



Quarterly Newsletter | September 2020

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

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

Dear Colleagues,

The International Society of Psychiatric Genetics (ISPG) warmly invites you to attend the first **Virtual World Congress of Psychiatric Genetics (WCPG) October 16, 19-22, 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. Leading experts from around the world in genetics, neuroscience, and psychiatry will be participating.

Although we are disappointed that we cannot meet in person, the 2020 conference will prove to be very exciting! To ensure a collaborative atmosphere, the virtual conference experience will include a conference hall that serves as the entry point to a reimagined virtual conference experience. This will serve as the central hub for attendee participation and will provide unique engagement opportunities. Attendees can attend small group discussions, invite colleagues to a 1:1 conversation, or connect with friends. Through the conference hall, attendees will also be able to access all conference offerings, live and pre-recorded content, and more.

ISPG wants as much global participation as possible, so we are providing waived registration for all attendees in the [world bank country-category upper middle, lower middle, and lower-income](#). Attendance from these countries is booming and most are first time attendees to the WCPG.

The meeting registration for all others is significantly discounted from in-person meeting prices and your **2021 ISPG Membership is included with paid registration!**

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

We look forward to welcoming you to the Virtual Congress and sharing the excitement of your discoveries!

Sincerely,
2020 WCPG Program Chairs
Dr. Elisabeth Binder
Dr. Mario Maj
Dr. Mirko Manchia
Dr. Alessio Squassina

Join US!

**ISPG 2020 SOCIETY UPDATE &
BEYOND MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020
4 PM EDT**



2020 Award Winners

Help us Recognize our Award Winners this Year!

Join us for the Virtual Awards Ceremony at WCPG
Wednesday, October 21, 2020
4 pm EDT

Ming Tsuang
Lifetime Achievement Award Winners



Lynn E. DeLisi, MD

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Michael O'Donovan, FRCPsych, PhD

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Theodore Reich
Young Investigator Award Winner



Michael Gandal, MD, PhD

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Gershon Paper of the Year Award Winner



Niamh Mullins, PhD

"GWAS of Suicide Attempt in Psychiatric Disorders and Association With Major Depression Polygenic Risk Scores"

Niamh Mullins is an Assistant Professor in Psychiatric Genomics at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Her research involves conducting large-scale genetic studies of suicide and bipolar disorder in the International Suicide Genetics Consortium and the Psychiatric Genomics Consortium. She obtained her PhD in statistical genetics from King's College London.

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Richard Todd Award Winner



Leanna Hernandez, PhD

Dr. Leanna Hernandez is a postdoctoral fellow at the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). She received her BA in Psychology from the University of Southern California (USC) and her PhD in Neuroscience from UCLA, using genetics and magnetic resonance imaging to investigate neurobiological heterogeneity in children with autism spectrum disorder. Her postdoctoral work in the labs of Drs. Michael

Gandal and Andrew Fuligni is funded by an NIH Blueprint D-SPAN (F99/K00) Award and investigates the contribution of genetics to structural brain development and the emergence of major psychiatric disorders during childhood and adolescence.

Hugh Gurling Award Finalists

Brenda Cabrera
Emma Fricke

Haijun Han
Natasha Kitchin
Anastasia Levchenko
Marcos Santoro
Salil Sukumaran
Gabriela Xavier
Cuihua Xia
Jiaqi Zhou

ECIP Award Winners

Brenda Cabrera
Sarah Colbert
Ania Fiksinski
Isabelle Foote
Zachary Gerring
Elis Haan
Alexander Hatoum
Tomas Lagunas
Xiaoyu Liang
Lauren Martin
Natalie Matosin
Alana Panzenhagen
Wouter Peyrot
Joan Puzhakkal
Laura Schellhas
Bhagyalakshmi Shankarappa
Salil Sukumaran
Jorien Treur
Gabriela Xavier
Cuihua Xia
Yuanxin Zhong
Lea Zillich



ORAL AND POSTER FINALISTS

ORAL FINALISTS:

Clara Albiñana
Amelie Baud
Dan Liang
Alexandre Lussier
Eduardo Maury

POSTER FINALISTS:

Jack Bakewell
Chiara Fabbri
Alex Kwong
Michael Lafferty
Heather Younga Lee

Sheila Nagamatsu
Wouter Peyrot
Josefin Werme

Marica Leone
Genevieve Morneau-Vaillancourt
Christine Rummel
Jonelle Villar
Baihan Wang
Douglas Wightman



CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Are you ready to step into ISPG committee membership? Now's your chance!

ISPG is having an open call for new committee members and it is easy to apply.

If you wish to be considered for committee membership, please [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the survey. The survey will ask you to upload your CV and for a statement of interest for the committee(s), you are interested in joining.

The deadline to complete the survey and to be considered for committee membership is [Friday, September 25, 2020.](#)

