



**International Society of Psychiatric Genetics
Business Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 30, 2019
12:45 pm – 2:15 pm**

President's Welcome - Dr. Thomas G. Schulze welcomes attendees to the meeting and explains that all attendees are now members of the Society January 2020 through December 2020 (1 calendar year). He expressed his gratitude to the Current Board Members.

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

- ISPG received 108 ECIP applications from 23 countries this year.
- ISPG funded 23 travel awardees. 13 of those awardees were funded through an NIAAA R-13 Grant.
- 11 Oral Presentation Award Finalists.
- 14 Poster Presentation Award Finalists.

Dr. Binder recognized the:

- ECIP Committee Members
- ECIP Travel Awardees
- ECIP Poster Finalists
- Hugh Gurling Award Finalists
- Winners for Oral, Poster and Hugh Gurling Awards will be announced during the closing remarks on Thursday, October 31st at 12:15 p.m.

Dr. Binder thanked the ECIP Oral/Poster Judges and Mentors.

Treasurer's Report – A financial summary was given by Dr. James Potash. Dr. Potash stated the net assets of the Society continue to grow. In 2018, the ISPG recorded \$422,977 in net assets. In 2017, the ISPG had \$402,297 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. He added that 2019 looks to be a positive year with expected net assets to reach between \$425,000-\$450,000 with a very successful 2019 WCPG.

**Meeting Reports -
2019 WCPG Los Angeles, California:**

Dr. John Kelsoe thanked the attendees for coming and acknowledged Co-Chair Dr. Daniel Geschwind and all his hard work on developing an exceptional program. The 2019 WCPG reached a meeting attendance of 674 to a goal of 650 attendees. Dr. Kelsoe thanked the 2019 WCPG supporters:

- Geisinger
- Genomics, Plc
- Illumina
- Janssen
- Lundbeck
- Myriad Neuroscience
- Roche

- Takeda

2020 WCPG Florence, Italy

Dr. Elisabeth Binder provided information about Florence and the confirmed the plenary speakers listed below:

- **Dr. Silvia Cappello**, Max Planck Research Group Leader
- **Dr. Matt Hurles**, Team Leader, Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute
- **Dr. Andreas Meyer-Lindenberg**, Professor and Chairman of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy at the University of Heidelberg, Germany
- **Dr. Danielle Posthuma**, Statistical Geneticist at the Vrije Universiteit (VU) Amsterdam and Amsterdam University Medical Center, Neuroscience Campus Amsterdam

Dr. Binder reviewed the upcoming deadlines:

- Symposia Abstracts - April 2020
- Oral and Poster Abstracts - June 2020
- Early Career Investigator Award Applications - June 2020
- Honorific Award Nominations - June 2020
- Global Diversity Bank Nominations – August 2020

2021 WCPG Montreal, Canada

Dr. Jehannine Austin announced the 2021 WCPG will be in Montreal, Canada. The chairs will be herself and Gustavo Turecki

2022 WCPG Ljubljana, Slovenia

Dr. Thomas G. Schulze announced the 2022 WCPG will be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia

Discussion of Future Meeting Venues

Dr. Thomas G. Schulze led the discussion regarding proposed 2023 WCPG locations. The Executive Office plans to research the following cities:

- Baltimore, Maryland
- Cancun, Mexico
- Chicago, Illinois
- Nashville, Tennessee
- Costa Rica
- Mexico City
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

ISPG Committee Reports:

Ethics Committee – Dr. Lea Davis reported that the committee started in 2018 and has successfully published the Ethics Paper in May 2019 entitled *International Society of Psychiatric Genetics Ethics Committee: Issues facing us*. The committee also presented a symposia session at this year’s WCPG. The session was title, *Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications of Advances in Psychiatric Genomics*. They are working on finalizing the structure for another Committee Paper, *Use of Genetic Risk Scores in Pre-implantation Screening*. Dr. Davis discussed the need for further communication between all ISPG committees to develop more outreach.

Genetic Testing Committee – Dr. Francis McMahon updated the membership on the committee membership and thanked all the members. The committee plans to review the current genetic testing statement and update as necessary. The committee is in the final revision stage on the scholarly review papers. The papers were split into two publications; “Genetic Information in Clinical Psychiatry I: Diagnostic Genetic Testing” and “Genetic Information in Clinical Psychiatry II: Pharmacogenetics.” The paper will be submitted to the *American Journal of Psychiatry*. He also discussed that the committee

structure is changing, leaving one large overarching committee while creating three subcommittees to make the committee work most effective. Also, that the committee is working on a town hall structured presentation for next year's WCPG.

Global Diversity Committee – Dr. Chunyu Liu thanked the board for the creation of the Global Diversity Invitation Bank. He reported that seven people received the award. He discussed that funding is still the main barrier to attendance at WCPG for underrepresented countries. He asked that ISPG members consider this when applying for grants or when they are collaborating with colleagues in other countries. The committee participated in two regional meetings over the past year, one in Latin America and the other in China.

IDEA Committee – Dr. Naomi Wray discussed that the committee was formed to handle all aspects of diversity within ISPG. The IDEA committee is open to all ISPG members. She urged members to complete the Diversity Survey online, as that is the only way to measure the committee's success. The IDEA Committee is also charged with a Plenary Session at WCPG each year that is dedicated to the IDEA Committees vision.

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.

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.

Residency Education Committee – Dr. Ray DePaulo 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. He reviewed the key points as to what a psychiatrist should know about genetics. The committee is working with the National Neuroscience Curriculum Initiative through a cooperative effort with the American Association of Directors of Residency Training and American Psychiatric Association. Committee members have developed educational modules on 1) genetic testing for autism, 2) pharmacogenomic testing, and 3) polygenic risk scores. The committee has discovered that an understanding of genetic principles and findings is increasingly valuable in psychiatric practice and that training programs are generally underserved in this regard. Genetic testing is part of a clinical workup for ASD/ID and pharmacogenomic testing is necessary in some circumstances and helpful in others, but not widely indicated. Newer methods, such as sequencing and polygenic risk score testing, will likely find clinical application soon

Call for New Business - Dr. Thomas G. Schulze led the discussion for new business. The idea of using technology to connect more people to the conference was discussed. The use of video conferencing to allow individuals in underserved countries a way to participate was widely praised. Charging a small convenience fee to download may take care of the additional costs. An idea was presented to form a more dedicated and specific fundraising campaign to help people attend from underrepresented countries which may allow for more ECIP travel scholarships. The idea of hosting this meeting in other areas on the World (Country Banks B, C or D) was also discussed. The Officers agreed that finding a balance between attendance, the location, and the financial feasibility always presents an issue.

When providing the schedule to attendees through the website, pocket guide and the app a request was made to make sure meetings where all are welcome is properly noted and to highlight throughout the

schedule. It was noted that the lunch meeting labeled “Business Meeting” may need to be titled something else so all WCPG attendees feel like they are welcome.

A request was made to put the presenter slides on the ISPG website. The Executive Office will work with the Plenary Speakers and Education Day Speakers to get the slides posted on the website. Next year the Executive Office will get disclosures from the speakers prior to the meeting to make these slides available in a timelier manner.

The new poster session reception structure was discussed, and all attendees agreed this worked very well.

Dr. Thomas G. Schulze adjourned the meeting.