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**: Dr. Hamid Peseschkian

2. **Current Occupation** (private practice, center, hospital, university etc.):

   - Director of the Wiesbaden Academy of Psychotherapy
   - Medical Director of the Wiesbaden Psychotherapy Center

3. **Field of psychotherapeutic specialization** (e.g. child and youth, couple, family therapy, etc.):

   adult psychotherapy, transcultural psychotherapy

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

   - Medical Doctor
   - Doctorate in medicine (Dr. med.), Doctor of Medical Sciences (Dr. med. habil.)
   - German certified psychiatrist, neurologist and psychotherapist
   - Docent

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

6. **Email Address**: hamid@peseschkian.com

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

Positive psychotherapist, European Certificate of Psychotherapy, International Master Trainer

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

   - Executive President and Chairman of the WAPP Board

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 □

   - Council member of the World Federation for Psychotherapy (WFP)
   - Former Vice-president and Board member of the German Association for Psychodynamic Psychotherapy (DFT)
   - Former Board member of the DTPPP (Association for transcultural psychiatry, psychosomatics and psychotherapy in German-speaking countries)

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

    Approx. 130 publications, among them:

    Messias, E., & Peseschkian, H. (Eds.). (2025). *Positive psychiatry, psychotherapy and psychology: Clinical applications for positive mental health* (2nd fully revised and expanded ed.). Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-94645-5

    Peseschkian, H. (2023). Positive psychotherapy: Core principles. *Current Psychiatry, 22*(1), 5–9. https://doi.org/10.12788/cp.0317

    Peseschkian, H. (2026). The global psychotherapist: A futures-oriented conceptual framework for positive and transcultural psychotherapy implications for the future practice and methodology of psychotherapy in Europe. *European Journal of Futures Research, 14*, Article 11. https://doi.org/10.1186/s40309-026-00273-z

    Peseschkian, H., & Remmers, A. (2013). *Positive Psychotherapie*. Reinhardt Verlag.

    Peseschkian, H., & Voigt, C. (2009). *Psychovampires*. Orell Füssli.

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

- Honorary member of the German Association for Psychodynamic Psychotherapy
- Honorary member of the Bulgarian Association for Positive Psychotherapy
- International Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association

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

- American Psychiatric Association (APA)
- World Council for Psychotherapy (WCP)
- World Psychiatric Association (WPA)
- World Federation for Psychotherapy (WFP)
- International Council on Shared Parenting (ICSP)
- European Association for Psychotherapy (EAP)
- Royal College of Psychiatrists (UK)
- Deutsche Fachgesellschaft für tiefenpsychologisch fundierte Psychotherapie (DFT)
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Psychiatrie, Psychotherapie und Nervenheilkunde (DGPPN)
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Positive Psychotherapie (DGPP)
- Dachverband für transkulturelle Psychiatrie, Psychotherapie und Psychosomatik im deutschsprachigen Raum (DTPPP)
- Deutscher Hochschulverband (DHV)
- Medical Chamber in Hesse, Germany

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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?

- I am willing to share my experience of training more than 1,200 postgraduate students at the Wiesbaden Academy of Psychotherapy and the experience with Positive Psychotherapy.
- WAPP has made great developments during the past years. Now, we must consolidate these achievements, deepen our relationship with other modalities and associations, and involve even more WAPP members in our work.
- To deepen our relationship with other international associations and with positive psychiatry.
- A great challenge for the incoming Board will be to keep the Association together, despite all the political and economic challenges worldwide, which affect also our members.
- We have a lot of young members with great potential. We have to get them in more leadership functions. This is something I would like to focus on.
- To advance research and publications of our members, specially the younger ones.

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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 2-4 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, or 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: Wiesbaden, 11 August 2026

Signature: _____

Hamid Peseschkian