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Triennial Report of the WPA Section on Neuroimaging in Psychiatry

The WPA Section on Neuroimaging in Psychiatry was established in 1996 in Madrid, during the 10th World Congress of Psychiatry. The main goals of the Section include the dissemination of innovative methodological approaches as well as research findings from different applications of neuroimaging techniques in psychiatry; the sound integration of clinical and neuroimaging research; and the promotion of collaborations with other WPA Scientific Sections and among researchers interested in the field across the world.

In line with these goals, the Section organized, throughout the years, symposia in World Congresses of Psychiatry and International WPA Meetings, and promoted joint initiatives with other WPA Scientific Sections.

It has also promoted a book on «Neuroimaging of Schizophrenia and Other Primary Psychotic Disorders», to which several members collaborated.

In the last three years, Committee members, Officers (Chair: Antonio Vita (Italy), Co-Chair: Lynn DeLisi (USA), Secretary: Margaret Niznikiewicz (USA)) and regular members have pursued the objectives of the Section and published hundreds of articles and books on the progress of neuroimaging research in psychiatry and on the translation of the findings into clinical practice. They also promoted the education of other members through the organization of courses in national and international congresses on achievements and perspectives of neuroimaging research in psychiatry.

Furthermore, the Section organized the following Symposia within WCP:

- Symposium “Approaches to ameliorate brain function and symptoms in serious mental illnesses” with the contribution of Andrea De Bartolomeis (Italy), Margaret Niznikiewicz (USA), Joan Camprodon Gimenez (USA) and Antonio Vita (Italy),
- a State of the Art Symposium on the topic “Longitudinal trajectories of brain abnormalities in schizophrenia: state of the art” (not accepted).

New section members were accepted, now in the remarkable number of 37, representing 14 Countries.

In accordance with the WPA bylaws, new elections of Section officers have been run online in August 2026. The newly elected Officers are:

Chair: Armida Mucci, Full Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Department of Mental and Physical Health and Preventive Medicine at the University of Campania "L. Vanvitelli," Italy.

Co-Chair: Sophia Frangou, Professor of Psychiatry at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York (USA), and "President's Excellence Chair" in Brain Health and Professor of Psychiatry at the University of British Columbia, Canada.

Secretary: Ingrid Agartz, Professor Emeritus at the University of Oslo (UiO) and researcher at Diakonhjemmet Hospital, Oslo.

The newly elected Officers have an outstanding profile in research and education in the field of Neuroimaging in Psychiatry and are well representative of different Countries.

In the absence of different nominations, the other past Committee members (S. Borgwardt, T. Dierks, P. Fusar-Poli, S. Galderisi, A. Heinz) have been confirmed.

The list of Officers, Committee members and regular members can be found on our [webpage](#).

Given its long history, its past and current activities and the outstanding panel of newly elected board of Officers, we propose reinstatement of the Section on Neuroimaging for the period 2026-2029.