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Triennial report from the Literature and Mental Health Section

Scientific board 2023-2026:

- Chair: Sergio Javier Villaseñor Bayardo, Mexico
- Co-Chair: Ekaterina Sukhanova, USA
- Secretary: Claudia Lorena Castellanos Medina, Mexico
- Committee Member: Renato Alarcón, Peru
- Committee Member: Andrés Martín González Meléndez, Mexico
- Committee Member: Franklin Escobar-Córdoba, Colombia

Election for the Scientific Section Committee and officers:

The elections were carried out by a vote of all active members, who were previously summoned to nominate candidates for the positions. Nominations closed on May 30th. Because there was only one nomination for each position, the board was selected by consensus as follows:

Scientific board 2026-2029:

- Chair: Claudia Lorena Castellanos Medina, Mexico
- Co-Chair: Ekaterina Sukhanova, USA
- Secretary: Juan Maass, Chile
- Committee Member: Sergio Javier Villaseñor Bayardo, Mexico
- Committee Member: Daniel Delanoë, France
- Committee Member: Juan Jesús Bautista Carrera, Mexico

Overall, the section counts with 30 active members from 15 different countries:

1. Argelia
2. Australia
3. Brazil
4. Chile
5. Colombia
6. France
7. Greece
8. Iran
9. Italy
10. Mexico
11. New Zealand
12. Peru
13. Poland
14. United States of America
15. Venezuela

Plan of action presented	Status	Details
To promote and update health professionals from Mexico in the diagnosis and treatment of mental health problems at their communities through the section's participation at the organization of the congress entitled "Diagnostic spectrums in Mental Health" held in Mexico at April 10th and 11th 2025.	Completed	Participation in the congress was a success, both Chair and the secretary of the section were part of the organizing committee. There were over 500 attendees and more than 1,170 online viewers.
Participation in the intersectional state of the art lecture between Literature and mental health section, art section and transcultural psychiatry section at the 25th WPA World Congress of Psychiatry.	Completed	Title of the symposia: Literature, Culture and mental illness. Presented by the chair of the Literature and Mental Health section on October 7 th 2026.
To update the membership list and include more health professionals from different countries to it, by giving out information and extending invitations at congresses and via e-mail.	Completed	The section was promoted as part of the activities of the board in every participation in congress. As a result, new members from different countries were recruited. New members were also recruited online sending their application through the website.
To publish the abstracts of the symposia and conferences from the congress "Diagnostic spectrums in Mental Health" as educational material both in the original language (Spanish) as well as a translated version into English for the dissemination of scientific information.	Pending	Since this was a participation with The Jalisco Institute of Mental Health and Addictions, publication was delayed by administrative issues outside the section. The Spanish version was published in Mexico and is now ready to be published online. A translated version into English is still on progress.

Symposia at WPA meetings in the three-year period between General Assemblies;

- 24th WPA World Congress of Psychiatry “New Horizons for Good Mental Health for All”. (14-17 November 2024 in Mexico City, Mexico):
 - “Trauma experienced by migrants depicted in literature” symposia in collaboration between the Literature and Mental Health section and the Transcultural psychiatry section.
 - “Literature and mental health: Topics, links and global perspective” state of the art symposia.
- 25th World Congress of Psychiatry "The Role of Psychiatry in the Changing World" (5-8 October 2025 in Prague, Czech Republic):
 - “Literature, Culture and Mental Health” State of the art symposia in collaboration between the Literature and Mental Health section and the Transcultural psychiatry section.

WPA Scientific Sections Meeting:

- Claudia Castellanos, secretary of the section, attended the WPA TPS section meeting on November 16th during the 24th WPA World Congress of Psychiatry.
- Claudia Castellanos, secretary of the section, attended the WPA TPS section meeting on 7th October 2025 during the 25th World Congress of Psychiatry.

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