

During the 2023–2026 triennium, the main work of the WPA Scientific Section on Schizophrenia was the organizational restructuring of the section.

The section reviewed and updated its membership list through a membership confirmation process. Following this process, 21 members confirmed their continued membership, meeting the WPA requirement of at least 20 active members from different regions. In 2026, five new members joined the section: Lone Baandrup, Joanna Moussiopoulou, Vladislav Yakimov, Myrto Samara, and Ellis Onwordi. The section currently has over 40 registered members from multiple continents.

The section also worked on re-establishing communication among its members and on reviewing its governance structure. The timetable for the next elections has not yet been finalized and will be clarified in consultation with the WPA Secretary for Scientific Sections.

In addition, the section contributed to the WPA Book Forum through the publication *Comorbidity between Mental and Physical Disorders* (Springer, 2025), edited by Andrea Fiorillo, Afzal Javed, and Norman Sartorius. The volume addresses the relationship between mental and physical disorders, including issues relevant to schizophrenia.

Further activities are currently in preparation. These include participation in the World Congress of Psychiatry, the next virtual meeting, that is planned for October 2026, the launch of a section newsletter, and the creation of a shared repository for publications, ongoing research projects, and proposals for collaboration.

The section is also developing proposals for future WPA congress symposia. Possible topics include schizophrenia research, comorbidity, common biological mechanisms, and global mental health perspectives.

Overall, the triennium was primarily devoted to restoring the section's membership base, communication structures, and organizational capacity. These steps provide the basis for future scientific, educational, and collaborative activities.