ASF Funded Research and ASF Organized Activities at INSAR

May 11-14, 2022
Austin, TX

Wednesday, May 11th

Press Conference

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 11, 2022, 11:00 AM
Room: JW Marriott Hotel – Grand Ballroom Salon 4

Thursday, May 12th

Panel Session

The Lancet Commission on the Future of Care and Clinical Research in Autism

Session Date/Time: Thursday, May 12, 2022, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Room: JW Marriott Hotel – Grand Ballroom Salon 5-6
Jessica Bradshaw, PhD (oral)
Neonatal Neurobehavior in Infants with Autism Spectrum Disorder
Session: Early Biomarkers
Session Date/Time: Thursday, May 12, 2022, 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
Presentation Time: 1:45 PM
Room: JW Marriott Hotel – Grand Ballroom Salon 3-4

Grace Binion, PhD
Poster Title: “Comparison of Telehealth & Adapted Protocols Vs. Standard-of-Care Evaluations for the Diagnostic Assessment of Autism Spectrum Disorder Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic”
Session: Diagnostic, Behavioral & Intellectual Assessment I (V)
Session Date/Time: Thursday, May 12, 2022, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Room: This poster will be presented virtually

Sandra Vanegas, PhD
Poster Title: “Evaluating Maternal Communicative Behaviors in Latina Mothers of Young Children with ASD in Low-Resource Households”
Session: Family Issues and Stakeholder Experiences I
Session Date/Time: Thursday, May 12, 2022, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Room: JW Marriott Hotel - Griffin Hall
Friday, May 13th

Special Interest Group

Reduction of Severe and Challenging Behaviors in Children, Teens, and Adults with Profound Autism

SIG Leader: Lee Wachtel, MD
Co-Leader: Imtiaz Mubbashar, MD
Date/Time: Friday, May 13, 2022: 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM
Room: JW Marriott Hotel – Lone Star Ballroom Salon D

Challenging behaviors in individuals with severe forms of autism present a tremendous physical, emotional, and financial burden to individuals, families, and providers. These behaviors include aggression, self-injury, elopement, and property destruction, among others. Studies suggest that these behaviors affect about 30% of the autism population that is minimally verbal (Tager-Flusberg and Kasari 2013). Yet, this population is under-represented in autism research (Thurm et al. 2021) and management strategies for these behaviors are poorly integrated across provider disciplines. This SIG provides a platform for collaboration among researchers, practitioners, and stakeholders to discuss both established and emerging approaches to reducing these behaviors.

Marika Coffman, PhD

Poster Title: “Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Challenging and Adaptive Behaviors in Children Diagnosed with Autism with and without Co-Occurring ADHD”

Session: Medical and Psychiatric Comorbidity
Session Date/Time: Friday, May 13, 2022, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Room: JW Marriott Hotel - Griffin Hall
**Hannah Rea, PhD**

**Poster Title:** “Validity and Acceptability of the Telehealth Autism Diagnostic Assessments (TADA) for Adults as part of Diagnostic, Behavioral & Intellectual Assessment”

**Session:** Diagnostic, Behavioral & Intellectual Assessment II (V)

**Session Date/Time:** Friday, May 13, 2022, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

**Room:** This poster will be presented virtually

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**Autism Community Stakeholder Meeting**

**Organized ASF President Alison Singer, Chair of the Community Advisory Committee**

Open, no pre-registration required. Bring your own lunch

**Date/Time:** Friday, May 13, 2022, 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

**Room:** JW Marriott Hotel – Brazo Room

**Speakers:**

- Evdokia Anagnostou, MD – Assistant Director, Holland Bloorview Research Institute
- Maria Hernandez, MA – Founder & Executive Director, VELA Families
- Elizabeth Pellicano, PhD – Professor of Autism Research, University College London

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**Shuting Zheng, PhD (panel)**

**Longitudinal Changes in Depression and Other Mental Health Symptoms Among Autistic Adults during the COVID-19 Pandemic**

**Session:** Challenges and Resilience: Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Autistic Individuals and Their Families across the Lifespan

**Session Date/Time:** Friday, May 13, 2022, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**Presentation Time:** 4:00 PM

**Room:** JW Marriott Hotel – Lone Star Ballroom Salons A-C
Jill Silverman, PhD (panel)

Reconsidering Animal Models Used to Study Autism Spectrum Disorder: Optimizing for Successful Translation

Session: Translational Models for Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and Neurodevelopmental Disorders (NDDs)

Session Date/Time: Saturday, May 14, 2022, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Presentation Time: 11:35 AM

Room: JW Marriott Hotel – Grand Ballroom Salon 3-4

Beza Ayalew

Poster Title: “Disparities in Autism Diagnosis and Classroom Placement in Black Students”

Session: Service Delivery/Systems of Care

Session Date/Time: Saturday, May 14, 2022, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Room: JW Marriott Hotel - Griffin Hall

Jonathan Ferguson, PhD

Poster Title: “A Phenomenological Approach to Understanding the Experience of Telehealth Assessments”

Session: Family Issues and Stakeholder Experiences II (V)

Session Date/Time: Saturday, May 14, 2022, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Room: This poster will be presented virtually
Alycia Halladay, PhD – ASF Chief Science Officer
   Poster Title: “Tracking Outcome of Early Career Researchers in ASD”
   Session: Family Issues and Stakeholder Experiences II
   Session Date/Time: Saturday, May 14, 2022, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
   Room: JW Marriott Hotel – Griffin Hall

Michele Villalobos, PhD
   Poster Title: “Childhood Opportunity and Access to Telehealth during the COVID-19 Pandemic”
   Session: Service Delivery/Systems of Care
   Session Date/Time: Saturday, May 14, 2022, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
   Room: JW Marriott Hotel - Griffin Hall

John Choi
   PEERbots – A Social Robot and Assistive Communications Toolkit
   Session: Innovative Technologies Demonstration
   Date/Time: Saturday, May 14, 2022, 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM
   Room: JW Marriott Hotel - Griffin Hall

Lisa Yankowitz, PhD (panel)
   Vocalization Behavior and Intrinsic Functional Connectivity between Language Regions in Infants at High and Low Risk for Autism
   Session: The Neurodevelopment of Language in Infants at High Risk for Autism
   Session Date/Time: Saturday, May 14, 2022, 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
   Presentation Time: 1:50 PM
   Room: JW Marriott Hotel – Lone Star Ballroom Salons A-C