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The WPA CAP section has several goals for the three-year term.

1. Dr. Afzal Javed is the new WPA President. Child and adolescent mental health is a priority in the WPA Action Plan 2020-2023. The WPA CAP will organize and lead the WPA Presidential working group on child and adolescent mental health. The group will focus on research, education and advocacy.
2. Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). During the COVID-19 pandemic, extraordinary measures are being taken to protect the general population and, in particular. The general population control measures (i.e., the closure of businesses and educational institutions, travel restrictions, and social distancing) are stressful for families, especially children. When social distancing and quarantine constitute everyday life experiences, the effects of well-known and critical protective factors for resilience and mental health (i.e., social and community support) are substantially disrupted. WPA CAP will support member associations by sharing relevant information, providing advice and consultations about Covid-19 and child and adolescent mental health.
3. Worldwide, there are more than 2.2 billion children. For the nearly 2 billion of these children who live in developing countries, mental health and developmental disorders remain one of the leading causes of the global burden of disease and years lived with disability. The WPA CAP section will work with all countries and will continue to place a special focus on developing countries on all continents.
4. The “mal-distribution” of child and adolescent psychiatrists occurs on multiple levels: between countries, between rural and urban communities, and between private and public sectors of care. The WPA CAP section will continue to pay a special attention to trainees and early career child and adolescent psychiatrists, for whom the section aims to coordinate brief research and management training courses.
5. The WPA CAP section’s scientific and professional communications will be organized mainly online including WPA CAP section’s webinars.
6. World Child and Adolescent Psychiatry is an official journal of the WPA CAP section. It aims to be an independent, peer reviewed, and diverse journal publishing papers from all continents.
7. WPA CAP will closely collaborate with other international associations in the area of child and adolescent mental health including but not limited to the International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (IACAPAP), the World Association for *Infant Mental Health* (WAIMH).
8. WPA CAP will endorse digital mental health initiatives, which aim to increase access and improve the quality of child and adolescent mental health services.
9. The WPA CAP section will facilitate and coordinate WPA CAP sessions at the WPA, other international and national mental health conferences and meetings.
10. And last but not least, the WPA CAP section remains open for new initiatives coming from our members or colleagues who wish to become members of the section.