

ISCTM 2012 Annual Meeting Presidential Welcome

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In Memoriam

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Andrew C. Leon

- Executive Committee, ISCTM
- Past Scientific Chair, ISCTM
- Professor of Public Health and of Biostatistics in Psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medical College M
- Member
 - ACNP
 - American Statistical Association, the International Biometric Society
 - International Statistical Institute, and the Society for Clinical Trials,
- Dr. Leon received his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from City University in New York. He began using SAS in 1982.
- Published in many medical journals, including the *American Journal of Psychiatry* and the *Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*.

Mission

The International Society for CNS Clinical Trials and Methodology (ISCTM) is a multi-disciplinary independent organization, devoted to promoting advances that address strategic clinical, regulatory, methodological and policy challenges that arise in the development and use of CNS therapeutic agents. This work is accomplished through partnership with persons in academia, industry, government, policy-making, and the public.

Culture of ISCTM Meetings

- **We aim to have a different culture**
- **Highly Interactive meeting**
 - **Presentations are to be short and start the conversation**
 - **Be creative: Out-the-box thinking is encouraged**
 - **Audience participation is integral part of meeting's work**
 - **No 'sacred cows'**
 - **Be brief and as clear as possible**
 - **No commercialism or 'product' promotion**
 - **Thoughtful, respectful, but challenging**
 - **A 'safe space'**
- **Complete your reviews**

2012 Annual Meeting

- **Policy Forum: Are Clinical Trials of New Treatments for Chronic CNS Diseases Early Enough and Long Enough?**
 - **Chairs:** Ferziger/Ereshefsky
- **Session 1: Augmentation Strategies – Focus on Depression Methodology and Regulatory Perspective**
 - **Chairs:** Amir Kalali MD, Jill Rasmussen MD
- **Session 2: Working Group Dinners**
- **Session 3: Defining Clinically Meaningful Effect for the Design and Interpretation of RCTs**
 - **Chairs:** Richard Keefe PhD, Andrew C. Leon PhD
- **Session 4: Challenges and Opportunities in Pediatric Drug and Device Development for Neuro-Psychiatric Disorders: A Cross Disciplinary Symposium**
 - **Chairs:** A Mahableshwarkar, MD; S Romano, MD; R Keefe, PhD; J Rasmussen, MD; S Comfort, MD, B Lavenstein, MD

2012 Annual Meeting

- **Workgroup Dinners**
 - **Adaptive Design**
 - **Suicidal Thinking and Behavior Assessment**
 - **Placebo response (Signal Detection)**
 - **Mitochondrial Systems**
 - **Negative Symptoms**
 - **Biomarkers**

Our Mystery Words

- **Methodology**
- **Commercialism**
- **The credibility of our work is key to our success**
- **We are committed to being a methodological society and a “non-commercial” society**
 - **in the conduct of our meeting,**
 - **in our products**

2012 ISCTM New Investigator Award Recipients

Chadi G. Abdallah MD

Research Fellow, Department of Psychiatry, Yale University School of Medicine
New Haven, CT, USA

Abstract: Hippocampal Volume Predicts Response to Riluzole in a Pilot Cohort of Patients with Generalized Anxiety Disorder

ISCTM Mentor: Robert Berman MD

William V. Bobo MD, MPH

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

Nashville, TN, USA

Abstract: Design Features of a Real-World Effectiveness Study of Long-Acting Injectable Risperidone in Frequently Relapsing Bipolar Disorder

ISCTM Mentor: Charles Bowden MD

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William R. Keller MD

Clinical Research Fellow, Department of Psychiatry, MPRC

University of Maryland School of Medicine

Baltimore, MD, USA

Abstract: Salsalate for the Treatment of Pre-diabetes in People with Schizophrenia

ISCTM Mentor: Steve Romano MD

Martin Strassnig MD

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Miller School of Medicine,
University of Miami

Miami, FL, USA

Abstract: Measuring Quality of Life, Adiposity, and Sedentary Behavior in Antipsychotic-Treated Patients with Early Schizophrenia

ISCTM Mentor: Dawn Velligan PhD

2012 ISCTM New Investigator Award Recipients

Walter Swardfager PhD

Postdoctoral Trainee, Neuropsychopharmacology Research Program,
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Abstract: Neuroimaging Correlates of Serum BDNF Concentrations and
Cognitive Function in Patients with Coronary Artery Disease

ISCTM Mentor: Larry Ereshefsky PharmD, BCPP

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An illustration from a children's book depicting a scene from 'The BFG'. Two large, horned, furry creatures with yellow eyes and sharp teeth are shown in a forest at night. One is grey and the other is brown. They are both roaring or shouting. In the background, a full moon and stars are visible in the dark blue sky. In the foreground, a small, crowned figure (the character Sophie) is shown in a state of shock or fear, with her mouth wide open and her hands raised. The scene is set in a dark forest with trees and grass.

Let the wild rumpus begin!