



Pre- WPA Congress Course

**“Psychopharmacology for Addiction Psychiatry:  
Recommendations, clinical guidelines and case scenarios”**

Stockholm, Sweden, 23rd September 2026, organized by Addiction Psychiatry Section of WPA

Session date: 23 September, 2026

Session time: 09:00-13:00

Session title: Pre-congress Course: Psychopharmacology for addiction psychiatry  
(4 hour course with a 30 minute break at 11:00-11:30, participants will need to pre-register and pay for course attendance)

**Abstract:** This is a course designed for psychiatrists and other prescribers in mental health to optimize their medication prescriptions in the context of substance/behavioral use disorders and their comorbidities based on the latest guidelines and recommendations. We will discuss both new medications/protocols and traditional algorithms and how to optimize them in the field of psychiatry.

**Course Co-Chairs:** Alexander Baldacchino, WPA APS Chair and Hamed Ekhtiari, WPA APS Co-chair.

**Course Agenda:**

**Panel One:**

(09.00-09.05) Welcome Notes and Workshop Overview

Alexander Baldacchino (Chair WPA/UK) and Hamed Ekhtiari (WPA APS Co-chair/US)

(09.05-09:35) Medications for Alcohol Use Disorder

Rama Kamel (Qatar) and Roshan Bhad (India)

(09.35-10.05) Medications for Stimulants (Meth and Cocaine) Use Disorder and Its Comorbidities

Vitor Tardelli (Canada) and Yasser Khazaal (Switzerland)

(10:05-10.35) Medications for Opioid Use Disorder

Rania Mamdouch (Egypt) and Thomas Clausen, EUDA (Portugal/Norway)

(10.35-11.00) Medications for Neurodevelopment Comorbidities

Laura Orsolini, (Italy) and Hussien Elkholy (UK/Egypt)

**11.00-11.30: Break**

**Panel Two:**

(11:30-12.00) Medications for Psychotic Comorbidities with Substance Use Disorders

Narayanan Subramanian (Ireland) and Christian Schultz (Canada/Germany)

(12.00-12.30) Medications for Mood and Anxiety and Cognitive Comorbidities with Substance Use

Rodrigo Ramalho (New Zealand) and Petros Levounis (Greece)

(12.30-13.00) Medications for Behavioral Addiction

Sophia Achab (Switzerland) and Kristiana Siste (Indonesia)

(13.00-13.05) Conclusions