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**: Dr. Fariba Karamloo

2. **Current Occupation** (private practice, center, hospital, university etc.):
   Psychotherapist in private practice (HeilprG), Frankfurt am Main, Germany
   Scientific Assessor in Transfusion Medicine, Paul-Ehrlich-Institut, Germany
   Founder, Center for Cultural Resilience and Leadership (CCRL), Dubai Multi Commodities Centre (DMCC), Dubai, UAE

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3. **Field of psychotherapeutic specialization** (e.g. child and youth, couple, family therapy, etc.):
   Adults, individual psychotherapy, and therapeutic work with families

4. **Academic and Professional Qualifications** (e.g., university degrees, dissertations, professorships)
   PhD in Molecular Allergology; Postdoctoral Research in Molecular Immunology;
   European Certified Positive Psychotherapist (ECPP);
   Licensed Practitioner for Psychotherapy under the German Heilpraktiker Act

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5. **City and Country of current Residence**: Dreieich, Germany

6. **Email Address**: fk.positum@gmail.com

7. **Membership Status in WAPP** (e.g., Certified Positive Psychotherapist, Basic/Master Trainer, Center Manager, Organizer of Trainings, etc.):
   European Certified Positive Psychotherapist (ECPP)

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8. **Current Role in WAPP** (e.g., Board Member, Committee Member, Working Group Member, National PPT Association Board Member, etc.):

   Co-Chair, WAPP Membership Committee

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9. **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 x No □

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

   Founder and Manager, Center for Cultural Resilience and Leadership (CCRL), DMCC, Dubai, UAE

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

    Karamloo, F. (2026). Joy, Coherence, and Dignity: A Transdisciplinary View within Positive and Transcultural Psychotherapy. *The Global Psychotherapist, 6***(1), 234–240. DOI: 10.52982/lkj307**

    Book manuscript in preparation:
    Inner Wealth, Outer Strength: How Inner Coherence Shapes Clarity, Resilience, and Dignity in a Complex World

    Concept paper in preparation:
    Coherent Leadership & Organizational Mental Health

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

    Selected to receive the Newcomers Human Factor Award, Newcomers Network Frankfurt Rhein-Main, Germany (2026)

    Shortlisted for the DMCC Pioneers of Sustainability Awards, Dubai, UAE (2026)

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

    Newcomers Network Frankfurt Rhein-Main;
    Dubai Business Women Council (DBWC)

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13. **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 is to contribute to WAPP as a global community that advances mental health, transcultural understanding, and the scientific development of Positive and Transcultural Psychotherapy.
We live in increasingly complex and divided times. For me, mental health and transcultural understanding belong together. I would like to strengthen the principle of *unity in diversity* and contribute to moving from intercultural dialogue towards a more transcultural perspective: one that respects cultural differences while also recognising what connects us as human beings and what we can create together.
A second priority for me is research. I would like to contribute to strengthening the scientific visibility of PTP and to developing closer connections with universities, researchers, and academic institutions internationally. Building on WAPP's strong tradition of training and practice, I believe there is great potential to further expand research, publication, and international scientific exchange around PTP.
As a scientist, European Certified Positive Psychotherapist, and psychotherapist working in transcultural contexts, I bring together scientific thinking, therapeutic experience, and an international perspective. I also enjoy connecting people and ideas and building bridges between different fields. I would like to bring this combination to the Board, support international collaboration, and contribute actively to the further development of WAPP._____

14. Photo: Please attach a recent photo to this application.

Commitment

X 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, Dreieich, Germany

Signature:

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