



Schizophrenia
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SCHIZOPHRENIA INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH SOCIETY

2020 Business Meeting Update

SIRS BOARD MEMBER ROTATIONS

Board Members Rotating Off

Silvana Galderisi



Richard Keefe



Dawn Velligan



Thank you for your dedication and service to the Society!

NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS (2020-2024)

Jean Addington



Sophia Frangou



Diane Gooding



Matcheri Keshavan



SIRS OFFICER ROTATIONS

President-Elect (2020-2022)
Merete Nordentoft



President (2020-2022)
Til Wykes



Past President (2020-2021)
Lynn DeLisi



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

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President-Elect

Merete Nordentoft, Dr. Med. Sc., Denmark. – Term: 2020-2022

Past President

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Paola Dazzan, FRCPsych, United Kingdom. – Term: 2018-2022

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Board Members

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Peter Falkai, M.D., Germany. – Term: 2018-2022

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Diane Gooding, Ph.D., USA. – Term: 2020-2024

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Nina Schooler, Ph.D., USA. – Term: 2018-2022

Mark Weiser, M.D., Israel. – Term: 2018-2022

Junior Board Members

Anthony Ahmed, Ph.D, USA. – Term: 2019-2022

Gemma Modinos, Ph.D, United Kingdom. – Term: 2019-2022

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2020 CONGRESS CANCELLATION

- We announced the cancellation of the SIRS 2020 Congress in response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
- To preserve some scientific content, an e-poster site and symposia and plenary sessions recordings will be developed. The SIRS Executive Office will announce the content availability over the next months.
- Access to the Content will initially be limited to SIRS members and those registered for the 2020 Congress. In November 2020, the content will be made open access.

SPECIAL THANKS

We want to express our gratitude and thanks to Deanna Barch and Peter Falkai. A scientifically outstanding program was prepared by our hard working and dedicated Program Committee under their direction and leadership.

We appreciate the tremendous amount of time and effort you spent in developing the SIRS 2020 Congress program and look forward to seeing some of the scientific content throughout the next year in a unique and different format.



Deanna Barch, Ph.D.



Peter Falkai, M.D.

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Cathy Davies
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**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE
2020 TRAVEL AWARDEES!**

UPDATE
**SIRS is pleased to announce that the
Travel Award Program has been renamed for
2021 and beyond to the
Early Career Award
Program**

2020 CORPORATE SUPPORTERS

Gold Sponsor



Silver Sponsors

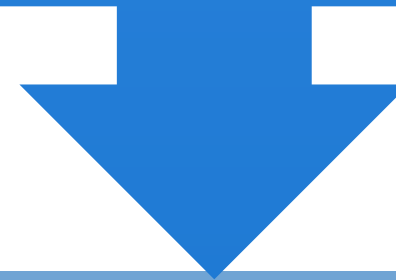


Other Supporters



SIRS STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The Officers and Board implemented a Strategic Plan for the Society in 2017. A Strategic Plan Task Force has been established for 2020-2021 to update the Strategic Plan.



The current working goals are listed below:

Goal #1: Develop an international presence for schizophrenia research.

Goal #2: Continue to sustain the current high scientific and ethical standards of the organization and material presented at meetings.

Goal #3: Increase the number of early career investigators interested in schizophrenia research through our meeting and membership.

Goal #4: Improve the diversity in schizophrenia research of underrepresented regions, minorities and women.

Goal #5: Increase the translation of research to clinical care.

SIRS 2019-2020 INITIATIVES



Diversity Task Force

Working on diversifying the society geographically, culturally and by gender



Research Fund Award

The 2019-2020 SIRS Research Fund Award was awarded to Dr.Yoji Hirano from Kyushu University in Japan.



Collaborative Networks

[Special Interest Groups listed on the SIRS website.](#)

*The intention was to provide space at the 2020 Congress for the groups to meet.



Two New Junior Board Members Added

Anthony Ahmed,
Ph.D, USA

Gemma Modinos,
Ph.D, United Kingdom



Fundraising Task Force

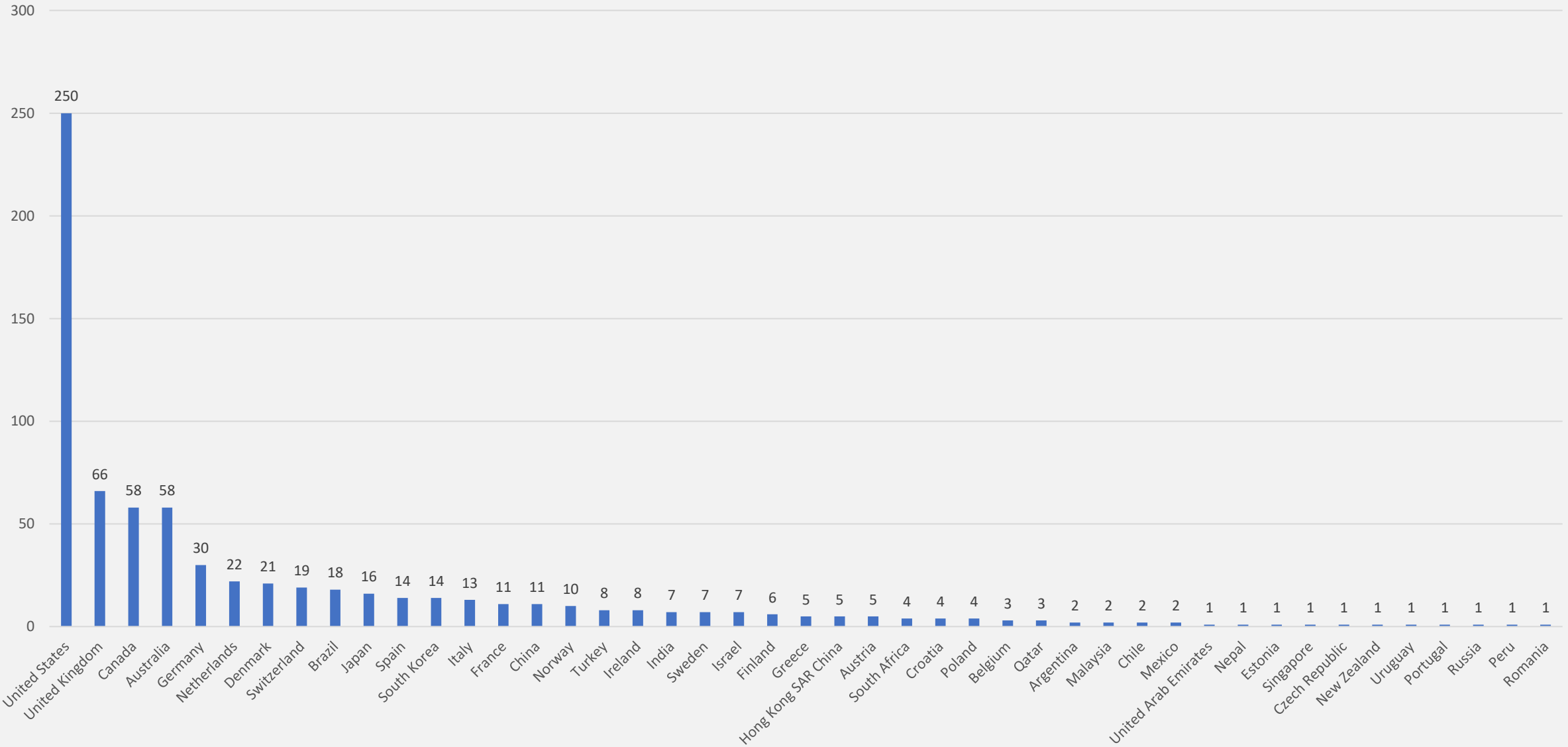
Fundraising Consultant Report Completed and Year-End-Giving Campaign

MEMBER UPDATE

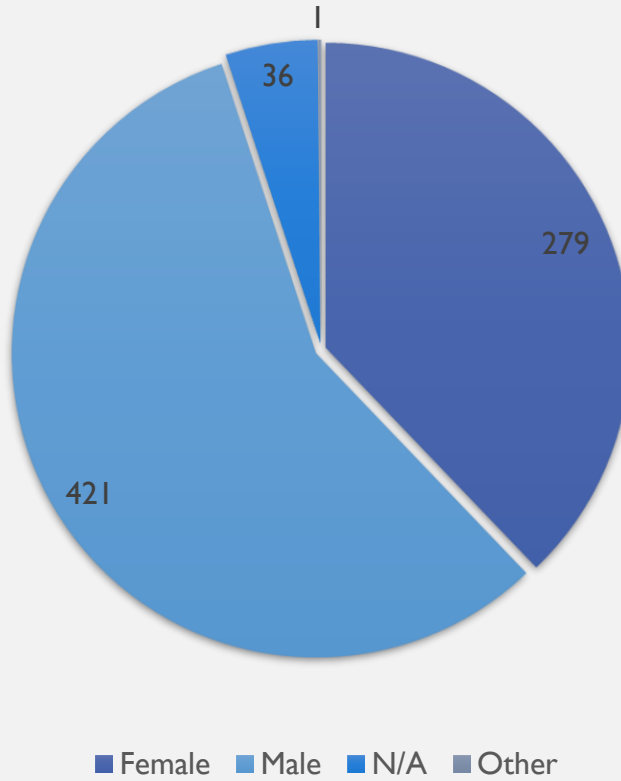
	2017	2018	2019	2020
Student	58	39	99	82
Full	585	567	730	655
TOTAL	643	606	829	737

**At this time in 2019, there were 640 total members (560 Full and 80 Student members).*

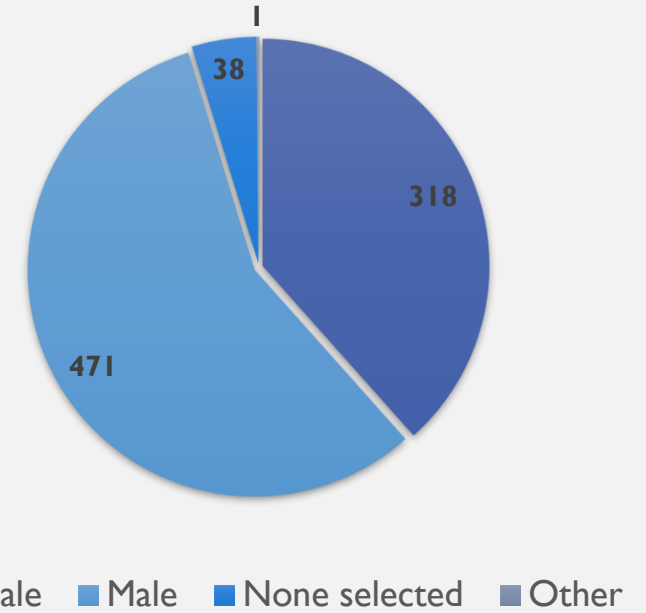
2020 Membership by Country



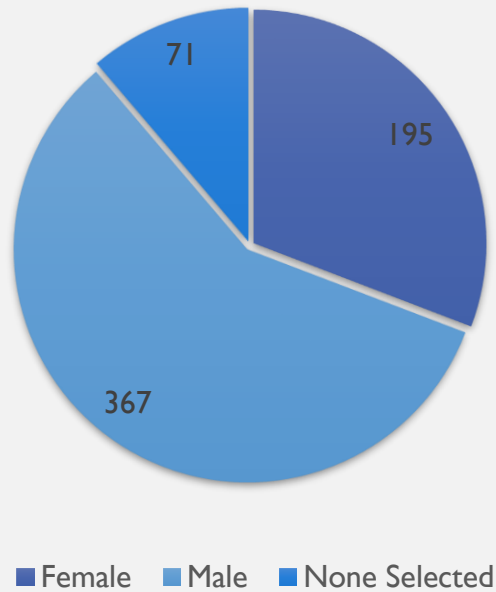
2020 Membership by Gender



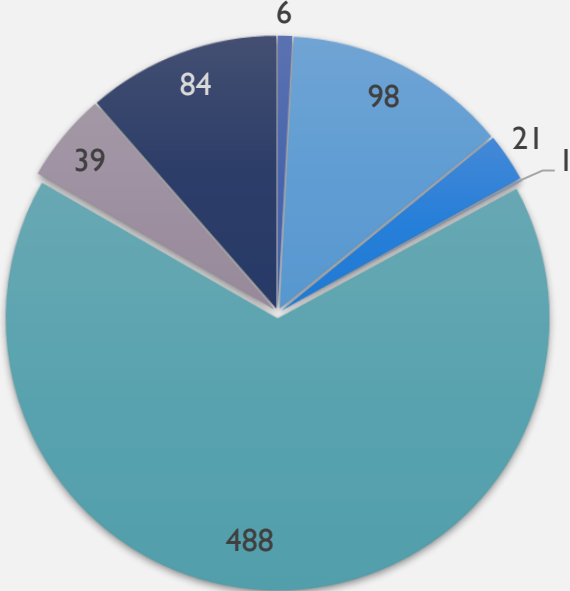
2019 Membership by Gender



2018 Membership by Gender

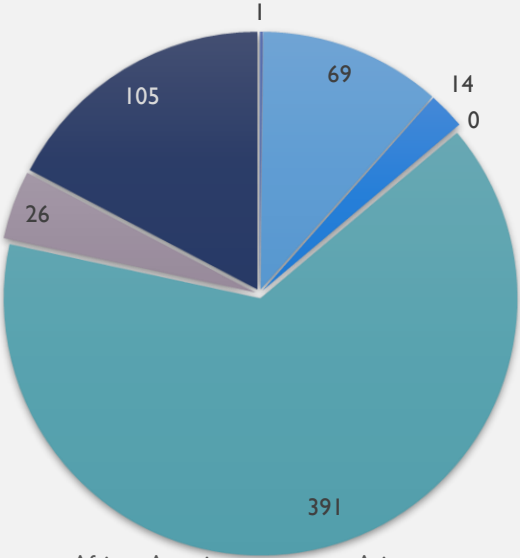


2020 Membership by Ethnicity



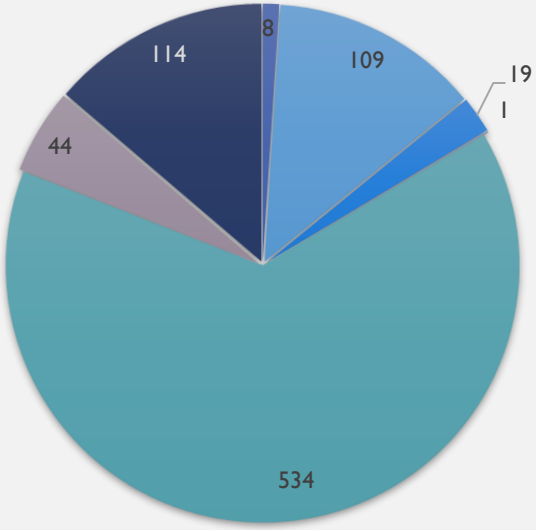
- African American
- Asian
- Hispanic
- Native American
- White
- Other
- None Selected

2018 Membership by Ethnicity



- African American
- Asian
- Hispanic
- Native American
- White
- Other
- None Selected

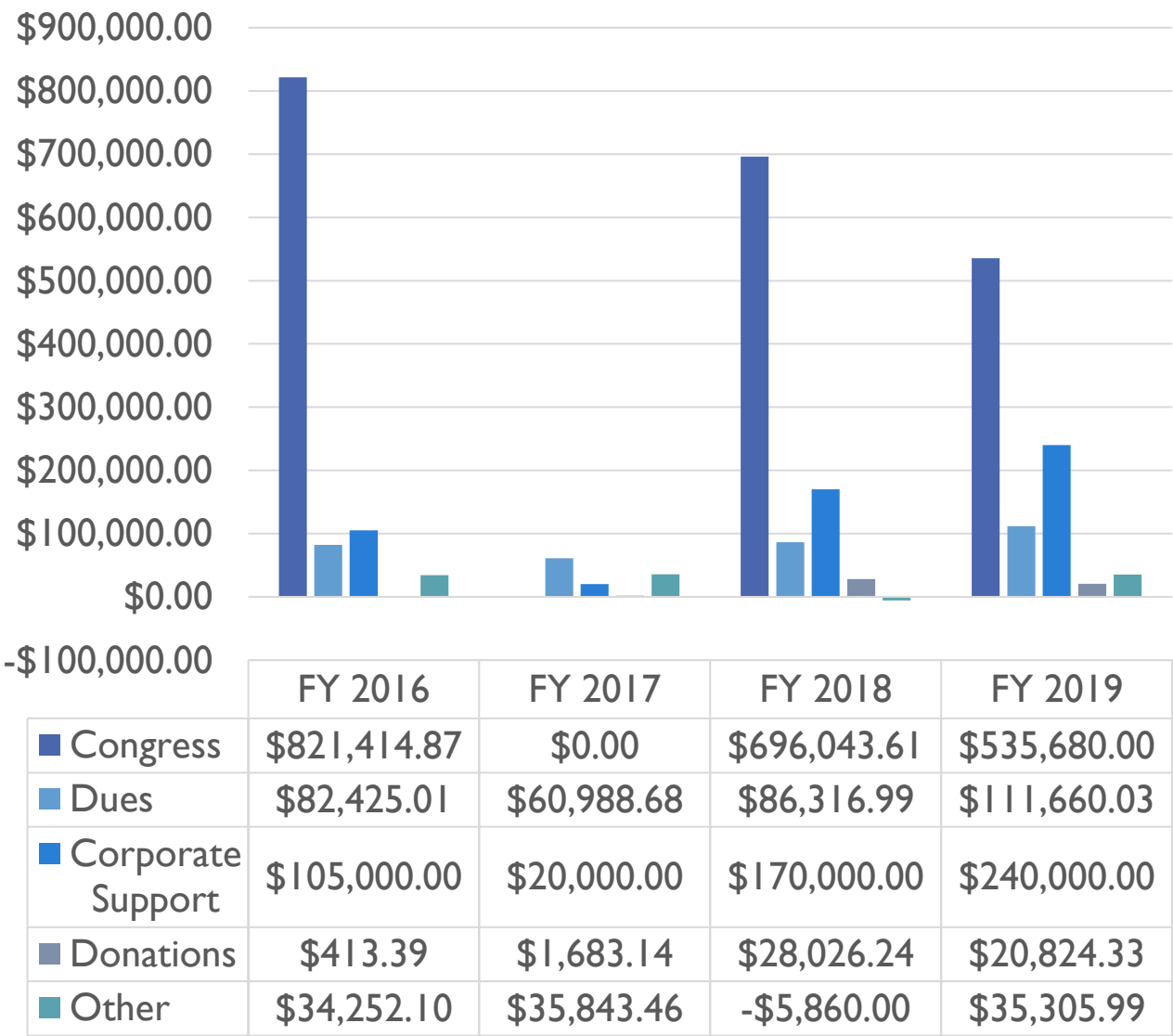
2019 Membership by Ethnicity



- African American
- Asian
- Hispanic
- Native American
- White
- Other
- None Selected

2016-2019 FISCAL YEAR INCOME

SIRS Income

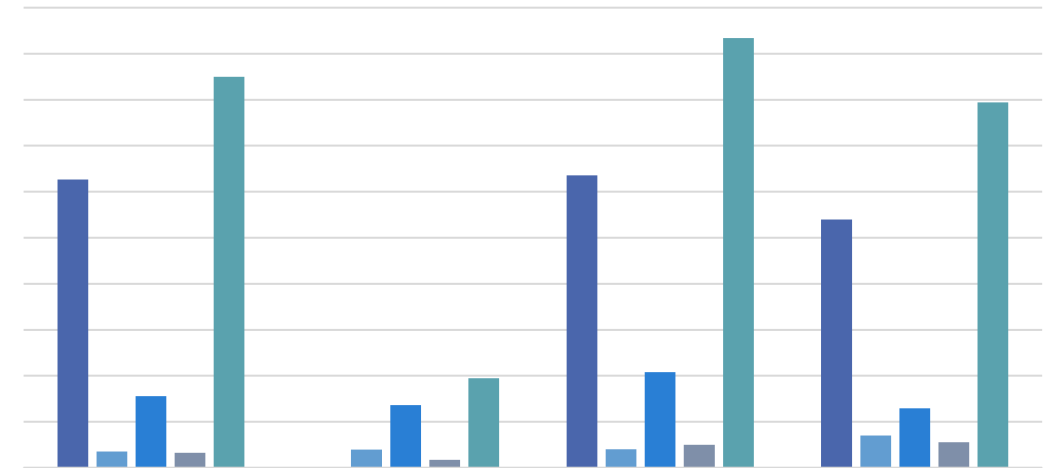


*Other includes print journal subscriptions, investment income and royalty income

2016-2019 EXPENSES

SIRS Expenses

\$1,000,000.00
\$900,000.00
\$800,000.00
\$700,000.00
\$600,000.00
\$500,000.00
\$400,000.00
\$300,000.00
\$200,000.00
\$100,000.00
\$0.00

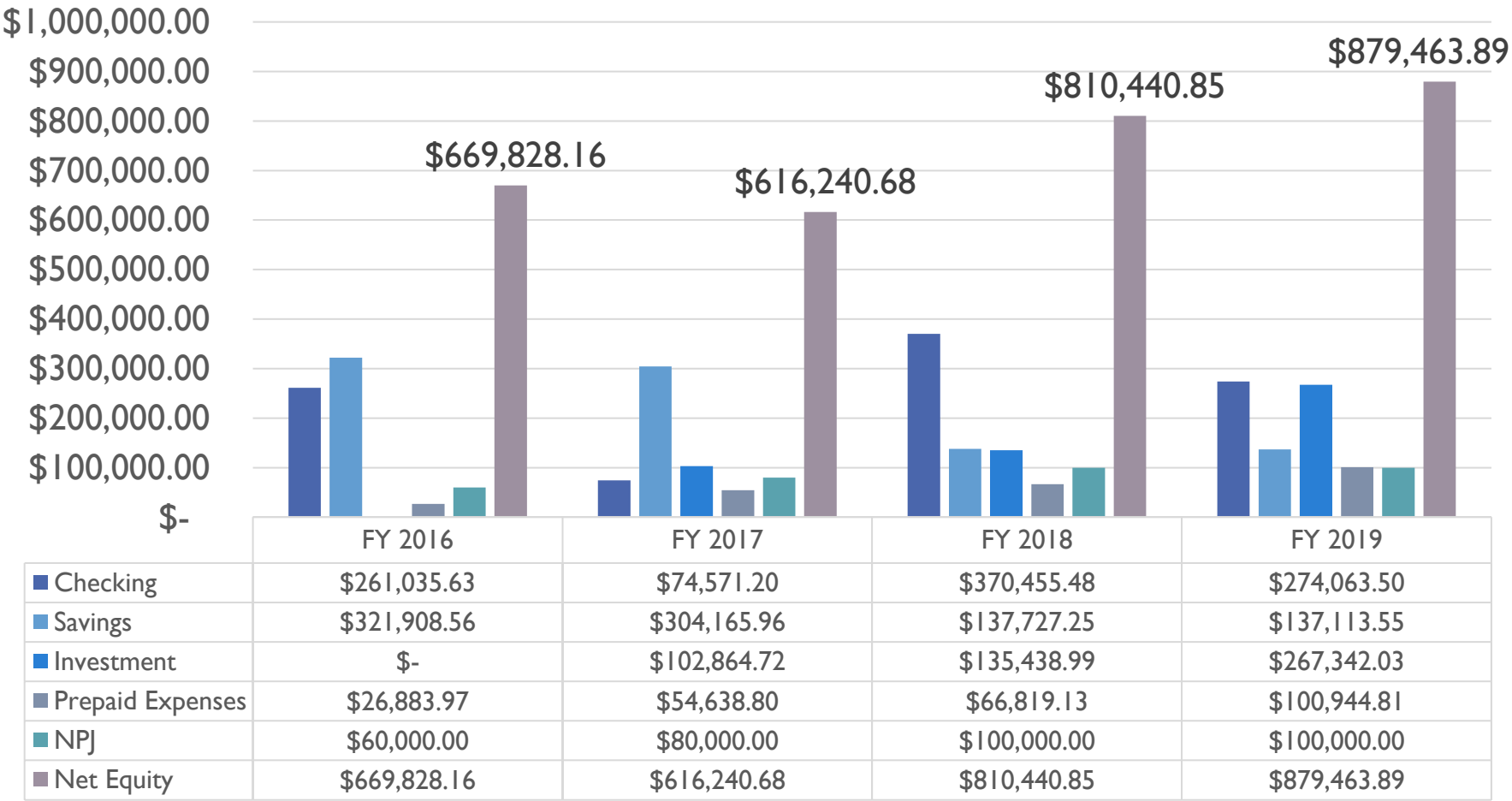


	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
■ Congress	\$626,470.28	\$1,681.21	\$635,682.83	\$539,464.10
■ Journal Subscriptions	\$35,137.40	\$39,492.40	\$40,051.00	\$70,128.60
■ Management Fees	\$155,480.00	\$135,960.00	\$207,997.00	\$129,245.81
■ Other	\$32,915.49	\$17,320.60	\$49,953.16	\$55,505.21
■ Total Expenses	\$850,003.17	\$194,454.21	\$933,683.99	\$794,343.72

*Other includes bank service charges, computer and internet expenses, credit card processing fees, insurance, license and fees, office expense, professional fees, Research Fund Award, telephone and society travel expenses

FISCAL
YEAR
2016-2019
NET
EQUITY

SIRS Net Equity



THANK YOU TO ALL
2018-2020
COMMITTEE
MEMBERS

WE APPRECIATE
YOUR DEDICATION,
TIME AND
EXPERTISE!



2020-2021 COMMITTEES

- A more formalized committee rotation process was developed and approved at the December 2019 Executive Board Meeting. [Click here](#) to see the policy.
- The SIRS Officers have also developed committee member expectations. [Click here](#) for a copy of the expectations.

Awards Committee
Communications Committee
Diversity Task Force
Education Committee
Ethics Committee
Finance Committee
Fundraising Task Force
Membership Committee
Program Committees (2021 & 2022)
Research Award Committee

INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

- The IAC was reorganized and repurposed at the April 2020 Executive Board meeting and will consist of past Presidents and past Officers of the Society and those who have been presented with the SIRS Lifetime Achievement Award.
- As senior members of the society, the IAC will help by providing their advisory services to the SIRS President when needed.

William Carpenter, United States
Lynn DeLisi, United States
Wolfgang Fleischhacker, Austria
Anthony Grace, United States
René Kahn, United States
John Kane, United States
Shitij Kapur, Australia
Patrick McGorry, Australia
Herbert Meltzer, United States
Robin Murray, United Kingdom
Henry Nasrallah, United States
Cynthia Shannon Weickert, Australia
Til Wykes, United Kingdom

***npj Schizophrenia:* a collaboration between SIRS and Nature Research**

An online-only, open access, interdisciplinary journal dedicated to publishing high-quality research relevant to all aspects of schizophrenia and psychosis.

The journal is published by Nature Research in partnership with the Schizophrenia International Research Society.

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Benefits of submitting

- *Nature*-codified editorial standards
- Global reach through nature.com
- Wide dissemination and high visibility
- Compliance with open access funding mandates
- **Article Processing Charge (APC) discount for SIRS members (original research articles)**

Article Processing Charges (APC)

Article Processing Charge	The Americas, China and Japan	United Kingdom	Europe and rest of world
Original Article	\$3,290	£2,990	€2,680
Other article types	\$1,525	£1,065	€1,240
For SIRS Members	\$1,645	£1,145	€1,340

Editor-in-Chief



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The Heman E. Drummond Professor and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry of the School of Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

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* main contact for *npj Schizophrenia*

Editorial updates for *npj Schizophrenia*

- 5th Anniversary Collection
 - To celebrate, the EIC selected an assortment of papers published by the journal.
 - Marketing has generated a webpage to highlight these papers.
- COVID-19 impact on publishing
 - Extended review times
 - Priority given to all COVID-19 papers

Journal performance at-a-glance 2014—2020 YTD

Submissions:

- Received **273** submissions since inception in September 2014
- Breakdown: 15 papers in 2014, 44 papers in 2015, 41 papers in 2016, 63 papers in 2017, 40 papers in 2018, 45 papers in 2019
- **2020 YTD submissions: 25**

Acceptances:

- 149 papers accepted since inception
- Breakdown: 8 papers in 2014, 23 papers in 2015, 27 papers in 2016, 34 papers in 2017, 25 papers in 2018, 22 papers in 2019
- **2020 YTD acceptances: 10**

Acceptance rate:

- The 2019 YTD acceptance rate is **50%** (10/20).

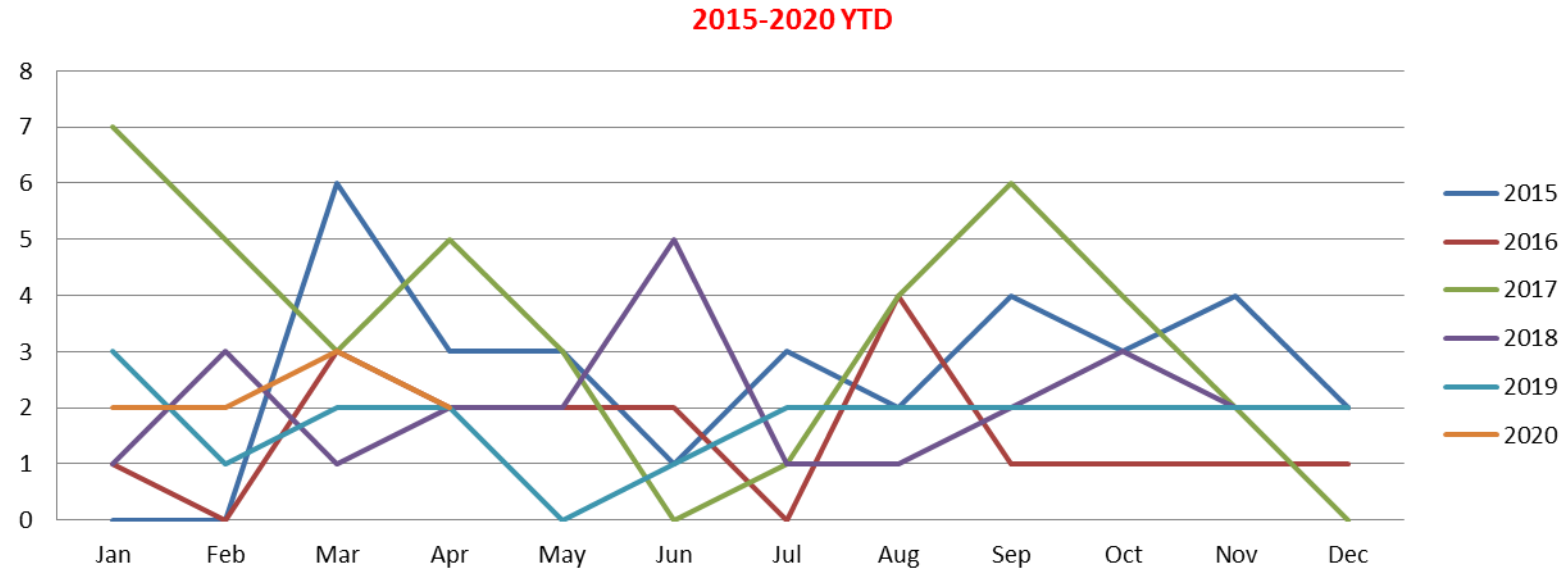
Publications:

- 144 papers published since content launch in March 2015
- Breakdown: 31 papers in 2015 , 18 papers in 2016, 40 papers in 2017, 25 papers in 2018, 21 papers in 2019
- **2020 YTD publications: 9**

Time to decisions (2018):

- Submission to first editorial decision (median, days) is **6 days**
- Submission to first post-review decision (median, days) is **33 days**
- Submission to Accept (median, days) is **129 days**
- The median time from acceptance to publication for 2020 YTD is **50 days**

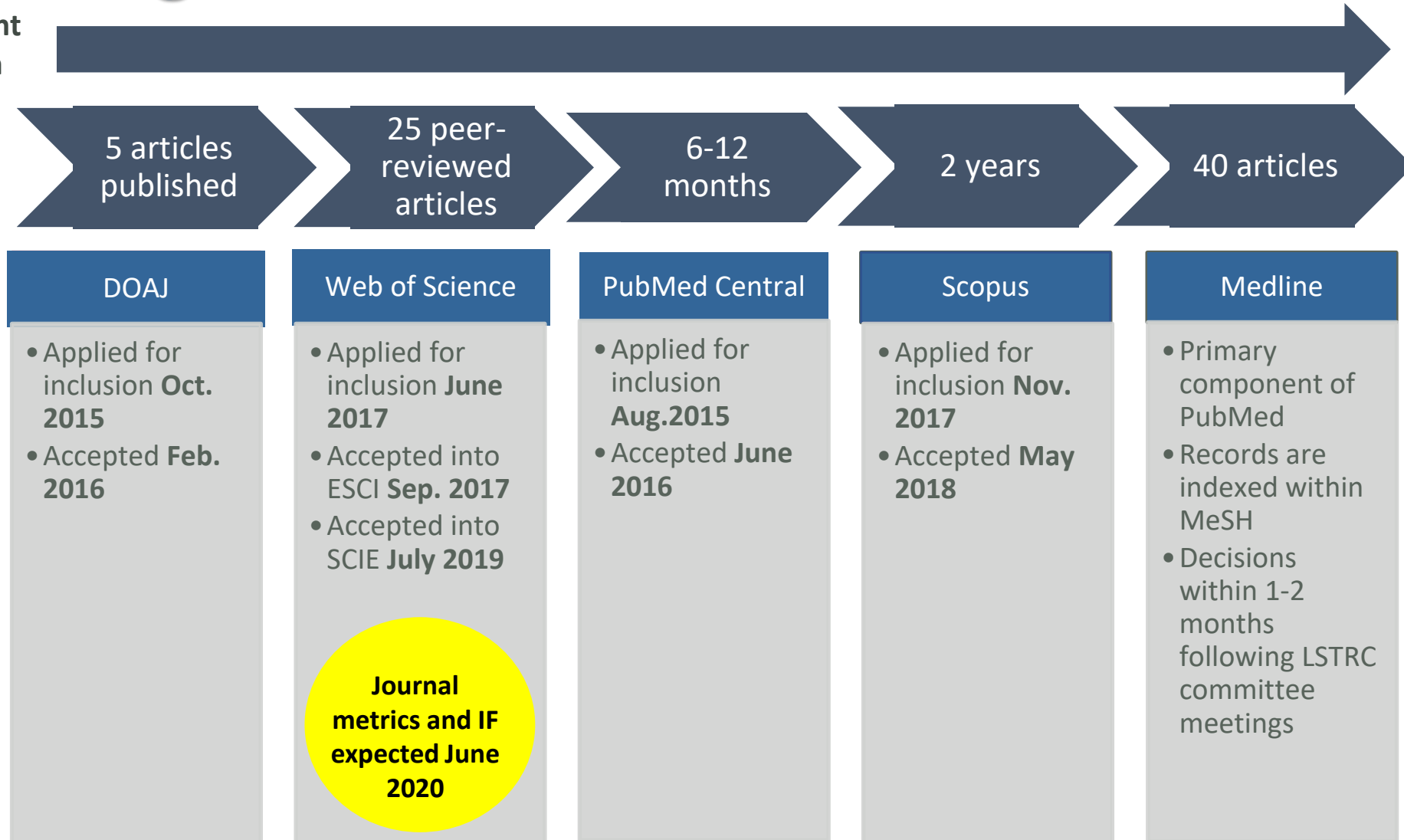
Publications



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Articles	23	15	20	19	18	5	100
Reviews	3	1	8	4	2	2	20
Brief Communication	4	1	4	-	-	1	10
Perspective	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
Comment	-	-	1	-	-	1	2
Editorial	1	1	7	1	-	-	10
Total	31	18	40	25	21	9	144

Indexing timeline

Content
launch



NEW PRESIDENT'S KEY NEW GOALS DAME TIL WYKES (2020-2022)

Developing the next generation of schizophrenia researchers

- Encouraging younger researchers and providing them with development opportunities.
- Memberships of our Executive Board and Committees.
- Increasing the “fun” aspect of our conferences by involving younger researchers in a conference social calendar.
- Involving younger members in our strategy reviews.

Helping get the message out

- Social media information to encourage researchers, public and patients (service users) to understand our science for optimism and reduced stigma and discrimination.
- Facebook posts not only on our science with blogs but also with news of awards to showcase our researchers.
- Making it easier for donors to find us – often via Facebook - and in line with our fundraising strategy.

Being global researchers

- Connect our research through sharing and open data – starting with epidemiologists – with support for task and finish groups to develop a joined-up strategy for research to make the most of our data.
- Includes small amount of support, includes consumers and global academics with tight deadlines over two years.

NEW BUSINESS

Communications
Committee

SIRS Website and Electronic
Educational Content
Development

****NEW****
Research Harmonisation
Award

Research Fund Award

Strategic Plan Update

Submissions
Open May
2020

Submission
Open Fall 2020

FUTURE MEETINGS

Congress: 17-21 April
2021 (Toronto, Canada)

- Chairs: Aristotle Voineskos and Neeltje Van Haren
- Theme: Bringing Precision Medicine to Mental Health Services

2021

Congress: 1-5 April
2023 (Atlanta,
Georgia USA)

2023

Congress: Venue/Date
TBD (North America)

2025

2022

Congress: 6-10 April
2022 (Florence, Italy)

Chairs: Mary Cannon,
Robin Emsley and
Sohee Park

2024

Congress: 3-7 April
2024 (Florence, Italy)

2026

Congress: 25-29
March 2026
(Florence, Italy)

SAVE THE DATE

2021 Congress



of the Schizophrenia
International
Research Society

17-21 April 2021

Bringing Precision Medicine
to Mental Health Services

**Westin Harbour Castle
Toronto, Canada**

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FEEDBACK OR QUESTIONS

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