



2021 Virtual WCPG Call for Proposals

The International Society of Psychiatric Genetics (ISPG) warmly invites you to attend the Virtual World Congress of Psychiatric Genetics (WCPG), October 11-15, 2021. 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. 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. Given the uncertainty of travel and with an abundance of caution, ISPG is committed to providing you with this important forum where you can share knowledge and build community ***virtually***.

The theme of this year's WCPG is "***Genomics: The Journey to Improve Mental Health***". Among the scope of topics, we will highlight how genetics improves diagnostics and treatment of neurodevelopmental disease, provide an update on pharmacogenetics in psychiatry, and discuss how results from large scale genome-wide association studies can be translated for clinical application. Furthermore, we will explore how we can best integrate genetic findings with molecular and cellular function and combine information on the environment with the genome for refined risk prediction.

For 2021, 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) Model Systems in Psychiatry
- 4) Sequencing-approaches Related to Psychiatric Disorders
- 5) Machine Learning approaches in Psychiatric Genetics or Psychiatry
- 6) Population-level Phenotyping
- 7) Pharmacogenomic
- 8) Ethical Issues and Genetic Counselling

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

The following submission types will be accepted:

Symposia Presentation

EXTENDED to Friday, April 30, 2021 (chairs) and Friday, May 7, 2021 (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 Friday, **April 30, 2021**.

Participants must have individual abstracts and disclosures entered by **Friday, May 7, 2021**.

Oral and Poster Presentation

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

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

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

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

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

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.

2021 SUBMISSION CATEGORIES

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

- a.*** ADHD
- b.*** Affective Disorders
- c.*** Animal and cell-based models
- d.*** Anxiety Disorder
- e.*** Autism
- f.*** Biostatistics / Bioinformatics
- g.*** Bipolar Disorder
- h.*** Dementia
- i.*** Depression
- j.*** Eating Disorder
- k.*** ELSI, Counseling and Genetic Testing
- l.*** Endophenotypes
- m.*** Epigenetics
- n.*** Ethics
- o.*** Functional Genomics
- p.*** Intellectual Disability
- q.*** Miscellaneous Other Psychiatric Disorders
- r.*** Mood Disorder
- s.*** Neuroimaging
- t.*** OCD – Tourette’s Syndrome
- u.*** Other
- v.*** Other Childhood Psychiatric Disorders
- w.*** Pharmacogenetics
- x.*** Schizophrenia
- y.*** Substance Abuse
- z.*** Technology – Sequencing