WAPP World Association for Positive and Transcultural Psychotherapy (WAPP)

Application for Candidacy as a Member of the WAPP Executive Board (2027-2028)

Dear Member,

Congratulations on your nomination for the WAPP Executive Board election! If you are interested in running as a candidate, please complete this application form. The information you provide will be shared with all WAPP members prior to the election to assist them in making their voting decision. Thank you for your participation!

1. **Title, First Name, Last Name**: Deniz Ergün

2. **Current Occupation** (private practice, center, hospital, university etc.): Private practice and Lecturer in Cyyprus Health and Social Sciences University
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4. **Field of psychotherapeutic specialization** (e.g. child and youth, couple, family therapy, etc.): Youth, Adult and Couple therapy

5. **Academic and Professional Qualifications** (e.g., university degrees, dissertations, professorships, etc.):

   I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Near East University in 2001. I subsequently completed my Master's degree in Psychological Counseling and Guidance at Near East University in 2004, followed by a second Master's degree in Clinical Psychology at the same university in 2006. In 2011, I received my Ph.D. from the Department of Social Sciences at the Institute of Forensic Sciences, Istanbul University. In 2016, I was appointed as an Assistant Professor in the field of Clinical Psychology at Near East University. In 2023, I was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in Clinical Psychology at Cyprus Science University.

   My dissertation research has focused on several areas, including the relationship between child abuse and depression (master of Psychological Counseling and Guidance) the psychological responses of internally displaced and non-displaced Turkish Cypriots (master of Clinical psychology) , and the prevalence of peer bullying and associated risk factors among 6th-, 7th-, and 8th-grade secondary school students in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus(Phd).

6. **City and Country of current Residence**:North Cyprus, Nicosia

7. **Email Address**: denizergunpsy@gmail.com

8. **Membership Status in WAPP** (e.g., Certified Positive Psychotherapist, Basic/Master Trainer, Center Manager, Organizer of Trainings, etc.): Master Trainer
9. **Current Role in WAPP** (e.g., Board Member, Committee Member, Working Group Member, National PPT Association Board Member, etc.): Working Group Member

10. **Previous Leadership or Management Experience**:
Have you held a leadership or management role in a professional organization or institution (e.g., association, university, hospital, company)?
Yes ■ No □

If yes, please provide details of the organization, your role, and the location:

Between 2012 and 2021, I served as Vice Chair of the Department of Psychology, and from 2017 to 2021, I also served as Vice Director of the Institute of Forensic Sciences at Near East University. Also currently I serve as the President of the Cyprus Psychotherapists Association and I also serve as the Editor of the European Archives of Social Sciences Journal.

11. **Publications**: Have you authored scientific articles, books, or specialized texts?
If yes, please provide examples:

Özorhan, R. & **Ergün, D.** (2024). An Examination of Marital Conflict, Depression, and Perceived Social Support Levels Among Individuals Whose Spouses Gamble. *European Archives of Social Sciences, 1*(1), 3–10.

Manyeruke, G. & **Ergün, D.** (2022). Mental Health, Loneliness and Social Support during COVID-19 Pandemic among International University Students in North Cyprus, Cyprus Turkish Journal of Psychiatry & Psychology, 4(3): 211-221

Tan, A., **Ergün, D.** (2021). Happiness and Future Expectations in High School and Vocational High School Students, *Revista Argentina de Clínica Psicológica*, XXX(2): 492-500 doi: 10.24205/03276716.2020.4049.

Ergün, D., Şenyüz, S. (2021). Prolonged grief disorder among bereaved survivors after the 2011 Van earthquake in Turkey, *Journal of Death Studies*, doi: 10.1080/07481187.2021.1884624

Şenyüz, S., **Ergün, D**., Çakıcı, E. (2021). The effect of traumatic loss on posttraumatic growth among 2011 Van earthquake survivors: the mediating role of posttraumatic stress. *Alpha Psychiatry*, 22(2):79-84. doi: 10.5455/apd.135624.

Hatinoğlu A, **Ergün D.** (2020). The effects of socio-demographic characteristics and working conditions on the work motivations of employees working in health services in TURKEY. Revista Argentina de Clínica Psicológica, Vol. XXIX, (5), 1848-1859 doi: 10.24205/03276716.2020.1180

Ergün, D., Babayiğit, A., Çakıcı, M., (2020). KKTC'de Erişkin Bireylerde Anksiyete Belirtilerinin Yaygınlığı, Risk Etkenleri ve Kültürlenme Tutumları ile İlişkisinin İncelenmesi (Türkçe). Anadolu Psikiyatri Dergisi, 21(6):617-624. doi: 10.5455/apd.8433.

Çakıcı, M., **Ergün, D**., Eş, A., Toprak, H., Özer, H. (2019). Kuzey Kıbrıs Türk Cumhuriyeti lise öğrencilerinde psikoaktif madde kullanımının yaygınlığı ve risk

etkenleri, 1996-2019. Anadolu Psikiyatri Dergisi, 20(özel sayı.1):38-41. doi: 10.5455/apd.302644854.
Cengiz, İ, **Ergün, D**, Çakıcı, E. (2019). Posttraumatic stress disorder, posttraumatic growth and psychological resilience in Syrian refugees: Hatay, Turkey. Anatolian Journal of Psychiatry, 20(3):269-276. doi:10.5455/apd.4862

Çakıcı, M., **Ergün, D**., Çakıcı, E., Onur, Ç. (2017). Kuzey Kıbrıs Türk Cumhuriyeti'nde lise öğrencileri arasında psikoaktif madde kullanım yaygınlığı ve risk etkenleri, 1996-2015. Anadolu Psikiyatri Dergisi, 18(5):428-437. doi:10.5455/apd.257281

Çakıcı, E., Çakıcı, M., Eş, A., **Ergün, D**. (2014). The prevalence and risk factors of substance use among university students in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Anatolian Journal of Psychiatry, 15(2):108-115. doi: 10.5455/apd.157227.

Ergün D., Çakıcı M., Çakıcı E.(2008). Comparing Psychological Responses of Internally Displaced and Non-displaced Turkish Cypriots. Torture Journal, 18 (1), 20-28 PMID:19289879

12. **Special Achievements**: Have you received any honors, awards, or other forms of recognition?

    Not yet

13. **Membership in Other Professional Associations**: If applicable, please list them:

    EMDR Turkey

14. **Vision and Goals for the WAPP Executive Board**:
    Please provide a brief description of your vision for contributing to the WAPP Executive Board. What specific skills, experience, or perspectives will you bring to the Board? Why should members vote for you?

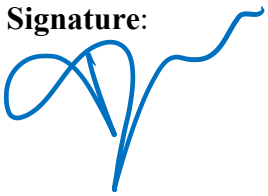
    My vision for contributing to the WAPP Executive Board is to support the continued international development of Positive Psychotherapy while strengthening collaboration, professional standards, training quality…etc. Over the years, I have been actively involved in training psychotherapists and supporting their professional and personal development. My academci background and experience as a academician has also provided me with extensive experience in research, teaching, program development, and the supervision of students and professionals. I would like to use this experience to contribute to the further development of Positive Psychotherapy and to increase its recognition and visibility.

15. **Photo**: Please attach a recent photo to this application.

Commitment

☐ If elected as a WAPP Executive Board member, I accept the position and agree to the following:

- The role of a WAPP Board member requires a minimum of 4 hours of work per week. I confirm that I am willing to devote this time to the duties of the Board on a voluntary basis. This may include holding roles such as Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary-General, or chairing one of the WAPP Committees.
- I am committed to collaborating with colleagues across countries and cultures with openness, mutual respect, and without prejudice, regardless of political circumstances.

Date and Place: 28,08,2026, Nicosia

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