



WORLD PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

Advance Psychiatry and Mental
Health Across the World

PRIVACY POLICY

1. Introduction

The World Psychiatric Association (WPA) is committed to protecting your information. We want to maintain the trust and confidence of all our members and supporters as well as the privacy of those individuals who use our website. This includes our main website wpanet.org, and all sites within this domain name including websites specifically set up for WPA Scientific Meetings. This WPA Privacy Policy describes why we collect information and how we protect any information you give to us when you use our website.

2. Data Purpose and Processing

The processing of information relating to identified or unidentified persons ("personal data") collected through this website is subject to Swiss Law only.

You can browse the WPA website without revealing any personal information about yourself. The WPA may collect information from standard server logs which will tell us your IP (Internet Protocol) address, domain name, browser type operating system and information such as the website that referred you to us, the files you download, the pages you visit and the dates/times of those visits.

The WPA may collect certain personal data such as name, address, place of work, name of organisation, office held (including committee membership) and email address. However, the WPA will only do this if you submit a form online or you submit your personal data as part of a request to the WPA. The WPA uses this data for the purposes of providing you with specific services or corresponding with you. Information you provide in this way will not be shared with any third party except where needed to provide a specific service.

Your personal data may be used to provide you with information on WPA events and WPA Scientific Meetings, including photographs taken in an event setting. We may also use data for communicating about our President's newsletter, membership fees, journals and newsletters and also about WPA Committees, WPA Sections, WPA Scientific Meetings, elections and other information relevant to you.

3. WPA Scientific Meetings and other educational events

The WPA website contains links to its Scientific Meetings. These are World, Regional and Thematic Congresses and Co-Sponsored Meetings. Each Scientific Meeting has a dedicated website which contains online registration forms to complete if you intend to attend the Scientific Meeting. The WPA, and sometimes its Member Societies or partner organizations, contract Professional Conference Organisers (PCOs) as data processors (see next paragraph) may collect data to organize these events and you may be asked to provide personal information such as your name, postal address and email address. This personal data is collected only with your knowledge and permission. You may also be asked to provide your credit card details to pay registration fees for Scientific Meetings and other educational events.

When you are directed to an external site for payment please be aware that the privacy policy may differ to that of the WPA. We encourage you to review that policy accordingly. These details will be handled by a secure online payment service hosted outside the WPA. The WPA does not retain credit card information used for this purpose.

4. Data Processors

Data processors are third parties who process data for the WPA such as Professional Conference Organisers, publishers and outsourced activities such as membership subscription outsourced to third parties. The WPA has contracts in place which means that these third parties are not permitted to do anything with your personal information unless we have instructed them to do so. They are not allowed by WPA to share your personal information with any organisation apart from the WPA. They are committed to hold data securely and retain it for the period we instruct.

5. How long do we keep your data

The WPA will only keep your data for the time required to carry out the activities described in paragraph 2 above. You can ask the WPA at any time to unsubscribe from any of the activities listed.

6. Your rights

You have the right to have access to your personal data and to ask for incorrect data to be amended. You can also ask for your data to be erased if there is no ongoing need for processing. You also have the right not to provide personal information; you will still be able to browse but will not be able to carry out certain tasks such as registering for WPA Scientific Meetings and other events.

7. Security

The WPA does not sell or share personal data on the WPA site to any third party. Any personal data will be held with the utmost care and will only be used for the reasons outlined in paragraph 2 above.

8. Use of Cookies

A cookie is a small amount of data that is sent from a web server to your browser. It is used to assign a unique identification of your computer and securely store information such as passwords and preferences. It is stored on the hard drive of your computer. You can choose not to have cookies delivered from the WPA by changing your browser settings.

9. Amendment of this Privacy Policy

The WPA may change this Privacy Policy from time to time and any amended Policy will be posted on the WPA website.

10. How to contact us

If you have questions about this Privacy Policy please contact us by email at:
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