2023 WCPG Call for Proposals

Meeting Dates: October 10-14, 2023 | Montreal, Canada

The International Society of Psychiatric Genetics (ISPG) warmly invites you to attend the World Congress of Psychiatric Genetics (WCPG), October 10-14, 2023, in Montreal, Canada. These are exciting times in psychiatric genetics. With unprecedented data availability, 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 theme of this year's WCPG is "**Putting People First in Psychiatric Genetics**." With this theme, we want to give attention to the importance of the people in our field - scientists, researchers, practitioners, and patients. We hope to highlight ISPG's strategic focus on diversity, inclusion, and equity through focusing on the personal aspect of our field as well as the scientific.

We look forward to seeing you in Montreal!
2023 WCPG Program Chairs

Dr. Jehannine Austin
Dr. Laura Huckins
Dr. Gustavo Turecki

For 2023, 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
April 19, 2023 (chairs) and **April 26, 2023** (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 **April 19, 2023.** Participants must have individual abstracts and disclosures entered by **April 26, 2023**.

Oral and Poster Presentation
June 8, 2023
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
June 8, 2023
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 funded awardees within the last 4 meetings (2019-2022) are not eligible to receive a funded award in 2023. 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
June 8, 2023
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 Early Career Award, the Richard Todd Award, and the Gershon Paper of the Year Award. Click here for a full description of these Awards.

2023 SUBMISSION CATEGORIES

For each submission, you will be asked to select the disorder and method your abstract falls under:

Disorders
- Neurodevelopmental (ADHD, Autism, Intellectual Disability)
- Anxiety & Stress Disorder
- Mood Disorders
- Eating Disorders & OCD
- ELSI, Counseling & Genetic Testing
- Neurodegenerative Conditions
- Psychotic Disorders
- Substance Use Disorders
- Cross-Disorder/Multi-Disorder and Comorbidity
- Other

Methods
- Biostatistics / Bioinformatics
- Epigenetics
- Functional Genomics & Postmortem Analyses
- Statistical Genetics
- Treatment-Outcome
- Neuroimaging
- Animal & Cell Based Models
- Other