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:** Mrs Katarzyna Marquardt
2. **Current Occupation:**
   Psychotherapist in private practice; Head of the Center for Positive and Transcultural Psychotherapy, where I organize national and international training programs; psychotherapist, lecturer and trainer at the Institute of Psychotherapy in Katowice, where I teach in comprehensive psychotherapy courses accredited by the Polish Psychiatric Association and the Polish Psychological Association; President of the Polish Association for Positive and Transcultural Psychotherapy (PSPPT).
3. **Field of psychotherapeutic specialization:**
   Individual psychotherapy for adults; integrative psychotherapy; Positive and Transcultural Psychotherapy; trauma therapy; Ericksonian hypnotherapy.
4. **Academic and Professional Qualifications:**
   Master's degree in Philosophy; postgraduate studies in Human Resources Management; academic scholarship in Philosophy at Paris Lodron University of Salzburg, Austria; Certified Positive Psychotherapist; holder of the European Certificate of Psychotherapy (ECP); WAPP Basic Trainer; author of published articles in philosophy and a forthcoming publication in the field of psychotherapy ethics.
5. **City and Country of current Residence:** Mikołów, Poland
6. **Email Address:** katarzyna.marquardt@gmail.com
7. **Membership Status in WAPP:**
   Certified Positive Psychotherapist; WAPP Basic Trainer, Center for Positive Psychotherapy.
8. **Current Role in WAPP:**
   Member of the WAPP Training Committee and leader of the Positive Parenting Working Group; member of the international AI in PPT Working Group.
9. **Previous Leadership or Management Experience:**
   Have you held a leadership or management role in a professional organization or institution?
   Yes ☒ No ☐

   Details:
   President of the Polish Association for Positive and Transcultural Psychotherapy (PSPPT), Poland. I lead the Association's strategic development and organizational governance, including work on professional and training standards, cooperation with trainers, and representation of Positive and Transcultural Psychotherapy in Poland. I also manage the Center for Positive and Transcultural Psychotherapy and organize national and international training programs. Earlier in my career, I worked in the corporate sector, including manufacturing and the steel industry, contributing to restructuring projects and implementing systems supporting organizational efficiency, productivity, and employee motivation.

10. **Publications: Have you authored scientific articles, books, or specialized texts?**
    Yes. Examples:

    Dobiała, E., Rajeswari, L., Kantcheva, T., Kazashka, K., Marquardt, K., et al. (2026). Artificial Intelligence in Positive and Transcultural Psychotherapy: A cross-cultural qualitative exploration from India, Bulgaria, Poland, and Ethiopia. The Global Psychotherapist, 6(2), 116-132. https://doi.org/10.52982/lkj319

Author of a forthcoming chapter on ethics and integration in psychotherapy, accepted for publication in a book on psychotherapy integration (December 2026).

Author of published articles in the field of philosophy.

11. **Special Achievements: Have you received any honors, awards, or other forms of recognition?**
12. **Membership in Other Professional Associations:**
    Member of the Association for Integration and Development of Psychotherapy (Stowarzyszenie Integracji i Rozwoju Psychoterapii), Poland.
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 support the sustainable development of WAPP as an international professional community grounded in clear and ethical professional standards. I would like to contribute to building transparent development pathways for Positive Psychotherapists and trainers, strengthening cooperation and exchange between countries, and supporting the locally led and culturally sensitive development of Positive and Transcultural Psychotherapy in countries where it is not yet established.
    I also believe that WAPP should further strengthen scientific research on the effectiveness of Positive and Transcultural Psychotherapy and support closer cooperation between practitioners, trainers, and researchers. I bring experience in leading a national association, developing training and professional standards, organizing international training programs, and collaborating across countries and cultures. As a Board member, I would bring an integrative and strategic perspective, the ability to consider complex issues from different viewpoints, and a strong focus on translating ideas into practical and sustainable solutions, together with a strong commitment to professional responsibility.

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: 29 August 2026, Katowice

Signature: Katarzyna Marquardt