



International Society of Psychiatric Genetics

Business Meeting

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Jerusalem Convention Center

Francis McMahon, Presiding

Minutes:

1. **Presidential Introduction** – Francis McMahon welcomed attendees to the meeting and explained that all attendees are now members of the Society through October, 2018.
2. **Secretarial Report** – Thomas G. Schulze gave an update for the meeting attendance: 2016 – 356; 2015 – 657; 2014 – 887; 2013 – 889; 2012 – 561. The Society continues to diversify the membership which includes selecting locations for WCPG that are all throughout different regions of the country. This factor is considered when selecting locations. T. Schulze congratulated the ECIP Travel Awardees, Oral, Poster and Hugh Gurling Finalist and thanked the finalist judges and mentors.
3. **Treasurer’s Report** – Financial summary given by John Rice. Reserves are at approximately 400K. ISPG continues to fund its travel award program and other special initiatives and task forces. In addition to the society funded awards, ISPG does receive funding from NIAAA for several travel awards to its meeting.
4. **Meeting Reports**
 - a. **2016 Jerusalem, Israel** – E. Gershon thanked the participants for the high level of science they brought to the Congress.
 - b. **2017 Orlando, Florida** – Dr. Dan Rujescu provided an update of the 2017 WCPG in Orlando, Florida. The theme is Genes in Context: Cells, Epistasis and Epigenetics, Tissues and Circuits and our Environment. The city has lots of attractions, entertainment, an established international airport and the meeting venue, Sapphire Falls, is a new resort. The ASHG meeting will proceed WCPG which will allow opportunity for collaboration on a plenary session.
 - c. **2018 Glasgow, Scotland** - Jonathan Sebat provided an update on the 2018 WCPG. The congress venue will be the convention center in Glasgow, Scotland. He asked that attendees send conference theme ideas and presentation topics to the Executive Office.
 - d. **Discussion of future meeting venues** – Francis McMahon discussed potential future congress venues. 2019 venues have been narrowed down to Houston and Los Angeles. Potential 2020 locations included China, London and Australia. Other suggestions from the audience include San Francisco and collaborating with the Molecular Psychiatry meeting.
5. **ISPG Committee Reports**

- a. **Global Diversity Task Force** – Chunyu Liu provided an updated on 2016 activities and future initiatives. The purpose of the task force is to expand the influence of ISPG and psychiatric genetics across the globe. In 2016, the 3rd Summit of Chinese Psychiatric Genetics was held in Wuxi, China. A psychiatric genetics workshop was held in Belgrade, Serbia and workshops are planned for December in Latin America. The plan for 2017 is to organize a Spanish language tract at the 2017 WCPG, conduct workshops in Eastern Europe in conjunction with ECNP and execute the 4th Summit of Chinese Psychiatry Genetics. The committee is reevaluating the registration fee structure to encourage participation from non-World Bank A countries and generating information on individual attendee funding opportunities for future conferences.
 - b. **Residency Curriculum Task Force** –Dr. John Nurnberger provided an update on the Residency Education Task Force. Slides have been developed on “What should a Psychiatrist Know about Genetics” and will be posted to the ISPG website as a teaching tool. Interactive training modules are being developed by the committee members and National Neuroscience Curriculum Initiative on chromosomal microarray for autism spectrum disorders and, pharmacogenetics testing for selection of antidepressants and antipsychotics. Once complete, the modules will be posted on the ISPG website as a training tool. The Residency Education Task Force and the Global Diversity Task Force are collaborating on translating some of the education material to other languages.
 - c. **Genetic Testing Statement Task Force** – Francis McMahon provided an update on the Genetic Testing Task Force. The genetic testing statement posted on the website is being revised and updated. Members have drafted a manuscript which will be submitted to a peer-review journal later this year.
6. **Reflection on Dr. Peter Propping** – Markus Nöthen recognized Dr. Peter Propping who passed away on April 26, 2016.
 7. **Reflection on Dr. Irv Gottesman** – David Glahn recognized Dr. Irv Gottesman who passed away June 29, 2016.
 8. **New Business** – No new business was raised.

9. **Announcement of Board Members**

Francis McMahon announces members rotating off the board and thanked them for their service to the society.

- Michael Gill, Board of Directors (2000 - 2016)
- Douglas Levinson, Board of Directors (2000 - 2016)
- Marcella Rietschel, Vice President (2012 - 2016), Board of Directors (2010 - 2011)
- John Rice, Treasurer (2008 - 2016), Board of Directors (since 1999)

Francis McMahon announced the incoming and re-elected Board of Directors:

- Jonathan Sebat, re-elected Board of Directors
- Pamela Sklar, incoming Board of Directors
- Naomi Wray, incoming Board of Directors

Francis McMahon announced the incoming Officers:

- Jordan Smoller, Vice-President
- James Potash, Treasurer

- Elisabeth Binder, Secretary
- Thomas Schulze, President

Thomas G. Schulze then thanked Francis McMahon for his years of service as President.

- Francis McMahon, President (2012 - 2016), Board of Directors (since 2004)

Thomas Schulze ended the business meeting.