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## Neuropsychiatric Syndromes PIA 2021 Annual Business Meeting (September 2)

1. Presentation of the New Investigator Award and Most Impactful Paper Awards, Willem Eikelboom:
  - a. New Investigator Awards: Catherine Munro PhD, Harvard Medical School; Holly C Hunsberger PhD, Columbia University
  - b. Most Impactful Paper Award: Serge Gauthier MD (senior author). Mild behavioral impairment is associated with  $\beta$ -amyloid but not tau or neurodegeneration in cognitively intact elderly individuals *Alzheimers Dement* 2020 Jan;16(1):192-199.
2. Discussion of 2021-2022 NPS PIA goals and Cross-PIA Collaborations, Zahinoor Ismail MD and Cedric O’Gorman MD
  - a. Goals : AAIC 2022 – Host a PIA session; Submit a Featured Research Session; Host a Small Group Feedback Session. Other goals: Host one or more PIA Primer educational webinars; Submit a PIA-led manuscript for publication; Establish at least two cross-PIA collaborations; Study incubator sessions (ECR focus?); Funding workshop for NPS; Humans of the NPS PIA; identify social media ambassadors
  - b. Other PIAs that may be more amenable to collaboration: SCD, Clinical Trials, Diversity and Disparities
3. AAIC Program Chair Report, Janne Papma PhD: Goal to submit at least one FRS to AAIC 2022; plan to start submission process early this year.
  - a. Input from Krista Lanctot PhD, who has been serving on the scientific council for the meeting: groups that have the larger representations in the program are generally those with larger membership (neuroimaging, biomarkers), so may want to move into doing something with those two groups in general.
4. Communications update, Jennifer Gatchel MD PhD: Humans of NPA PI—every 1-2 months, featuring one senior and junior member; purpose: promote community, collaboration, networking; if you would like to be featured, or nominate someone to be featured, contact Jodi or Jennifer; identification of Social Media Ambassadors, especially for AAIC 2022.
5. Working group updates:

- a. Psychosis: Luis Agüera-Ortiz, MD PhD, Sanjeev Kumar MD: 'Psychosis as a treatment target'; manuscript, led by Luis Agüera-Ortiz, ready for submission; S. Kumar will lead second paper on phenomenology of psychosis in neurocognitive disorders
  - b. MBI/Psychosis: Blood based biomarkers—webinar in the fall; collaborative study to validate MBI criteria, psychosis criteria, new diagnostic criteria of apathy (DCA)
  - c. Apathy work group, Zahinoor Ismail MD: Review just published in AJGP; next paper on apathy and functional ability--planning stages.
  - d. Agitation, Ross Baker PhD: leverage diagnostic criteria and clinical trial inclusion manuscripts; bring these topics to clinicians, aim to improve the dialogue among, clinicians, caregivers, and patients around agitation. Host a webinar that reaches out more to more the clinical groups that treat the patients, focusing on primary care. All subgroup papers on diagnostic criteria and their applicability to clinical settings could be written up in a case series style.
  - e. Brain Stimulation and Biometrics (new work group), Sanjeev Kumar MD: welcome clinical and basic science researchers. As first objective of group: position paper on biometric and treatment targets. Formal announcement of the group will be going out to PIA members soon
6. Other topics/comments:
- a. 10:34:26 From Jodi R. Titiner: Join the NPS PIA LinkedIn group - <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13712583/>. On Twitter? Follow @ISTAART and use #NeuropsychPIA to share news.
  - b. 11:08:50 From Willem Eikelboom: Here is the Most Impactful Paper: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31914223/>
  - c. 11:27:24 From Fabricio Oliveira: Dear colleagues, Please join us for the first webinar of the ISTAART "Biofluid Based Biomarkers in Neuropsychiatric Syndromes" work group, scheduled for Wednesday, October 6th, 2021. CME credit will be provided. Please register for free at [https://alz-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_l6-R1kKrSoejHbMBZxmYsw](https://alz-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_l6-R1kKrSoejHbMBZxmYsw)