

ISPNE LETTER 2019

Dear colleagues,

It was a real pleasure to have seen you in Milan for the 50th anniversary of the International Society of Psychoneuroendocrinology. It was an outstanding meeting, with a highly interesting scientific program and great social events. I look forward to seeing you again next year for the ISPNE annual meeting that will be held in Chicago from August 27 to 29, 2020. So mark your calendar!

During this year's annual meeting in Milan, we held the ISPNE business meeting, the executive committee meeting and the young investigator committee. Many important decisions were made, which are summarized below.

First, the ISPNE executive committee has voted to offer a free 3-year membership to all new investigators (up to three years post-Ph.D. or M.D.). This offers a great opportunity for new investigators to join an amazing society and develop important collaborations with scientists all over the world. If you are interested to join the Society, you can contact Nicolas Rohleder at secretary-general@ispne.net

Second, we had a memorial symposium to honor the memory of our dear friend and colleague, Prof. Dirk Hellhammer. In order to perpetuate the memory of his impact and importance to ISPNE, the executive committee voted to create the '*Dirk Hellhammer Award*' that, each year, will be given to a researcher who has developed a new method/technique that is of special interest to the PNE community - and/or someone who has broken new ground/asked a novel research question that has later become a larger theme in PNE research.

Third, during this year's ISPNE meeting, we held the first Presidential Symposium during which Prof. Daniel Lakens gave a fascinating talk on the reproducibility crisis in science. During the Young Investigator Committee, we discussed the impact of the reproducibility crisis for the field of PNE. It was decided that all posters could be placed on the Open Science Foundation website to provide scientists across the world with access to the results presented at the meeting. As well, we discussed the possibility of presenting scientific posters in a new way (see YouTube video -- reference below -- that was presented during the meeting), which involves incorporating the QR code of each poster into the program booklet. For sure, we will continue to discuss these important issues in open science in the years to come!

If you have any queries, questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact me at sonia.lupien@umontreal.ca and together, we will continue to build this incredible community of scientists in the field of Psychoneuroendocrinology.

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Reference video on new ways to present posters at scientific meetings:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RwJbhkCA58>