World Congress of Psychiatric Genetics
2026 WCPG
Understanding Today, Translating Tomorrow
29 September - 3 October 2026
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2026 WCPG Call for Proposals

Meeting Dates: September 29 – October 3, 2026 | Glasgow, Scotland

Dear ISPG Member,

The International Society of Psychiatric Genetics (ISPG) warmly invites you to the World Congress of Psychiatric Genetics (WCPG), taking place September 29th - October 3rd, 2026 in Glasgow, Scotland! We are thrilled to bring our community together in a city renowned for its rich history, vibrant culture, and world-class scientific institutions. Glasgow is a hub of innovation and also a place where the warmth of Scottish hearts will make you feel truly welcome.

We invite you to find support within the ISPG network and reconnect with the excitement of scientific discovery as we explore the latest advances and the exciting progress in psychiatric genetics.

This year's WCPG theme is "Understanding Today, Translating Tomorrow." This theme underscores our commitment to understanding the spectrum of psychiatric genetic research across populations and cultures, supporting excellence in research worldwide, and ensuring that findings in psychiatric genetics benefit everyone. We encourage symposium submissions that interpret this theme broadly and highlight the most cutting-edge and impactful dimensions of translation in our field.

We look forward to welcoming you to WCPG 2026 in Glasgow, Scotland - where science meets Scottish hospitality!

WCPG 2026 Programme Chairs
Cathryn Lewis
Andrew McIntosh
Niran Okewole
Alex Kwong

SUBMISSION DEADLINES
The following submission types will be accepted:

Symposia Presentation
Closes March 19, 2026 (chairs) and March 26, 2026 (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 **March 19, 2026**. Participants must have individual abstracts and disclosures entered by **March 26, 2026**.

Oral and Poster Presentation
Closes May 14, 2026
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 May 14, 2026
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 May 14, 2026
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.

2026 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
- Ethical, Legal, Social Implications
- Genetic Testing & Counseling
- Neurodegenerative Conditions
- Psychotic Disorders
- Substance Use Disorders
- Cross-Disorder/Multi-Disorder and Comorbidity
- Transancestry
- Suicide
- Method
- Machine Learning/AI
- Neuroimaging
- Other

Methods

- Statistics / Bioinformatics
- Epigenetics
- Functional Genomics & Postmortem Analyses
- Treatment-Outcome
- Animal & Cell Based Models
- Other