



2025 WCPG Call for Proposals

Meeting Dates: October 19-23, 2025 | Cancun, Mexico

Dear ISPG Member,

The International Society of Psychiatric Genetics (ISPG) warmly invites you to attend the World Congress of Psychiatric Genetics (WCPG), October 19-23, 2025, in Cancun, Mexico! We are elated to gather our community in beautiful Mexico where the scientific ecosystem is vibrant, growing, and has the support of local and national governing bodies most notably from President Claudia Sheinbaum, climate scientist, and Mexico's first female president. Acknowledging that many in ISPG are experiencing stress and strain, we invite you to find respite in the ISPG community and to return to scientific wonder as we gather and learn about the exciting advancements in our field over the past year.

These are exciting times in psychiatric genetics. With unprecedented data availability, and novel tools powering investigation, 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.

This year's WCPG theme is "Dimensions of Translation." We hope this theme will be interpreted broadly as translation can occur in many domains from clinical implications to animal models. Importantly, this theme also underscores our commitment to understanding the vast spectrum of psychiatric genetic research across different populations and cultures, in supporting excellence in research throughout the world and ensuring findings in psychiatric genetics benefit everyone. We are encouraging symposium submissions that interpret this theme creatively and highlight the most cutting edge and impactful dimension of translation in our field.

We are keeping a close eye on developments with NIH and are committed to doing what we can to minimize the effects of those changes on our meeting and membership. We look forward to welcoming you to WCPG 2025 in Cancun, Mexico!

2025 WCPG Program Chairs

Dr. Henriette "Jetty" Raventos

Dr. Lea Davis

Dr. Andrew McIntosh
Dr. Diego Luiz Rovaris
Dr. Humberto Nicolini

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

The following submission types will be accepted:

Symposia Presentation

Closes April 16, 2025 (chairs) and April 23, 2025 (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 and list of participants entered by **April 16, 2025**. Participants must have individual abstracts and disclosures entered by **April 23, 2025**.

Oral and Poster Presentation

Closes June 5, 2025

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

Closes June 5, 2025

Early career investigator is an individual who is an undergraduate student, graduate student, medical student, post-doctoral researcher, 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 onsite. Details are on the [ECIP Programming Information](#) site.

Honorific Award Nominations

Closes June 5, 2025

Nominations are now open for the International Society of Psychiatric Genetics Honorific Awards. The available awards are the 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.

2025 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
- Transancestry
- Suicide
- Method
- Other

Methods

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