

News and information from WAPP

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Dear members of the World Association for Positive and Transcultural Psychotherapy (WAPP),

In the last months and at their last frequent Zoom meetings the WAPP Board has discussed many topics, made decisions, and initiated new projects we would like to share with you. Please read the following carefully. You can help us make all these projects a success.

If you have any questions or remarks to the following, please feel free to contact the WAPP Head Office anytime. Thank you.

1. Journal of Positive and Transcultural Psychotherapy: The Global Psychotherapist

A new version of our former Electronic Journal of Positive Psychotherapy is on its way to its first edition. A new Editorial Board and International Advisory Board have made a concept for this contemporary scientific journal. Please see our website with more information:

<http://www.positum.org/182-0-PPT-Journal.html>

A first issue is planned to be ready by the end of December 2020. The second issue will most likely be published half a year later in June 2021.

If you wish to contribute to our Journal with your article, please send it to the addresses given on our website. Thank you!

2. Meetings and gatherings in the near future

Due to the pandemic and unforeseeable situation for the year 2021, we cannot yet make plans for an offline International Training Seminar (ITS) in Wiesbaden, Germany. But there will, for sure, be opportunities to meet, study, and discuss at online meetings. The WAPP Board discusses meetings for different target groups: trainers, center managers, practitioners, everyone together. We will keep you updated.

3. Trainer education and certification

WAPP has certified many new Basic and Master Course trainers in the recent years and there are many new applications for candidate-trainers at the moment.

A new WAPP regulation includes a further application element. Additional to the requirements described in our Training Standards <http://www.positum.org/53-0-Training-Standards.html> the applicant needs to undergo an examination interview with members of the Board and one of the recommending trainers.

These interviews are already taking place and work very well.

4. Trainer re-certification

The re-certification of all WAPP certified trainers is proceeding. We started with all trainers in Ukraine. The online interviews with an examination committee are running well.

In the course of the interviews many new aspects and questions occurred that showed that our Training Standards need to be more precise and our trainings need to focus more on certain training parts, such as self-discovery and supervision (for trainers and practitioners).

A Zoom meeting of all Ukrainian trainers is planned for 15 December 2020, 17:00-19:00 CET (18:00-20:00 Ukrainian time) to discuss and summarize the experience and results of the present re-certification process in Ukraine.

5. **Trainings in Positive Psychotherapy**

The WAPP Board discusses options to widen our training programs of Basic and Master Course to specialized courses of different areas, which has already started in the past. We already have special trainings for child and adolescent psychotherapy, coaching, or family therapy. We intend to broaden this range to other specialized courses, such as marriage therapy, psychosomatics, counseling etc.

6. **Books and training materials**

In short, WAPP will distribute a list of obligatory and recommended books on PPT and psychotherapy in general for trainers and students.

Furthermore, some main training books and standard literature should be available to all trainees of Positive Psychotherapy. These books could be translated into the local languages of our training participants. You all can help us accomplish this, if you have access to publishing houses or translators. We will keep you informed.

7. **Articles, publications and scientific works**

WAPP wants to update its lists of articles, publications and scientific works. In a future relaunch of our website we wish to include not only these lists, but also make the materials available. This is a huge project in which you can also help us by sending us your scientific works and articles and make them available (if you have the rights). You will be contacted by us in short.