



World Association of Social Psychiatry Newsletter
June 2025

Introduction by Andrew Molodynski, Secretary General



Dear All,

Welcome to the latest WASP newsletter.

The main focus of this month's newsletter will be the World Congress in Marrakesh/ Marrakech January 15-17 2026. Marrakesh is a wonderful city with excellent travel links

and we hope to have a fantastic celebration of diversity and thought about social psychiatry. Please do consider coming along- you will be made very welcome!

An exciting programme is developing with a number of very eminent speakers alongside fresh voices from around the world. We are again offering free registration for up to ten early career psychiatrists (to apply you must be in the first seven years post professional qualification as a psychiatrist at the time of congress) from around the world. Later in the newsletter are details of how to apply and applications will be through the congress website.

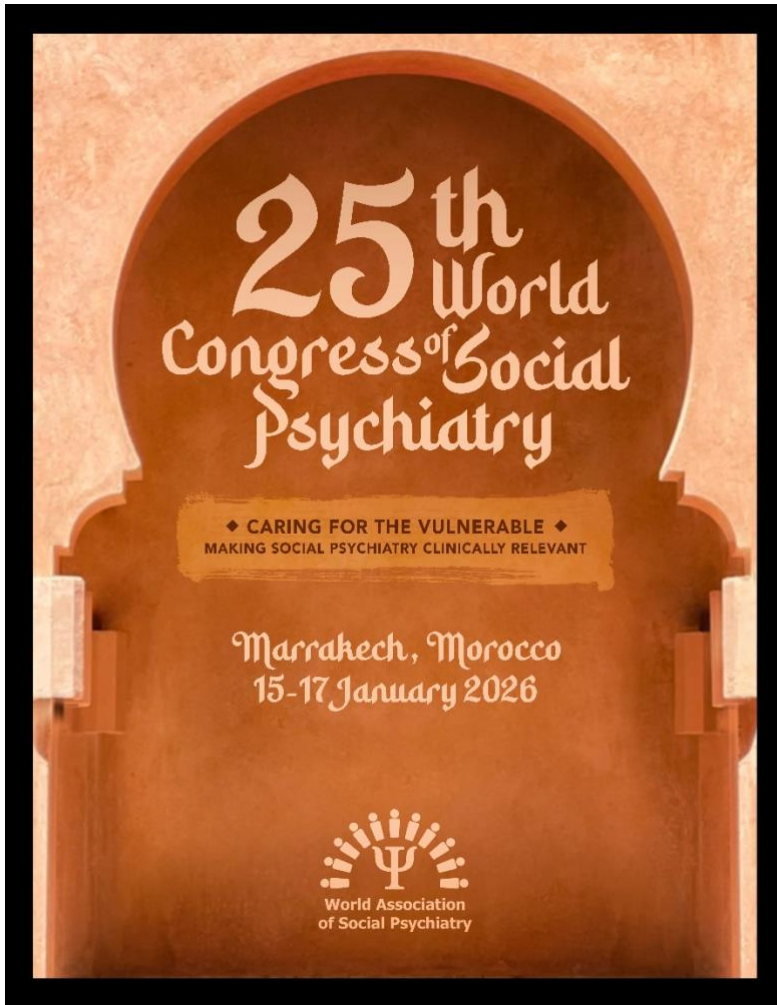
Elections are nearly upon us. Thank you to those countries who have sent in their membership fees. You will soon get instructions on how to vote over the summer. It will be WASP's first electronic voting- we hope a jump into the present and affair and transparent way of doing things going forwards. There will be communication fork the officers running the election process imminently.

We have had a number of incredibly high-quality nominations for the Yves Pelicier prize and judging will soon commence!

These are exciting times and we really hope you can join us in them in Marrakesh and generally through our other activities and the sections.

Our treasurer Yasser Khazaal has contacted all member countries in the run up to the elections and the congress about membership fees. If you have not been contacted and/or if you are unsure about anything, please do contact Yasser at yasserk1000@gmail.com

Andrew, Oxford, 12th June



Update from Rakesh Chadda, President Elect

News from the American Psychiatric Association 2025 Meeting, Los Angeles, 17-21 May 2025



Drs Vincenzo Di Nicola, President, WASP and Dr Rakesh K Chadda, President Elect, WASP attended the American Psychiatric Association Meeting at Los Angeles on 17th-21st May 2025. WASP sponsored symposium “International Social Psychiatric Perspectives on Drug Abuse, Social Media Effects, and Family Interventions” included presentations by Vincenzo Di Nicola, Rakesh K Chadda and Rama Rao Gogineni and was moderated by Farooq Mohyuddin. The symposium was well attended and was followed by a long discussion. Rakesh Chadda also participated in another symposium “African and Asian Traditional Healing Practices: Relevance to Contemporary Total Health”, which was proposed by Late Eliot Sorel, Past President, WASP and included speakers from China (Yuekin Huang), Africa (Jean Bosco Niyonzima), USA (Patrcia Garbarg and Richard Brown) and Rakesh Chadda (India). The symposium was well attended and attracted wide discussion.

News from the WASP co-sponsored Inaugural Meeting of the World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry (WADP)- India Chapter, held at Nagpur India, 12-13 April 2025



WASP leadership was represented in a WASP co-sponsored inaugural meeting of the India Chapter of the World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry (WADP)- India Chapter, held at Nagpur (India) on 12-13 April 2025. Roy Abraham Kallivayalil, Past President, WASP presided over the meeting as President, WADP- India Chapter. Rakesh Chadda, President Elect, WASP and Maria Ammon from Germany were the Guests of Honour. The meeting was attended by more than 250 delegates. During the inaugural programme, a book “Twelve Beacons of Social Psychiatry” edited by RA Kallivayalil and others was also released.

Other News

1. World Association of Social Psychiatry (WASP) Early Career Fellowship Bursaries

WASP is delighted to announce that ten bursaries for free registration will be made available for early career psychiatrists from around the world to attend our 25th congress in Marrakesh, Morocco on the 15-17th January 2026.

Ten young psychiatrists will be offered free registration for the congress. Two of the ten spaces will be reserved for residents of Morocco.

Individuals can nominate themselves or be nominated using the congress portal and by submitting a brief CV (2 pages maximum) and a statement of **no more than 400 words** explaining why they believe they are suitable for the scheme, what they would hope to contribute, and how they might hope to benefit from the experience. A judging panel of members of the WASP executive committee and others will decide on those finally selected.

To be eligible, one must be a trainee psychiatrist or a qualified psychiatrist within 7 years of qualification at the time of the congress. Applications are warmly welcomed from all. The closing date for applications is 20th August 2025.

For further information see the conference portal [WASP Social Psychiatry 2026 – Caring for the Vulnerable: Making Social Psychiatry Clinically Relevant](#) or contact andrew.molodynski@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

2. Advance notice of the World Association of Dynamic Psychiatry congress, Vienna, March 2027.



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