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The Section was founded in 1996 by Prof. Rubén Hernández (Venezuela) and Prof. Said Abdel Azim (Egypt), with Prof. António Palha (Portugal) joining shortly thereafter.

The Section's last election took place on November 15, 2025 in Quito Ecuador WPA Regional Meeting: led by Dr. Radwa Said Abdelazim Elfeqi (Chair, Egypt), Dr. T.S. Sathyanarayana Rao (Co-Chair, India), Dr. Katherine Jeaneth Chérrez Palacios (Secretary, Ecuador), and Msc. María Belén Villacís Chicaiza (Co-Secretary, Ecuador), supported by four Officers: Dr. Debanjan Banerjee (India), Prof. Chiara Simonelli (Italy), Prof. Kevan R. Wylie (United Kingdom), and Dr. Lidia Gouveia (Mozambique), who bring diverse clinical, academic, and cultural expertise.

During this period, the Section organized and contributed to numerous academic activities at WPA events and worldwide. At the 24th World Congress of Psychiatry in Mexico City (November 2024), two official courses were delivered on sex therapy, creative techniques, and comorbidities. At the WPA Regional Congress in Alexandria, Egypt (April 2025), the Section led a comprehensive course on sexual disorders with international faculty, an academic debate on polyamory versus polygamy, and a symposium on inappropriate sexual behavior in dementia. The Section also participated in the 23rd World Congress in Vienna (2023) and an International Congress in Pereira, Colombia. In collaboration with JSS Medical College (Mysuru, India), residential clinical skills training workshops in Psychosexual Medicine were conducted between 2023 and 2026. Additionally, the Section carried out intersectional activities with the WPA Sections on Addiction Psychiatry, digital Psychiatry endorsing innovative creative arts therapies and lifestyle psychiatry approaches.

A major milestone was the creation of the Sexuality and Psychiatry Section within the Latin American Psychiatric Association (APAL), formally constituted on November 17, 2025, following the WPA Regional Congress in Quito, Ecuador, led by Dr. Katherine Jeaneth Chérrez Palacios (Ecuador) and Msc. María Belén Villacís Chicaiza (Secretary, Ecuador). This regional extension addresses the cultural, epidemiological, and social realities of Latin America and the Caribbean. The APAL Section operates through two Task Forces — Sexuality and Mental Health, and Gender Violence and Trauma, Sexual and Gender Diversity and has launched a phased implementation plan for 2026–2027 that includes membership recruitment, scientific webinars, multi-center research protocols, and proposals for future congresses. A joint APAL–WPA Academic Conference on Sexuality and Mental Health has been scheduled for August 28, 2026, featuring presentations by Dr. Rubén Hernández, Dr. Radwa Said Abdelazim, MD. Sophia Sánchez López, and Dr. Adriana Zenteno.

The member directory currently includes 44 active professionals from 22 countries across Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East, representing disciplines of psychiatry, psychology, and sexology respecting WPA's regulatory framework, including position statements on intimate partner violence, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

Paid Courses Module: The section proposed the module of paid courses in sections meeting as an educational and financial product for WPA - implemented this module in WPA regional meeting

Alexandria 2025 offering reduced fees for 200 post-graduate students and residents and delivering four courses in collaboration with sections on substance use, digital psychiatry and creative arts therapies. Rendering \$3,600 in total revenue from those courses to WPA.