DISORDERS AND BEHAVIORS IN WOMEN: BIOLOGICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIETAL PERSPECTIVES (ID 481)

Chair(s) :

Sophia Achab (Switzerland)

Florence Thibaut (France)

The triple burden: Intersectoral Stigma in the Care Pathways of Women with Complex Needs (ID 812)

Arpit J. Parmar (India)

Gaming disorders in women: building upon qualitative approach and longitudinal data (ID 813)

Sophia Achab (Switzerland)

SUD in perinatal mental health (ID 814)

Laura Orsolini (Italy)

Women and addiction from an international perspective (ID 815)

Rama Kamal (Qatar)

3. INTERDISCIPLINARY AND TRANSCULTURAL PERSPECTIVES ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE'S EFFECT ON MENTAL HEALTH (ID 713)

Chair(s) :

Gail E. Robinson (Canada)

Thomas Wenzel (Germany)

Sexual violence in transcultural context (ID 1837)

Marianne C. Kastrup (Denmark)

IPV related Traumatic Brain Injury among women and impact on mood and cognition (ID 1838)

Prabha Chandra (India)

Yezidi women in ISIS captivity (ID 1839)

Jan Ilhan Kizilhan (Iraq)

A forensic lens on the vulnerability of immigrant women to domestic violence (ID 1883)

Joana Sá Ferreira (Portugal)

4. WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE: FROM POLICY TO PRACTICE (ID 554)

Chair(s) :

Lamia Jouini (Switzerland)

Florence Thibaut (France)

From Legislation to Lived Reality: Navigating Policy, Culture, and Inequality as Women in Psychiatry (ID 1178)

Elena Šivickienė (Lithuania)

Psychiatry's Gender Blind Spot: What Comes Next? (ID 1180)

Ruby Castilla Puentes (United States of America)

The Silent Load: From Hormonal Cycles to Psychological Struggles in the Female Workplace (ID 1186)

Kimia Kogani (Iran)

Women & leadership in healthcare- building on strengths to overcome barriers (ID 1187)

Sophia Achab (Switzerland)

5. WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH - RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND TRANSCULTURAL PERSPECTIVES (ID 448)

Chair(s) :

Josyan Madi-Skaiff (Lebanon)

Judith Usall Rodie (Spain)

Perinatal mental health: recent developments in India (ID 704)

Prabha Chandra (India)

Prevalence, risk and protective factors for suicidal ideation and behavior among Catalan young girls and boys (ID 705)

Judith Usall Rodie (Spain)

Improving women's mental health care: The WARMI Project in Latin America (ID 703)

Ruby Castilla Puentes (United States of America)

The feminization of migration: mental health of Venezuelan migrant women (ID 706)

Silvia Gaviria (Colombia)

6. STATE OF THE ART SYMPOSIUM 03: COMPLEX CLINICAL PRESENTATIONS IN MOOD AND RELATED DISORDERS (ID 371)

Chair(s) :

Ilenia Pampaloni (United Kingdom)

Florence Thibaut (France)

Strategies in the Management of Perinatal Bipolar Disorder: Bridging Evidence and Clinical Practice (ID 133)

Gihan M. ELNahas (Egypt)

The role of overvalued ideas and aberrant beliefs in obsessive-compulsive and related disorders. (ID 200)

Vlasios Brakoulas (Australia)

7. STATE OF THE ART SYMPOSIUM 02: SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN THE PERINATAL PERIOD: BEREAVEMENT CARE AND PARENT-INFANT PSYCHOTHERAPY (ID 100)

Chair(s)

Gisele Apter (Israel)

Florence Thibaut (France)

BEYOND THE CLINICAL SPACE: STATE-OF-THE-ART DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PERINATAL BEREAVEMENT ROOMS TO OPTIMIZE MENTAL HEALTH OUTCOMES (ID 2910)

Ruby Castilla Puentes (United States of America)

UPDATE ON THE CURRENT MODALITIES OF PARENT-INFANT PSYCHOTHERAPY (ID 198)

Miri M. KEREN (Israel)

Publications:

Book chapters :

Mental Health and Illness of Women. Mental Health and Illness Worldwide - N Sartorius and E Heok Kua". Eds. P S. Chandra, H Herrman, J Fisher, A Riecher-Rössler Springer, Singapore. 2020.

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Overview of women and addiction. Thibaut F. In: "Mental Health and Illness of Women. Mental Health and Illness Worldwide - N Sartorius and E Heok Kua". Eds. P S. Chandra, H Herrman, J Fisher, A Riecher-Rössler Springer, Singapore. 2020. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-10-0371-4_33-1.

Psychiatric disorders among women. Thibaut F. In "Handbook on optimizing patient care in psychiatry". Eds. A Srivastava, N Shah, A De Sousa Routledge/Taylor Francis USA In press 2020

Women at the workplace: still a long way to go. Thibaut F. In "Oxford Text Book of Organizational Psychological Medicine" Section 2. Human Capital Management. Section Editor: S Nimmagadda (UK). Chapter 18. Coeditors: R. D'SOUZA, J. McINTYRE, S. NIMMAGADDA, F. THIBAUT, R. TANDON, H. BELMAKER. Oxford Press 2026 in press.

Articles:

2023

The role of psychological factors in the development and treatment of infertility. Szabo G, Szigeti F J, Sipos M, Varbiro S, Gonda X. Neuropsychopharmacol Hung. 2023 Sep;25(3):123-130.

Women's Mental Health and Lessons Learnt from the COVID-19 Pandemic. Thibaut F, El Nahas G. Psychiatr Clin North Am. Women's Mental Health ed. S.G. Kornstein and A. H. Clayton. 2023 Sep;46(3):415-426. IF 2.8

Perinatal Psychoactive Substances Use: A Rising Perinatal Mental Health Concern. El Nahas G, Thibaut F. J Clin Med. 2023 Mar 10;12(6):2175. doi: 10.3390/jcm12062175. IF 4.96

Affective temperaments show stronger association with infertility treatment success compared to somatic factors, highlighting the role of personality focused interventions. Szabo G, Szigeti F J, Sipos M, Varbiro S, Gonda X. Sci Rep. 2023 Dec 11;13(1):21956. doi: 10.1038/s41598-023-47969-x.

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Adherence to dietary recommendations mediates the effect of affective temperaments on infertility treatment outcomes. Szabo G, Szigeti F J, Sipos M, Varbiro S, Gonda X. Sci Rep. 2024 May 31;14(1):12544. doi: 10.1038/s41598-024-63343-x.

2025

Perinatal bereavement rooms: a narrative review of physical space in perinatal grief. Ruby Castilla-Puentes published: Castilla-Puentes R, Isidoro AF, Orosito A, Eaton S, Goyeneche M, Cabrales LG, Santaella G. Arch Gynecol Obstet. 2025

A long shot? Affective temperaments predict adherence to pharmacotherapy during infertility treatment in a prospective longitudinal study. Szabo G, Soltesz K, Szigeti F J, Varbiro S, Sipos M, Gonda X. Dialogues Clin Neurosci. 2025 Dec;27(1):276-284. doi: 10.1080/19585969.2025.2563529. Epub 2025 Sep 23.

What All Physicians Should Know About Women's Health: a Delphi Study

de Heer-Koster MH, Benedetto C, Bjegovic-Mikanovic V, Banaitytė- Baleišienė I, Perdiou M: Patient Advisory Board, Gerdtts E, Kautzky-Willer A, Mazières J, McGregor A, Newman C, Price S, Roeters van Lennep J, Stankevičiūtė S, Sommer IE, Stadler G, **Thibaut F**, van 't Land K, Wermer MJH, Wilbur K, Scheele F. BMJ Public Health 2025;3:e001786. doi:10.1136/bmjph-2024-001786

2026

Gender and income disparities in World Psychiatry Congress participation (2023-2024)

Yilmaz-Karaman IG, Pinto da Costa M, Koseoglu B, Oktar AU, Thibaut F, Færden A.

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Advancing women's mental health: priorities, progress and future directions of the WPA Section

Starzynski Bacchi P, ELNahas G, Castilla-Puentes R, Pinto da Costa M, Thibaut F. World Psychiatry 2026 in press

Collaborations with other sections:

- Section on Digital mental health and psychiatry: Donald M Hilty (member of the section) is leading the guidelines on AI for this section. The section is currently working on: WPA mH & AI guideline: draft, appendices including women's mental health
- Section on Psychological consequences of torture and persecution (Thomas Wenzel Chair) : joint sympo in 2025 and 2026
- Section on Early career psychiatrists : Lamia Jounin Chair) : joint sympos in 2025 and 2026
- Section on Perinatal Psychiatry and Infant Mental Health (Chair M Keren) : joint sympo in 2025
- Section on Genetics in Psychiatry (Chair U Heilbronner) : joint sympo in 2025
- Section on Addiction in Psychiatry (Chair A Baldacchino) : joint sympo in 2025 and 2026

Collaborations with other associations:

International Association of Women's Mental Health (IAMWH) (President: J Usall, President Elect: G El Nahas, Secretary: R Castilla-Puentes) : A webinar on women' mental health in April 2026
The next congress of the IAWMH will be held in Sitges (Barcelona) 14-17 March 2027
Information: <https://www.iamwmh2027.org>

International Neuropsychiatric Association (INA) (President: Valsa Eapen) : joint sympo in 2025 and 2026
The next congress about biological psychiatry of the INA will be held in Cape Town, South Africa (26-30th November 2026)
Information: <https://biopsychsa.co.za/>

World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry (WFSBP) (President P Falkai)
Management of alcohol use disorders in women during pregnancy) :
https://wfsbp.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/WFSBP_guidelines_AUDs_and_pregnancy.pdf

European Psychiatric Association (EPA) President A Fiorillo) : sympo on addiction with members from the EPA and the WPA sections on addiction.
F Thibaut was invited to give a plenary lecture during the 33rd European Congress of Psychiatry of the EPA in Madrid in 2024 on *Women's mental health : a global perspective*

Members Activities :

Xenia Gonda Hungary

Presentations:

1. WCP 2025, Intersectional Symposium - Gonda X. Temperamental and other psychosocial and behavioural factors influencing success of fertility treatment

Dr. Alejandra Maddocks, Argentina

Chair of the Section on Women, World Association of Social Psychiatry (WASP)

* Course: "Women's Mental Health." Coordinator and lecturer: Alejandra Maddocks.

[Universidad Médica] (<https://universidadmedica.com/>) — Virtual Update in Health Sciences, Continuing Medical Education (CME), 2024.

* Course: "Family Violence: Intervention Strategies." Coordinator and lecturer: Alejandra Maddocks.

[Universidad Médica] (<https://universidadmedica.com/>) — Virtual Update in Health Sciences, Continuing Medical Education (CME), 2023.

* Presentations at Psychiatry and Mental Health Congresses on gender bias in healthcare, violence against women in humanitarian crisis settings, women's mental health, and social determinants of health (2023–2026).

Josyan Madi Skaff Lebanon

Presentation :

WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH - RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND TRANSCULTURAL PERSPECTIVES organized jointly with the IAWMH Symposium WCP 2026.

WEBINAR :

Wars in the 21st Century: Mental Health Impacts, Intervention Strategies, and the Cost to Our Humanity

Date: 5th June 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CEST

Marta Rondon Peru

Marta Rondon has been appointed a member of the WHO CLINICAL AND POLICY GUIDELINES ON RESPONDING TO INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (Update of 2013) GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT GROUP which should complete the task this year.

As a member of the research team (Proesa, T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Maternal and Infant Study) I presented the results of this major research project to MoH experts on sexual and reproductive, as well as mental health.

As a member of the Organo de Control Ético y Deontológico del Colegio Médico del Perú (the ethics and deontology supervisory body of the Peruvian Medical Association) I collaborated in the creation of the Línea Mujer, which will provide assistance to medical professionals suffering from harassment.

I became a distinguished international fellow of the APA which has done wonders for my mental health.

Joana Sá Ferreira Portugal

Health Professionals' Attitudes About Father-Daughter Incest in a Portuguese Hospital – The Role of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry to Address Sexual Abuse, Trauma and Rehabilitation and Its Practical Dilemmas. In collaboration with Dr. Vera Teixeira de Sousa 25th World Congress of Psychiatry Ferreira J.S., Santos J.H., Grilo A., Santos M.J. (2024). Cultural context, migration and gender aspects in forensic psychiatry. *Modern Therapy in Psychiatry and Neurology*, (2), 13-18.

Mothers in Silence: Stigma and Fear in Perinatal Psychiatric Care. Joana Sá Ferreira. Jornal N (local newspaper)

Judith Usall Rodié Spain

Chairwoman V EUROPEAN MEETING ON WOMEN'S October. Barcelona. Opening ceremony. 2025

25th WPA World Congress of Psychiatry Chair Symposium Gender and mental health October 2025
President Elect and Chairperson, Conference Scientific Committee 10 th Congres on Women's mental Health
March 2025 Bengaluru
19th International Symposium on Neuropsychiatry and HIV Barcelona 24 abril 2026 Session menopause
Medical and psychiatric perspectives Psychiatric perspective
President Conference Scientific Comittee 11 th Congres on Women's mental Health March 2027 Barcelona

Gihan El Nahas

President Elect of the International Association of Women's Mental Health (President in March 2027)
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