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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING WCPG 2019!

Thank you all who attended the World Congress of Psychiatric Genetics on October 26-31, 2019! The theme of 2019 WCPG "Achieving Precision Psychiatry" examined the precise discipline of psychiatric genetics. It was a wonderful and robust conference with scientists from all over the world coming 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.

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Congratulations

2019 AWARDEES



HONORIFIC AWARDS

Ming Tsuang Lifetime Achievement
Patrick F. Sullivan

Theodore Reich Young Investigator Award
Stephan Sanders

**Richard Todd Award – Genetics of Child
Psychiatry**
Ditte Demontis



POSTER AWARDEES

Yen-Chen Anne Feng
Jodie Lord
Frank Wendt

ORAL PRESENTATION AWARDEES

Emma Johnson
Niamh Mullins
Tarjinder Singh
Donna Werling

Gershon Paper of the Year

Max Lam and Chia-Yen Chen

PGC Pamela Sklar Award

Lea K. Davis

Hugh Gurling Memorial Award

Djenifer B. Kappel



Dear Colleagues,

The City of Florence in Italy warmly invites you to attend the World Congress of Psychiatric Genetics (WCPG), October 16-21, 2020. This is a time of unprecedented discovery and advances in psychiatric genetics. With the growing understanding of the genetic and molecular basis of psychiatric disorders, new opportunities for the identification of novel treatments are on the horizon. The WCPG is the premier international scientific meeting for research in psychiatric genetics and related areas. Leading experts from national and international research centers in the area of genetics, neuroscience and psychiatry will be participating.

The theme of this year's WCPG is "*Genetics: Driving the Renaissance of Psychiatry*". Among other topics, we will highlight how genetics improves diagnostics and treatment of neurodevelopmental disease, provide an update on pharmacogenetics in psychiatry, and discuss how results from large scale genome-wide association studies can be translated for clinical application. Furthermore, we will explore how we can best integrate genetic findings with molecular and cellular function and combine information on the envirome with the genome for refined risk prediction.

Scientists from all over the world will again come together for this conference to share their expertise, research findings and personal experiences with the goal of improving the quality of life for those living with psychiatric disorders. We look forward to welcoming you all to the Congress and sharing the excitement of your discoveries.

Sincerely,

Dr. Elisabeth Binder

Dr. Mario Maj

Dr. Mirko Manchia

2020 WCPG CONFIRMED PLENARY SPEAKERS



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Elliot S. Gershon, MD

Journal of Psychitrary and Brain Science
"Commemorative Issue in Honor of Professor Elliot S. Gershon in Anticipation of His 80th Birthday"



Read more about Dr. Gershon at the link below.
"An Historical Perspective on Psychiatric Genetics, the International Society of Psychiatric Genetics and the Role of Elliot Gershon"



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](#).



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