



*International Society of Psychiatric Genetics
Business Meeting Minutes
Sunday, October 14, 2018
11:30 am – 12:30 pm
Location: Lomond Auditorium
Thomas G. Schulze, Presiding*

1. Presidential Introduction

- a. Dr. Thomas G. Schulze welcomed attendees to the ISPG business meeting.
- b. Board Members rolling-off the Board were recognized and awarded plaques and the society's appreciation for their years of service.
 - i. John Kelsoe, M.D. Board Member, 2012-2018
 - ii. Markus Nöthen, M.D. Board Member, 2000-2018
 - iii. John Nurnberger, M.D., Ph.D. Board Member, 1992-2018
 - iv. Patrick Sullivan, M.D. Board Member, 2012-2018
- c. Dr. Schulze also announced and welcomed the new board members taking office at the meeting. Their terms will end in 2024.
 - i. Jehannine Austin, Ph.D.
 - ii. Barbara Franke, Ph.D.
 - iii. Sarah Medland, Ph.D.
 - iv. Benjamin Neale, Ph.D.
 - v. Henriette Raventos, M.D. – Dr. Raventos for the first time holds the Board seat dedicated to Global Diversity. Dr. Raventos represents Costa Rica.

2. Secretary's Report – Dr. Elisabeth Binder congratulated those that participated in the Early Career Investigator Program this year.

- i. ISPG received 137 ECIP applications from 24 countries this year.
- ii. ISPG funded 27 travel awardees. 13 of those awardees were funded through an NIAAA R-13 Grant.
- iii. There were 11 Oral Presentation Award Finalists.
- iv. There were 11 Poster Presentation Award Finalists.
- b. Dr. Binder recognized:
 - i. Early Career Investigator Awardees
 - ii. ECIP Oral Finalists
 - iii. ECIP Poster Finalists
 - iv. Hugh Gurgling Award Finalists
- c. Winners for Oral, Poster and Hugh Gurgling Awards will be announced during the closing remarks on Monday, October 15th at 12:00 p.m.
- d. Dr. Binder thanked the ECIP Oral/Poster Judges and ECIP Mentors.

- 3. Treasurer's Report** – A financial summary was given by Dr. James Potash. Dr. Potash stated the net assets of the Society are continuing to grow. In 2017, the ISPG recorded \$422,976 in net assets. In 2016, the ISPG had \$374,166 in net assets. Overall, Dr. Potash expressed that the society is in a positive position financially and will continue to invest assets as approved by the ISPG Board and fund mission driven projects.

4. Meeting Reports

a. 2018 Glasgow, Scotland by Dr. Jonathan Sebat

- i. Dr. Sebat thanked all in attendance for making the meeting one of the highest attended WCPGs thus far. He acknowledged the meeting co-chairs: Dr. Mandy Johnstone and Dr. Benjamin Pickard and all their hard work on developing an exceptional program.
- ii. The 2018 World Congress reached 780 registered attendees from 45 countries. This accomplishment exceeded expectations by 130 attendees.
- iii. Dr. Sebat thanked the 2018 Congress Corporate Supporters:
 - a. Assurex
 - b. Janssen
 - c. Mylan
 - d. Roche
 - e. Oxford Nanopore Technologies
 - f. Takeda

b. 2019 Los Angeles, California – Dr. John Kelsoe welcomed participants to attend the 2019 World Congress in Los Angeles, California.

- i. Dr. Kelsoe reported the confirmed plenary speakers for the 2019 Congress. They are:
 1. Elise Robinson, Broad Institute
 2. Jonathan Flint, UCLA Brain Research Institute
 3. Thomas Werge, Københavns Universitet
 4. Trey Idecker, UC San Diego School of Medicine
 5. Kasper Lage, Massachusetts General Hospital
- ii. He also noted the upcoming important submission and registration dates.
 1. Overall Symposia Abstracts Deadline - April 19, 2019
 2. Symposia Speaker Abstracts and Discussant Information Deadline - April 26, 2019
 3. Oral and Poster Abstracts Deadline - June 17, 2019
 4. Early Career Investigator Award Applications Due - June 17, 2019
 5. Honorific Award Nominations Due - June 17, 2019
 6. Registration Opens March 2019

c. 2020 Florence, Italy – **Dr. Elisabeth Binder** announced the 2020 WCPG will be held in Florence, Italy. The Chairs of this meeting are Dr. Elisabeth Binder, Dr. Mario Maj, Dr. Alessio Squassina and Dr. Mirko Manchia.

d. Discussion of Future Meeting Venues – Dr. Thomas G. Schulze announced that the ISPG Board is currently considering three locations for the 2022 WCPG meeting, They

are Rotterdam, Netherlands and Ljubljana, Slovenia. The ISPG Board plans to make a decision on the location in early 2019.

5. ISPG Committee Reports

- a. Global Diversity Committee** – Dr. Chunyu Liu reported that over the last several years, meeting participation has slightly increased from under represented countries. The committee has been charged by the ISPG Board to develop a Global Diversity Invitation Bank. The invitation bank will allow 10 attendees from under represented countries to receive waived registration. Information will be sent out soon on how individuals may apply for the bank.
 - b. Genetic Testing Committee** – Dr. Francis McMahon updated the membership that the committee is in the final stages of releasing an updated Genetic Testing Statement. After the statement is approved by the ISPG Board, the committee will begin working on a scholarly review paper.
 - c. Ethics Committee** – Dr. Gabriel Lázaro-Muñoz reported that 22 members have joined the committee that began in January of this year. The committee presented their manuscript, “International Society of Psychiatric Genetics Ethics Committee: Issues Facing Us,” to be approved by the Board.
 - d. Residency Education Committee** – Dr. John Nurnberger reported that the committee has submitted their manuscript, “What should a psychiatrist know about genetics? Review and Recommendations from the Residency Education Committee of the International Society of Psychiatric Genetics,” is in press with the Journal of Clinical Psychiatry. A second paper has been favorably reviewed at JAMA Psychiatry. The committee also met alongside the Global Diversity Committee this year to discuss facilitation of the residency curriculum distribution among low- and middle-income countries. The committee also added four survey questions to the post-meeting/CME evaluation to gain information from attendees participating in a residency training program.
- 6. Call for any New Business** – Dr. Jordan Smoller requested the membership contribute ideas on ways to improve the WCPG. Attendees expressed the concern for more time allowance for consortia meetings. They would like to see the society recognized as a “hub” for consortia and collaborative groups. Many consortia meetings were listed as “invitation only” this year. Participants requested that when appropriate, these meetings be open to all attendees. The Executive Office will work with the 2019 Program Chairs to re-evaluate the upcoming schedule.
- 7. 12:30 p.m.** – Dr. Thomas G. Schulze adjourned the ISPG Business Meeting.