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Triennial Report of the WPA Section on Genetics in Psychiatry

The WPA Section on Genetics in Psychiatry currently has 54 registered members from the United States, Europe, Africa, and Asia. Elections for the Section's officers were held in May 2024. Fernando Goes was elected Chair, Smita Deshpande Co-Chair, and Urs Heilbronner Secretary.

Our main goals during this term have been to share recent developments in psychiatric genetics, consider how genetic findings can be responsibly applied in clinical practice, and encourage collaboration among clinicians and researchers from different parts of the world.

Section members presented symposia at WPA World Congresses in Bangkok, Vienna, Mexico City, and Prague. These sessions covered advances in psychiatric genetics and pharmacogenetics, with particular focus on their relevance for clinical care.

For the Vienna meeting, we prepared a short educational booklet on pharmacogenetics for psychiatrists and other mental health professionals. More recently, we published an article in *World Psychiatry* in 2025 describing the Section's activities, progress in psychiatric genetics, and the challenges involved in translating research findings into clinical practice.

We have continued to update information about the Section's membership, leadership, activities, and publications for the WPA website. Overall, we have carried out the main activities outlined in our plan for the term and will continue to support education, international collaboration, and the thoughtful application of genetics in psychiatry.