



Summer Newsletter | August 2019



Dear Colleagues,

As Program Chairs for this year's World Congress of Psychiatric Genetics (WCPG), we look forward to welcoming you to California in October. The conference will take place at the Anaheim Marriott. Anaheim is a city located in Orange County, California, part of the Los Angeles metropolitan area. The hotel and conference center are ideally positioned in the heart of the resort district.

This year's WCPG schedule is filled with leading experts from national and international research centers. The theme of this year's WCPG, "Achieving Precision Psychiatry" aims to examine the precise discipline of psychiatric genetics and educate all researchers in neuroscience, neurobiology, and genetics. Scientists from all over the world will come together to share their expertise, research findings and personal experiences with the goal of improving the quality of life for those living with psychiatric disorders.

In addition to the meeting schedule, Anaheim offers a wide variety of entertainment options inclusive of amusement parks, entertainment attractions, wonderful dining, shopping and so much more. We look forward to welcoming you to Congress and sharing the excitement of your discoveries. [CLICK HERE](#) to register and come enjoy the vast scenery California has to offer. We hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,
Dr. John Kesloe
Dr. Daniel Geschwind
2019 WCPG Program Chairs

Congratulations

2019 AWARDEES



Arsalan Arsalan, Pakistan
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Yu Chen, China
Idowu Dabiri, Nigeria
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Sylvanus Toikumo, Nigeria
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Sejal Patel
Marjolein van Donkelaar
Frank Wendt

WHY JOIN US IN ANAHEIM?

LISTEN TO LIVE MUSIC - You can hear everything from soulful tunes to the world's greatest names in pop music. If a show is not quite your scene, live art is hard to miss with musicians regularly playing at the Packing District, art walks, and parades.

FOODIES FEEL RIGHT AT HOME HERE - CENTER CITY is the bustling historic district that now encompasses the many eateries within the Packing District, Good Food Hall, and West Center Street Promenade. There's an authentic experience waiting for you any night of the week.

A SHOPPERS PARADISE - An incredible destination for shopping. There is a vast array of nearby outlets as well as Orange County's most influential malls. Speaking of paradise, you can also spend time gazing over the Pacific while you browse stunning oceanfront properties.



View the Anaheim
Destination Guide
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ISPG Diversity Survey:

The ISPG Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity in Action (IDEA) Committee developed the statement below to be a strategic goal of the society. The ISPG Board formally adopted this statement in 2019 to recognize the importance of inclusiveness within the psychiatric genetics field.

STATEMENT: *Recognizing that diversity drives innovation and progress in science, the International Society of Psychiatric Genetics strives to promote inclusivity and equity for all, regardless of sex, age, race, ethnicity, nationality, culture, religious affiliation, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status. We endeavor to create an environment of inclusivity, diversity, and equality through initiatives including consideration of presenters and chairs at our annual conference, mentorship opportunities, representation on our board of directors, delegation of duties, and education to the public.*

The committee has developed a survey to provide an evidence base for understanding and representing diversity within ISPG and welcomes your participation. Take the survey here: [ISPG Diversity Survey](#)

ISPG Ethics Committee:

The link to their first published paper, *International Society of Psychiatric Genetics Ethics Committee: Issues facing us*, is below:

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/ajmg.b.32736>





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