



## Quarterly Newsletter | January 2020



### RENEW YOUR ISPG MEMBERSHIP ONLINE

If you did not attend the 2019 WCPG [CLICK HERE](#) to log-in and renew your ISPG Membership for 2020.



## ISPG BOARD HAPPENINGS



The ISPG Board is currently working on a **Governance Review with the Executive Office**. This will help to solidify a strategic plan for the future.



**Officer and Board Elections Coming Soon**. Look for nominations this Spring.



ISPG is looking for a **Social Media Advisor!** The purpose of the role is to optimize ISPG social media accounts and improve online engagement with society members. [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.



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# WCPG

World Congress of Psychiatric Genetics  
October 16-21, 2020 | Florence, Italy



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## Member Spotlight



### 2019 Hugh Gurling Award Winner, Djenifer B. Kappel, MSc

Djenifer Kappel is currently a final year Ph.D. candidate working at Prof. Claiton Bau's group in the Department of Genetics at the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul - Brazil. During her Ph.D., she also spent one year abroad working in collaboration with Dr. Oscar Lao and Prof. Bru Cormand in Barcelona as an Early Stage Researcher within the EU Marie Skłodowska-Curie MiND project. She is expected to finish her PhD in September 2020.

Her main interest is the identification of genetic risk factors – both common and rare – underlying neurodevelopmental disorders, especially ADHD and Autism. She is involved in an international collaboration investigating the role of rare variants, identified through whole-exome sequencing, in the clinical heterogeneity of ADHD and the biological pathways that could be underlying these effects. Furthermore, given her previous projects and the latest genomic findings, she is currently interested in the role of pleiotropic genetic risk factors between ADHD and Autism, with a particular interest in evaluating how these factors influence the course of ADHD across the life span.



The IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity in Action) 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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