

ISCTM/ECNP Joint Autism Working Group Summary

The joint ECNP/ISCTM Working Group on Autism Spectrum Disorders met in Copenhagen during the 2019 Autumn Conference, the meeting was chaired by C. Arango, T. Farchione and V. Mantua. The group briefly commented on the session **Drug Development for Autism Spectrum Disorder: Challenges and Opportunities** which took place the day before and which was the first deliverable of the WG. The discussion then focused on the development of the second delivery of the WG, a special issue of European Neuropsychopharmacology. The meeting was indeed a closed group including only the Authors of the manuscripts. The group discussed the draft of the main paper circulated by Dr. James McCracken and agreed to provide a set of recommendations in the paper outline to inform on practical steps for planning and conducting clinical trials in ASD. The group then agreed on the structure/number/title/content of the editorials to be included in the special issue. A second draft of the main paper will be circulated by the end of October and a first draft of the editorials will be circulated by the Authors by the end of the 2019. Dr. Arango will liaise with the editor in chief of the journal to inform the group on length/structure of the special issue. The working group is willing to plan another meeting during the Annual ISCTM Meeting in 2020 in Washington DC.