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TRIENNIAL REINSTATEMENT REPORT (2023–2026)

WPA Scientific Section on Psychiatric Rehabilitation

To:	WPA Executive Committee & Prof. Armen Soghoyan, WPA Secretary for Scientific Sections
From:	Assoc. Prof. Kamonnet Wannasewok, Secretary, WPA Scientific Section on Psychiatric Rehabilitation
Date:	June 10, 2026

1. Membership

The Section maintains an active roster exceeding the required minimum of 20 members, drawn from multiple geographic regions including Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Latin America, and the Australia. A full membership list (names, emails, regional classification) is submitted as an attachment.

2. Committee Elections

Elections were held within the required three-year period. The current elected officers are:

- Chair: Prof. Medhat Elsabbahy (United Arab Emirates)
- Co-Chair: Prof. Alberto Fergusson (Colombia)
- Secretary: Assoc. Prof. Kamonnet Wannasewok (Thailand)

3. Plan of Action

A plan of action was presented at the start of the current triennium, centred on three priorities: global collaborative networks; strengthening the evidence base for schizophrenia and severe mental illness care; and integrating rehabilitation principles into mainstream psychiatric practice.

4. Symposia at WPA Meetings (2023–2026)

The Section organised and participated in the following WPA symposia, exceeding the required minimum of two:

- 23rd WPA World Congress, Vienna (September 2023): Symposium – “Psychiatric Rehabilitation in the 21st Century: State of the Art.”
- WPA 2025 Regional Congress, Alexandria (April 2025): Workshop – “Challenges in Establishing a Psychiatric Rehabilitation Service.”
- WPA World Congress 2026:

- Accepted the State of the Art Symposium – “Mental health system, access, and rehabilitation” with Eugene Koh(Malaysia), Medhat Elsabbahy (UAE), chaired by Rodrigo Ramalho (New Zealand), Johannes Wancata (Austria)

- Accepted the Presidential symposium: “Challenges for psychiatric rehabilitation” with Medhat Elsabbahy (UAE), Marianne Farkas (USA), Florence Jaguga (Kenya): Helen Killaspy (UK), chaired by Danuta Wassermann (Sweden) and Johannes Wancata (Austria)

5. Activities per Plan of Work

The Section has carried out activities consistent with its plan of work:

- Academic publication: Chapter 8, “Neuroscience-Informed Psychoeducation for Schizophrenia,” published in Progress in Brain Research (Elsevier, 2026), co-authored by Elsabbahy, Wannasewok, Jagial, Khan, and Wancata.
- Presentations at conferences beyond WPA congresses, including the Abu Dhabi Integrated Mental Health Conferences (2024, 2025), International Conference of Asia, Asia-Pacific, SAARC, WPA and Middle East Psychiatric Federations (2024), the 8th Schizophrenia Forum Abu Dhabi (2025), and the 10th Annual Regional Conference of Integrated Psychiatry, Cairo (2024).
- High-level plenary advocacy for integrating rehabilitation into mainstream psychiatric care, including co-chairing the panel “Visions on Future of Psychiatry 2030 Circa” alongside WPA leadership.

Formal Request for Reinstatement

We respectfully request that the Secretary for Scientific Sections forward a positive recommendation to the Executive Committee to reinstate the WPA Scientific Section on Psychiatric Rehabilitation for the 2026–2029 triennium.

Submitted by: Assoc. Prof. Kamonnet Wannasewok

Role: Secretary, WPA Scientific Section on Psychiatric Rehabilitation

Attachment:

- Section Membership list (full names, regional classifications, emails)