

Virtual Congress

21st WPA Virtual Congress of Psychiatry is going virtual!

After a successful virtual WCP20 and due to continued health risks to hold in-person meetings the WPA Board has decided to transform the upcoming World Congress of Psychiatry (WCP21) to an entirely virtual congress.

The congress will maintain its original theme “New World, New Challenges for Psychiatry & Mental Health” and dates 18-21 October 2021.

Returning participants from our last virtual congress will yet again be able to experience the truly immersive and personalized online meeting.

With the changing format of our 21st World Congress to a virtual one, we are reviewing & revising the program but we are trying to keep the same scientific sessions and content as much as possible. We will examine and discuss all the crucial issues in psychiatry and mental health and set up an exciting scientific program with numerous keynote lectures that convoy our present scientific and technological revolution. You will benefit from up-to-date research data, the best lectures from experts in all fields of mental health, high-quality scientific content, high-value interactions between mental health & social care professionals, patients and careers, and relevant peer-to-peer networking.

We are also confident that with enough time and experience on our hands we will manage to give you an excellent program at this virtual meeting. **Our scientific committee is working hard to prepare the program that will not only give you a chance for live interaction but will also be available on-demand up**

to 3 months after the congress.

I am confident that this will be another important and valuable scientific online meeting adding a lot to the psychiatric and mental health knowledge.

To avoid any confusion, misunderstandings and to stay updated on the latest policy, please check the [FAQ section](#) below and follow us through our newsletters and social media channels.

WPA looks forward to seeing you online!

21st WPA Virtual Congress FAQ

Please see below the answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about the Virtual event.

The WPA Board has decided to take the **21st WPA Congress virtual**. All speakers and presentations, interactive poster displays and exhibitors will be held entirely online. The 21st WPA Virtual Congress will be taking place between **18-21 October 2021** with live-streamed and recorded sessions according to the program schedule. All of the meeting content will be available to registered participants on demand after the congress. The content will be available on-demand for a period following the congress dates, for all registered participants. More information on how long the content will be available after the congress dates will follow for registered participants, sponsors & exhibitors only. To attend the 21st WPA virtual congress, you need a good internet connection, your device or computer, and a valid registration. You will receive login details a few days prior to the event.

Registration

Yes, you are automatically registered for the 21st WPA Virtual Congress. As a registered delegate who has paid the full rate, we will refund the difference to the same payment method initially charged. If you wish to cancel your registration and receive a full refund, please let us know by **Wednesday, June 2** at the latest. By e-mail: reg_wcp21@kenes.com Registration and abstract submission are open and participants can register. More information is available [here](#). The 21st WPA virtual congress will offer you a full virtual experience and the opportunity to take part in every aspect of the program, including the chance to:

- Access all presentations and session recordings. Create your own schedule to attend any and all of the sessions whenever and wherever you choose.
- Network with colleagues. Browse the list of participants and click on their name to contact them.
- Earn CME credits. Participate in the scientific program and be eligible to receive 31 CME credits attributed to the virtual congress.
- Access all the e-posters. Browse research on the hottest topics published in the congress digital abstract book and connect with the abstract authors and other colleagues from around the world through the e-poster virtual consultations.
- Join the debate. During a live-streamed or recorded session, participate in live conversations with delegates from all over the world.
- Give feedback. Use the short session surveys to rate the sessions and help us improve the overall quality of the program.
- Visit the virtual exhibition hall. Journey through the exhibition booths, explore the displayed materials, contact exhibitors directly, and chat with other

visitors.

You can use the [contact form here](#) and select **Registration** as the Subject. If you would like to cancel your registration to the virtual congress, you are able to receive a **refund**. Please consult the cancellation policy outlined on the registration page for the most up to date information. Please [click here](#).

Program and sessions

We are doing our best to ensure that the 21st WPA virtual congress will incorporate as much of the well-known physical Congress experience and atmosphere as possible. All delegates will be contacted with timely updates on program scheduling in due course. No, the slides from the session presentations cannot be downloaded, but you will be able to have the oral presentations of many presenters, where the slides are being shown. We will contact you directly regarding your participation in the program. Some sessions will be live and some will be pre-recorded. We are doing everything to ensure the highest possible quality of the virtual congress while maintaining the energy of live sessions and live interactions. Speakers are encouraged to add email/social media information to their slides in order to enable participants to reach out with questions and comments. Upon acceptance of your abstract, you will be contacted personally with information about submitting your e-poster

Accepted poster presenters will be asked to upload an e-poster as a 1-page file.

Accepted poster presenters will be given the option of recording a short MP3 file to explain their poster

Interaction between the E poster presenters and the participants will be available through chat

E-posters will be available throughout the Congress and after

For other abstract related questions, please use the [contact form here](#), selecting **Abstracts** as the subject.

Exhibition

Yes, there will be a virtual exhibition area. We will contact you directly regarding your participation. There is no registration for exhibition only, all exhibitors and participants may access the full virtual congress.