



**Candidature as member of the WAPP Board of Directors for 2022-2024**

Dear member,

you have been nominated for the Board election. Congratulations!

If you wish to candidate as member of the Board of Directors, please fill in this application form. Your information will be available to all WAPP members before the election. This will help them to make their decision and to make their votes. **Thank you!**

**1. Title, name and family name:** MA, Etion Parruca

**2. Present main occupation:** Serving as Lead Trainer in the **Positum MGS** approach (since 2013) for mental health specialist and PPT colleagues working with groups of Ukrainian children and families affected by the war and forced displacement (since March 2022), psycho-social/MGS expert and technical/methodological supervisor for the ‘Hands, Minds and Hearts for Ukraine’ Project of the WAPP Support Project Association in Poland since March 2022, accredited Psychosocial/MGS Trainer and Coach for psycho-social specialists in Hungary and Albania working with groups of children and adolescents affected by war, armed conflict and violent terrorism (since May 2022).

**3. Address (city, country):** Mainz, Germany

**4. Your E-mail address:** [etion.parruca@gmail.com](mailto:etion.parruca@gmail.com) / (Website: <https://positum-mgs.org>)

**5. Member status in WAPP (Basic Consultant of Positive Psychotherapy, Certified Positive Psychotherapist, Basic or Master Trainer, Center manager, organizer of trainings, board member of a national PPT association etc.):**

Certified Positive Psychotherapist (since 2014), Organizer of Basic Course training (Shkodra, Albania, 2013)

**6. Have you ever been in a leadership/management position of a professional organization or institution before (association, university, hospital, company etc.)?**

Yes  No

**If yes, please name the organization, where and in which position?**

1. Positum MGS Consulting and Coaching, Mainz, Germany, Founder and Lead Trainer, 2022
2. Albania Center for Positive Psychotherapy, Tirana, Directing Board member (2012-2014), Social Media Information Coordinator (2012-2016)
3. Terre des hommes Foundation – Mission in Albania, Tirana, National Project Manager (2010-2012)

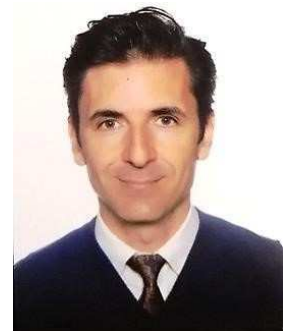


**6. Please give us a short description of your vision/plans as a possible member of the WAPP Board of Directors** (What could be your specific contributions to the Board and the World Association? Which experience of yours will be an asset to the work of such an international board as WAPP?) With other words: why should people vote for you?

Given my experience of some 13 years as a Lead Trainer with several organizations in the fields of child and adolescent psycho-social development, trauma recovery and psychological resilience, I can contribute, shoulder in shoulder with other Board members, trainers and colleagues, in further enriching the existing PPT training curricula with optional content on Positive Group Psychotherapy for children, adolescents and adults through the instruments of psycho-social transcultural games, which are a proven effective tool to rebuild resilience. I feel this is an area that the PPT community of trainers, psychotherapists and consultants could further explore, considering the current needs for accessible therapeutic support for large populations in Europe, Asia, Africa and other continents affected by war, armed conflict, forced displacement, migration, natural disasters, systemic and domestic violence, labor exploitation, and neglect. In addition to individual therapy, Positive Group Psychotherapy that uses psycho-social games as a trauma-recovery and integrative tool can help PPT professionals interested to work with groups to first build practical technical and methodological skills and deepen their self-discovery during targeted training workshops, and then to reach out to larger groups of children, teenagers and adults in need. Furthermore, being also a European Commission-accredited 'Policy Officer in European and International Organizations', I would like to provide to the Board, the World Association and colleagues my advisory expertise in international social policies on child protection, which could further strengthen the relationships of PPT centers/associations with their respective country governmental officials. Finally, it is my hope to contribute in further consolidating the Association's inner democratic processes, and making the training standards and ethical guidelines related to them more immune to potential conflicts of interest and cognitive bias, as well as fairer, more flexible, more inclusive, and respectful of the training expertise of trainer-candidates.

**7. Please add a current photograph of you to this application.**

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In case of being elected as member of the WAPP Board of Directors I will accept.

The task of a WAPP Board member involves a weekly workload of 2-4 hours. I hereby confirm that I am willing to voluntarily devote this time to the duties of a Board member.

**Date, place:** 4 October 2022, Mainz

**Signature:** Etion Parruca

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