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The Section of Preventive Psychiatry brings together a global network of psychiatrists and psychiatry trainees undertaking research, teaching/ learning, clinical practice, and a diverse range of actions framed by a mental health promotion and preventive approach.

The main emphasis in the Action plan for 2023 – 2026 has been done on the increasing visibility of the section through the publication activity and on the collaboration with other sections due to the broad range of problems that preventive psychiatry covers.

The Section Officers and Executive Committee were nominated online just before the WPA Congress 2023 and approved during the Section meeting at Vienna Congress at September 28, 2023.

Chair: Olga Karpenko (Russia)
Co-chair: Uttam Garg (India)
Secretary: Rodrigo Ramalho (New Zealand)

Executive Committee:
Bulent Coskun (Turkey)
Maria Mitkovic-Voncina (Serbia)
Kuruvilla Thomas (India)
Leonardo Baldacara (Brazil)
Nasar Khan (Pakistan)

During the section meeting Section Action plan was discussed and approved. You can find more details in the WPA e-newsletter that was dedicated to this event (https://mcusercontent.com/98a9ff0b264d6f7c78f9f1019/files/80c1cd54-91c9-bab7-996e-ab8424d8b642/Section_of_Preventive_Psychiatry.pdf)

Section consists of 66 members from the countries all over the globe.

Section Symposia

Although the section was active in proposing symposia to each WPA congress, focusing mostly on intersectional symposia on the relevant issues of preventive psychiatry (primary care, prevention in disasters, education on prevention, digital technologies and prevention, etc.), only one symposium was approved for WCP during the last three years for the unknown reason.

Intersectional symposium together with the Section Quality Assurance (QA) in Psychiatry “AI-DRIVEN DIGITAL PSYCHIATRY: PROMISES AND PITFALLS IN PREDICTIVE AND PREVENTIVE CARE” was held during the Congress in Prague 2025.

Another symposium “Evolution and transformation in current preventive approaches in public mental health” was held within the WPA-cosponsored National Conference of the Indian Association for Social Psychiatry in Raipur in November 2023.

Publications

This part on the Action plan was more successful than intersectional collaboration through the symposia at WPA congresses and resulted in several high-impact publications dedicated to the mental health prevention and highlighting the Preventive psychiatry section.

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2. Fusar-Poli, P., Pillinger, T., McCutcheon, R.A., Rangaswamy, T., Asmal, L., Singh, S.P., Oliver, D., Stefanelli, R., Crossley, N.A., Gadelha, A., Lopez-Jaramillo, C., Mutamba, B.B., Cheour, M., Valencia, M., Asher, L., Aymerich, C., Catalan, A., Yon, D.K., Shin, J.I., Solmi, M., Lawrie, S.M., Kulisewa, K., Karpenko, O., Ben-Zeev, D., Cortese, S., Lund, C., Howes, O., Kéri, P., Sunkel, C., Bonoldi, I., Damiani, S., Fusar-Poli, L., McGorry, P.D., Kane, J.M. and Correll, C.U. (2026), Real-world comprehensive care of people living with schizophrenia: recommendations across different settings and clinical stages. *World Psychiatry*, 25: 231-264. <https://doi.org/10.1002/wps.70066>
3. Christodoulou, N. and Karpenko, O. (2025), The WPA Section on Preventive Psychiatry: report on 2014-2024 activities. *World Psychiatry*, 24: 150-151. <https://doi.org/10.1002/wps.21297>
4. Veronese, N., Gianfredi, V., Smith, L. *et al.* Recommendations from the European interdisciplinary council on ageing on physical activity and diet for mental health conditions in older adults. *Aging Clin Exp Res* **38**, 83 (2026). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40520-025-03315-x>