



## **2022 WCPG Call for Proposals**

The International Society of Psychiatric Genetics (ISPG) warmly invites you to attend the World Congress of Psychiatric Genetics (WCPG), September 13-17, 2022 in Florence, Italy. These are exciting times in psychiatric genetics. With unprecedented data availability, thanks to international efforts, we are moving from gene-identification to understanding mechanisms of psychiatric disorders, allowing for a rethinking of psychiatric categorization and for new intervention approaches to be envisaged. The WCPG is the premier international scientific meeting for research in psychiatric genetics and related areas. Leading experts of genetics, neuroscience, and psychiatry from all over the world will be participating.

The motto of this year's WCPG is "***Vanishing Boundaries in Psychiatry***". With this motto, we want to give attention to the important widening and diversification of our field, such as the extension from gene-finding to biological understanding, vanishing boundaries between psychiatric and non-psychiatric disorders/diseases, between disorders and population traits, and between monogenic and polygenic disorders. We want to give attention to the widening of genetic analyses across ancestries and towards integration of rare and common variant analyses. Lastly, we would like to give attention to the trajectory from basic research to clinical application of findings.

For 2022, we encourage submissions related to the broad field of psychiatric genetics, and the following topics are of ***particular interest*** to the Program Committee:

1. Polygenic Risk Scores – Methods and Applications
2. Functional Genomics
3. Ethical Issues and Genetic Counselling
4. Genetic overlap & comorbidity between disorders
5. Population Level Studies
6. New phenotyping and genetics/genomics methods and analytical tools
7. Interdisciplinary studies
8. Diversity and trans-ancestry studies
9. Prediction and stratification

## **SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

The following submission types will be accepted:

### ***Symposia Presentation***

#### **March 16, 2022 (chairs) and March 23, 2022 (participants)**

A symposium is a 1½ hour session with a maximum of 7 participants. Each submission must include: 1 chair, 1 co-chair, 4 speakers, and 1 formal discussant. The discussant may **not** be a speaker. The chair and co-chair may be a speaker on the panel. An individual can only participate (includes all roles) in a maximum of two (2) symposia. Chairs should have their overall abstract, list of participants and disclosures entered by **March 16, 2022**. Participants must have individual abstracts and disclosures entered by **March 23, 2022**.

### ***Oral and Poster Presentation***

#### **May 12, 2022**

When submitting, you may choose if you would like your abstract considered for both oral presentation and poster presentation or one of the two options. Oral presentations are 10 minutes in length followed by 5 minutes of discussion. Please note the number of oral presentations accepted is limited.

### ***Early Career Investigator Award Application***

#### **May 12, 2022**

Early career investigator is an individual who is an undergraduate student, graduate student, medical student, post-doctoral student, or less than five years out of a doctoral program in a field relevant to psychiatric genetics. Individuals will need to submit an ECIP application along with a scientific session abstract, such as oral, poster or symposia presentation abstract submission. Only one application will be accepted per person. Past ECIP travel award recipients are not eligible to receive the award again. However, you can participate in the oral and poster finalist program that will be judged during the meeting. Details are on the [ECIP Programming Information](#).

### ***Honorific Award Nominations***

#### **May 12, 2022**

Nominations are now being accepted for the International Society of Psychiatric Genetics Honorific Awards. The available awards are Ming Tsuang Lifetime Achievement Award, the Theodore Reich Young Investigator Award, and the Gershon Paper of the Year Award. [Click here](#) for a full description of these Awards.

## **2022 SUBMISSION CATEGORIES**

For each submission, you will be asked to select which category your abstract falls under:

- a.** ADHD
- b.** Animal & Cell Based Models
- c.** Anxiety Disorder
- d.** Autism Spectrum Disorder
- e.** Biostatistics / Bioinformatics
- f.** Bipolar Disorder
- g.** Cross-Disorder and Comorbidity
- h.** Depression
- i.** Eating Disorder
- j.** ELSI, Counseling & Genetic Testing
- k.** Epigenetics
- l.** Ethics
- m.** Functional Genomics
- n.** Genetic and Genomic Technology
- o.** Intellectual Disability
- p.** Intermediate Phenotypes
- q.** Miscellaneous Other Psychiatric Disorders
- r.** Mood Disorder
- s.** Neurodegeneration and Dementia
- t.** Neuroimaging
- u.** OCD - Tourette Syndrome
- v.** Other Childhood Psychiatric Disorders
- w.** Psychosis
- x.** Schizophrenia
- y.** Substance Use Disorder
- z.** Treatment-Outcome Genetics
- aa.** Other