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WPA Psychoneurobiology Section – Triennial Activity Report

During the 2023-2026 triennium, the WPA Section on Psychoneurobiology has continued to strengthen its scientific activities, international collaborations, and educational initiatives within the WPA framework. The Section currently includes more than 25 members from different geographical regions. Elections for the Scientific Section Committee and officers were held on September 30, 2023, during the WPA World Congress of Psychiatry in Vienna. The elected officers are: Paola Bucci, Chair; Mohammad Arbabi, Co-Chair; and Giulia M. Giordano, Secretary.

The activities of the Section have been consistent with the objectives outlined in the 2023-2026 Action Plan, with a focus on neuroinflammation, brain connectivity, cognitive dysfunctions, biomarkers, electrophysiology, and translational psychiatry. Building on the scientific activities developed by the previous leadership, the current Committee continued to support the Section's international visibility through symposium proposals for WPA Congresses in 2024 and 2025, involving speakers from Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. In addition, the Section successfully obtained acceptance of a State-of-the-Art Symposium for the WPA World Congress 2026 in Stockholm.

The Section also organized WPA-endorsed seminars in 2024 with international experts from Iran, the United Kingdom, and Japan, promoting scientific exchange and educational activities. Membership engagement has progressively increased through regular updates of the membership list, including the admission of new members and psychiatrists already active within the WPA Early Career Psychiatrists Section.

The Section has regularly updated its WPA webpage and maintained active scientific productivity through numerous peer-reviewed publications by its members, in line with the Section's objectives in psychoneurobiology, translational psychiatry, and neuroscience research. For 2026-2027, the Section is also planning an international webinar series (four

online seminars per year) and a thematic Special Issue with an opening WPA Section position paper dedicated to translational psychoneurobiology and precision psychiatry.