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**: __Iryna Norkina_____
2. **Current Occupation** (private practice, center, hospital, university etc.): _Mental health clinic in the Netherlands "Maartje Lindeman Psychotherapiepraktijk". Owner of "Positum for U"_____
3. **Field of psychotherapeutic specialization** (e.g. child and youth, couple, family therapy, etc.):
   _Psychotherapy for adults_____

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

   Master's degree in clinical psychology. Master's degree in child and family psychology. Junior researcher at the department of clinical psychology, Utrecht University (2022-2024, the Netherlands)

5. **City and Country of current Residence**: _Utrecht, the Netherlands._____

6. **Email Address**:
   _norkinaira@gmail.com_____
7. **Membership Status in WAPP** (e.g., Certified Positive Psychotherapist, Basic/Master Trainer, Center Manager, Organizer of Trainings, etc.): _Certified Positive Psychotherpaist, candidate in international Master trainer (2026), owner of a center of Positive Psychotherapy_____
8. **Current Role in WAPP** (e.g., Board Member, Committee Member, Working Group Member, National PPT Association Board Member, etc.):

   Member of a representing group of Positive Psychotherapy at American Psychiatrical association (USA)_____

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 ☑ No □

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

   _ I previously led the Student Parliament during my bachelor studies, and I am currently developing a Positive Psychotherapy Center in the Netherlands._____

10. **Publications**: Have you authored scientific articles, books, or specialized texts? If yes, please provide examples:
    1. Rispa Hoyos, M. L. F., Nijborg, L. C. J., Norkina, I., Boelen, P. A., & Lenferink, L. I. M. (2026). Preliminary evaluation of the psychometric properties of the Ukrainian Traumatic Grief Inventory-Self Report Plus (TGI-SR+). ***Clinical Psychology in Europe***, 8(2), Article e17367**. https://doi.org/10.32872/cpe.17367** Psychopen
    2. Pociūnaitė-Ott, J., Boelen, P. A., Frankova, I., Norkina, I., & Lenferink, L. I. M. (2025). Profiles of mental health indicators among Ukrainian people recently bereaved in the context of the full-scale Russian invasion [Preprint]. ResearchGate. https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.27213.50402
    3. Leshchuk, I., Frankova, I., But, T., Norkina, I., Khaustova, O., Chaban, O., Mukharovska, I., Zelenko, Y., & Sak, L. (2024). The course of grieving for different types of losses in war: "Phoenix" research project protocol — experience in implementing respondent engagement. *Psychosomatic Medicine and General Practice*, 9(1).
    4. Stoutjesdijk, F., & Norkina, I. (2023). Psychosociale zorg voor Oekraïense tieners in Delft. *Tijdschrift van de Nederlandse Vereniging voor Groepsdynamica en Groepspsychotherapie*, 18(1), 63–73.
    5. Norkina, I. (2019). Crisis intervention in the case of a psycho-traumatic situation. *Bulletin of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv. Psychology*, 1(10), 75–78.
    6. Norkina, I. (2018). Secondary effects of counseling: Burnout and the importance of caring for those who provide help. In *Socialization and re-socialization of personality in modern society: Conference proceedings* (pp. 194–195). Kyiv National University Publishing Center.
    7. Norkina, I. (2018). Psychological maladaptation as a factor of dissatisfaction with sexual life. *Bulletin of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv. Psychology*, 2(9), 52–56.
    8. Norkina, I., & Zapeka, J. (2016). Nature of the process of socialization of adolescents. In *Socialization and re-socialization: Proceedings of the V International Scientific-Practical Conference* (pp. 114–115). Kyiv National University Publishing Center.
    9. Norkina, I. (2016). The role of emotional intelligence in the work of a psychologist. *Proceedings of the XIV International Scientific and Practical Conference of Students and Young Scientists*. Kyiv National University Publishing Center.
    10. Guk, O., Hrybok, O., Hrybok, A., & Norkina, I. (2016). Social and pedagogical analysis of the particularities of socialization of adolescents. *British Journal of Educational and Scientific Studies*, 13(1/23), 503–508.
    11. Norkina, I. (2015). Analysis of the views of scientists on the concept, nature, and structure of emotional intelligence (pp. 89–94). Logo.
11. **Special Achievements**: Have you received any honors, awards, or other forms of recognition?

    _Master's and bachelor's degrees with honor._____

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

_UACBT, ISST_____

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?

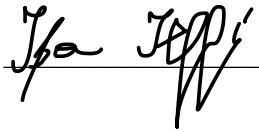
Positive and transcultural psychotherapy is not only a method to which I dedicated my professional growth, but also a philosophy that I follow and use every day. I was born in Eastern Europe and have lived and worked across different European countries. Today I live in the Netherlands, and I experience transcultural life daily, not just professionally. My background combines research experience (work in academia, scientific articles), applied clinical experience (work in a mental health clinic, and an understanding of how mental health systems function differently across countries), and management experience (running a center of PPT that provides lectures and intervision sessions, and is currently preparing a basic training course). I believe that the combination of my personal, theoretical, scientific, practical, and leadership experience is directly relevant and useful to Board work._____

14. **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: 25.08.2026

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