



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER | JUNE 2020

**WCPG**  
**2020 Virtual World Congress of Psychiatric Genetics**

October 16	Education Day
October 19-21	WCPG
October 22	PGC Day

## 2020 VIRTUAL WCPG INFORMATION



### REGISTER NOW!

Share the registration link with colleagues!

Let's grow our reach throughout the World!  
Registration rates are reduced in Asia and Oceania, and waived entirely for lower-upper middle income economies!



### CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE VIRTUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

All days will run on EDT time, but will be recorded and available within 24 hours! The 2020 Program Chairs plan to add plenty of live sessions where attendees and speakers can interact throughout the day so all times zones can participate in-person!

SUBMIT YOUR ORAL AND POSTER

submit  
your abstract

## PRESENTATIONS NOW!

Deadline: Friday, July 10, 2020

At a virtual meeting, your presentations will be seen and heard by attendees throughout the world!

Oral and Poster Presentation

[View Instructions](#)

\*Early Career Investigator Award

The 2020 ECIP Award will include waived registration to the 2020 and 2021 WCPG and a travel stipend to the 2021 WCPG (*the amount will be determined in 2021*)

[View Instructions](#)

*\*Submissions related to substance abuse are encouraged.*

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NOMINATION  
NOW!

## ISPG HONORIFIC AWARDS

Nomination Deadline: July 10, 2020

Submit a Nomination Now!

The Honorific Awards are ISPG's prestigious awards recognizing significant contributions to the field. The Lifetime Achievement and Young Investigator Awardees will speak at WCPG 2020 and will be honored at WCPG 2021!

## ISPG STATEMENT ON RACISM, DIVERSITY AND EQUITY

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](#)



## BOARD & OFFICER ELECTION TIMELINE

May 25<sup>th</sup> - June 15<sup>th</sup>

The Executive Office will email a call for nominations to the membership for Officer and Board positions. Society members will be given three weeks for nominations. Any member may be nominated for the Board. Executive Committee members must be currently active Board members. [CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS!](#)

### **June 15<sup>th</sup> - June 26<sup>th</sup>**

The Slate-Holder, with the assistance of the Executive Office, will contact each of the nominees to see if they are willing to run for the office or Board position. If so, the Executive Office will solicit a statement and photo to go on the ballot.

### **June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Once the slate is confirmed with the candidates, an electronic ballot will be developed by the ISPG Executive Office.

### **July 6<sup>th</sup>**

A ballot will be emailed to membership for voting. Weekly emails will be sent to members who have not voted.

### **July 27<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>**

The Executive Office will notify the Slate-Holder and the Secretary of the election results. Elected Executive Committee members and Board members will be contacted to confirm results.. The Executive Office will email the non-elected nominees to notify them of the results.

### **August Society Newsletter**

The Executive Office will notify the membership of the election results.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### **Meet ISPG's New Social Media Advisor, Dr. Jonathan Coleman, PhD**

Most of the year, Jonathan (Joni) Coleman is a Lecturer in Statistical Genetics at King's College London, where he also did his PhD and postdoctoral work. His primary research interests are in the translation of psychiatric genetic findings from statistics to biology, and understanding the combined role of genetic and environmental risk factors in depression. When he isn't doing that, he is a keen field hockey player and occasional poet.

During WCPG, @Joni\_Coleman is a Twitter bot in human form, with an interest in paraphrasing talks and avoiding automatic bans for posting too much. He is very pleased to now be able to write this off as "working".

