



# INTERNATIONAL GENETIC EPIDEMIOLOGY SOCIETY

## Newsletter – *January 2017 Post-Election Edition*

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**Letter from the President  
Andrew Morris**



Dear IGES Community,

I would like to start by wishing all members of the International Genetic Epidemiology Society a very happy New Year. I am very honoured to be taking over this year as President of the Society, at a time when the field of complex human disease genetics is rapidly evolving, and the demand for expertise in the analysis of large-scale genomic data has never been so great. IGES is the only international society with a focus on genetic epidemiology, and our members have never before had such exciting possibilities to make a real difference to population health.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank France Gagnon, our outgoing Past President, for her hard work and leadership over the last three years, culminating in the very successful 2016 annual meeting in Toronto, which marked the 25th anniversary of the Society. Thanks also to our outgoing President, Josée Dupuis, whose exceptional diligence and management has ensured the financial stability of IGES, and continued to improve internal infrastructure to consolidate the future success of the Society.

The Society could not survive without the tremendous dedication of our Officers and Board of Directors. I would like to pay special thanks to Jenny Barrett and Inke König, who have both served for the last three years on the IGES Board. Inke will be taking over this year as President-Elect of the Society, and I would like to express my sincere appreciation for her hard work, together with Mike Province, in developing the much needed revisions to the IGES by-laws in 2016. I would like to welcome David Balding and Jeanine Houwing-Duistermaat as elected members of the Board of Directors for 2017-2019, and I look forward to working with you this year.

More than ever, the success of the Society depends on the enthusiasm and commitment of the membership of our various committees. If you would like to be considered for a role in one of these committees, please do not hesitate to contact us at [iges@geneticepi.org](mailto:iges@geneticepi.org). I would particularly like to encourage our young investigators, who will be the future of IGES: your Society needs YOU!

The IGES 2017 meeting will be held at beautiful Queens' College Cambridge, UK, 9-11 September. We are in negotiations to hold a joint symposium with the Genomics of Common Disease on the morning of 9 September, and an educational session in the afternoon, so the program will be action packed! Let's make the 26th IGES meeting a well-celebrated event, so please widely advertise to your trainees, colleagues and collaborators!

**Please remember to renew your IGES membership this year!** Benefits include complimentary on-line access to *Genetic Epidemiology* (the official IGES journal) and reduced fees for attendance of the IGES annual meeting. Your membership dues help to support the Roger Williams and James V. Neel Awards at the annual IGES meeting, provide travel expenses for worthy students in financial need, and help to promote education and outreach to the scientific community about genetic epidemiology.

With best wishes for a very successful 2017!

*Andrew Morris*  
2017 IGES President

**Farewell from outgoing President  
Josée Dupuis**



The year 2016 has been a great year for IGES, with a very successful meeting in Toronto. It was a privilege to serve as IGES President. I have enjoyed working with all of the IGES volunteers, who work tirelessly to make IGES a vibrant and forward-looking society.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome Andrew Morris in his new role as IGES President, a mandate that started on January 1, 2017. I also want to extend my thanks to the Board members for their dedicated efforts and commitment to this wonderful society. A special thanks goes to past president France Gagnon, and to Vanessa Olmo, for their tireless work making our 2016 annual meeting such a success. The return of the travel awards were greatly appreciated. I look forward to continuing to work with Vanessa on the planning of IGES 2017. Thanks to the careful work of the past few presidents, the society is back on a sound financial footing, which made my work in the past year much easier!

We had a transition in the secretary role in 2016, and I want to take this opportunity to thank Heike Bickeböller for all of her contributions in her 3 year term, and I want to thank Heather Cordell for jumping right in this past June for a seamless transition. Finally, thanks are due to all IGES volunteers and committee members. Without you, there would not be an IGES!

I look forward to seeing many of you in Cambridge, UK for IGES 2017!

*Josée Dupuis*  
*2016 IGES President*

**Treasurer's Corner**  
**Mariza de Andrade**

I am pleased as Treasurer to reiterate to IGES members that we are now in good financial standing, and that we will continue to be vigilant in our negotiations and management of resources to maintain this good standing. I would like to thank former presidents, Alec Wilson, Andreas Ziegler, and France Gagnon, for their leadership and fiscal prudence to achieve this. France's skillful negotiations with several organizations in Canada and the USA provided robust sponsorship for the 2016 IGES meeting in Toronto, Canada, and enabled IGES to once again distribute over \$17K in travel and best poster awards to attendees.

I would like to remind IGES members that the 2017 IGES membership is open. You can go to [www.geneticepi.org](http://www.geneticepi.org) for information. Please encourage your colleagues to join as well!

As a reminder, IGES is a charitable and educational organization, and any contribution other than membership and meeting registration fee is tax-deductable. This can be done along with your membership renewal process. Your continuous support of IGES is appreciated!

*Mariza de Andrade*  
*Treasurer*

**Dear IGES members**, as an official journal for our society, Genetic Epidemiology invite you to submit your work in the fields of statistical, epidemiological and population genetics. Genetic Epidemiology is interested in both the methodological and applied papers. Examples include: applied genetic epidemiology papers (e.g. meta-analyses of GWAS, Secondary analyses of GWAS data), gene and environment interactions, risk prediction models, DNA methylation and RNA seq data analysis. Other novel work is welcome!

**Journal category update:** We submitted a request to ISI/Journal Citation Reports asking that they add *Genetic Epidemiology* to a more appropriate JCR article category, "Mathematics and Computational Biology". The request was approved. Historically, we were in two categories: "Public Environment and Occupational Health" and "Genetics and Heredity". Starting 2017, we will be ranked in "Mathematics and Computational Biology" and "Genetics and Heredity".

Editor's pick paper from January issue:

**A method for integrating neuroimaging into genetic models of learning performance (pages 4–17)**

Chintan M. Mehta, Jeffrey R. Gruen and Heping Zhang

Version of Record online: 18 NOV 2016 | DOI: 10.1002/gepi.22025

The January issue can be found here:

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/gepi.2017.41.issue-1/issuetoc>

**Special Issue:** We are also planning to have a special issue on **Cancer Genetic Epidemiology**. This will be applied issue with focus on analyses of GWAS data (e.g. pathway based analyses, interactions, secondary analyses, etc.). If you have interesting work related to this topic, please contact the editor or editorial board members (**John Witte, Jaya Satagopan, Daniel Schaid, Alisa Goldstein, or Sanjay Shete**).

**Benefits of Publishing in Genetic Epidemiology:** There is no publishing cost for authors (e.g. page charges, black-white figures). In addition, every year, journal selects few papers for "open access" (unrestricted online access) publishing at no cost to the authors. Please register on Wiley online library to receive email alerts for new content and saved searches. The website for registration is <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/user-registration>

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This is your journal: make it reflect your work by submitting your papers to Genetic Epidemiology!

Thanks and I look forward to your active participation in the journal.

*Sanjay Shete*

*Editor-in-Chief*

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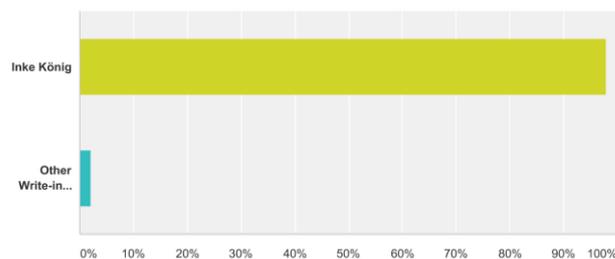
## 2016 Elections for 2018 President and 2017 Members of the Board of Directors Election Results

Thank you to all the members who cast their votes in the recent ballot. Here are the results of the 2016 Elections.

We congratulate **Inke König** on her election as IGES President in 2018. Inke will take on the role of President-Elect in 2017.

### Q1 Who is your choice for IGES President-Elect to serve as President in 2018? You may only select one option!

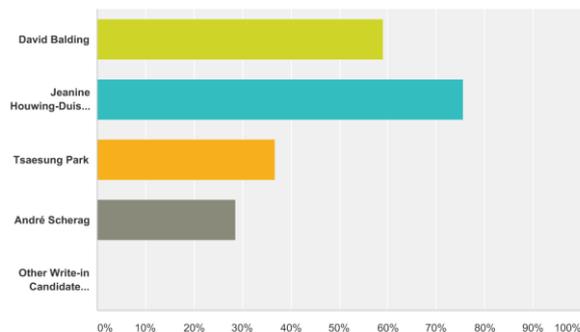
Answered: 98 Skipped: 0



Our congratulations also go to **David Balding** and **Jeanine Houwing-Duistermaat** on their election as members of the IGES Board of Directors to serve from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2019.

### Q2 Please select only 2 candidates from the list below to serve on the Board of Directors

Answered: 98 Skipped: 0



The electoral turnout, as a percentage of all current members in 2016, was 27.30 %.

Congratulations to the successful candidates and thank you to everyone for your candidacy and support of IGES.

*[The ballot paper for these elections was sent out by SurveyMonkey. Note that all members may opt-out of emails from IGES sent via Cvent and SurveyMonkey. However, please note that by opting out, you will no longer receive ANY mail at all from IGES, including important election announcements and ballot links, as well as the newsletters and our annual meeting announcements].*

## IGES 2017 Membership Drive

Dear IGES members,

This is a reminder to renew your membership for 2017. Please observe the fact that membership registration and annual meeting registration have been separate since 2014. Therefore you are NOT automatically registered as an IGES member just with meeting attendance. A separate registration for IGES Society membership is necessary:

<http://www.geneticepi.org/membership/>

Rates for 2017 IGES membership:

- Regular member **US\$130**, if paid by January 1, 2017 (early-bird)
- Regular member **US\$155** if paid on or after January 2, 2017
- Student and Post-Doctoral Fellow\* member with online access to Journal **US\$68**, rate continues all year but please aim to pay by January 1, 2017
- Student and Post-Doctoral Fellow\* member **without** online access to Journal **US\$25**, rate continues all year but please aim to pay by January 1, 2017

\* For eligibility see IGES website

Benefits of IGES membership:

- Receive complimentary on-line access to **Genetic Epidemiology** (the official IGES journal)
- Post announcements and job adverts on the IGES website at **no cost**
- Attend annual IGES scientific meetings at **reduced cost**
- Interact with **scientific peers** worldwide
- Learn about the **latest methodological developments, software, and research findings** in genetic epidemiology
- Help the society **promote** the field of **genetic epidemiology** internationally

Your IGES dues help to support...

- The **Roger Williams** and **James V. Neel** Awards (\$1000 each to the best IGES presentation by a **student** and a **young scientist**)
- **Travel expenses** to the annual IGES meeting for worthy students in financial need
- **Continuing education** and outreach to the scientific community about the discipline, analytical methods, and software used in genetic epidemiology through workshops and classes
- Subsidies for **student subscriptions** to the journal *Genetic Epidemiology*

## Call for nominations for IGES Leadership Award

Nominations are now solicited for the **2017 IGES Leadership Award**. Eligibility conditions are listed on the IGES web site:

<http://www.geneticepi.org/eligibility-for-iges-leadership-award/>

and are also included below. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions regarding the eligibility criteria, please contact us at [iges@geneticepi.org](mailto:iges@geneticepi.org).

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR IGES LEADERSHIP AWARD (AWARDED ANNUALLY)**

#### **Eligibility and Nominations**

To be eligible, the nominee must have made significant contributions to the field of genetic epidemiology through teaching, research and/or service. In addition, the nominee must have provided demonstrated consistent leadership in the society by contributing to making IGES a vibrant research community who foster the career of young investigators. Members of the IGES Board or IGES Officers are not eligible in their years of service.

Nominations should be sent to the IGES President by April 1st, and should be accompanied with a paragraph describing the contributions of the nominees to IGES and the field of genetic epidemiology. We encourage nominations by all, including junior investigators.

#### **Selection Criteria**

Criteria for the award include, but are not limited to, excellence in the following areas:

- Sustained service to the International Genetic Epidemiology Society
- Genetic epidemiology research (Methodological and/or Applied)
- Genetic epidemiology education (teaching, course development, education sessions/workshop organization)
- Student and faculty mentoring

#### **Award Selection Committee**

The Award Selection Committee will consist of the IGES Officers and members of the IGES Board of Directors.

**IGES 2017 in Cambridge, UK**  
**Important dates for your diaries!**

The 26th Annual IGES Meeting will take place from September 9-11, 2017 in beautiful Queens' College, Cambridge, UK. Please visit the IGES meeting pages for the latest and most up-to-date information.

<http://www.geneticepi.org/iges-2017/>

Please note the following important deadlines:

March 1st 2017: Early bird registration opens

March 1st 2017: Call for abstracts opens

April 1st 2017: Deadline for early abstract submission for visa purposes

April 15th 2017: Notification of decision for early abstracts

May 15th 2017: Deadline for general abstract submission

June 19th 2017: Notification of decision for all abstracts

June 26th 2017: Early bird registration closes



**INTERNATIONAL GENETIC  
EPIDEMIOLOGY SOCIETY**

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
Queens' College Cambridge**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**9-11 September 2017  
Cambridge, UK**

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## 2017 IGES Officials

The names of all the IGES officials are available on our **website**:

<http://www.geneticepi.org/organization/>

Current **officers** are: President: Andrew Morris; Past President: Josée Dupuis; President-Elect: Inke König; Treasurer: Mariza de Andrade; Secretary: Heather Cordell; Editor-in-Chief, Genetic Epidemiology: Sanjay Shete.

**Board members** comprise the officers and the following 6 people: Julia N. Bailey, Xihong Lin, Celia Greenwood, Andrew Paterson, David Balding and Jeanine Houwing-Duistermaat.

The **Education Committee** is chaired by Elizabeth Gillanders.

The **ELSI Committee** is chaired by Daniel Shriner.

This year's **Publications Committee** is chaired by Inke König (ex-officio).

The **Scientific Program Committee** for 2017 is chaired by Jaya Satagopan.

The **Young Investigators Committee** is chaired by Elizabeth Blue (formerly Marchani).

The **Communications Committee** is chaired by Heather Cordell (ex-officio).

Please refer to the above website for the current respective committee members.

The **Wiley/Genetic Epidemiology Liaison Committee** is chaired by Mike Province. Members are Sanjay Shete, Angelo Canty, and Alexander Wilson.

The **IGES webmaster** is Sarah Gagliano. The **IGES Facebook contact** is Elizabeth Blue and the **Twitter contact** is Priya Duggal.

The **office** is organized by Vanessa Olmo.

**IGES Web Site:** <http://www.geneticepi.org/>

**IGES Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/geneticepi?ref=hl>

**IGES Twitter page:** <https://twitter.com/Iges2013>

**IGES Facebook page exclusively for Young Investigators:**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/International-Genetic-Epidemiology-Society-Iges-Next-Generation/174416209303988?ref=hl>

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