AGENDA

Sex and Gender Differences in Autism Spectrum Disorders
October 29, 2014
Doubletree Metropolitan Hotel, NYC

8:30 am – 9:00 am  Continental breakfast

9:00 am – 9:30 am  Welcome and Introductions

9:30 am – 9:45 am  Perspectives of a parent and women on the spectrum  Alison Singer, Kate Palmer

9:45 am – 10:15 am  The big question: What are the current challenges in understanding sex differences in ASD?
  Presenter: Peter Szatmari
  Facilitator: Meng-Chuan Lai
  Discussants: Amy Daniels, Alice Kau, Alice Luo Clayton, Lisa Gillotty, Kate Palmer, Avi Reichenberg

10:15 am – 10:45 am  Discussion

10:45 am – 11:00 am  Break

11:00 am – 11:30 am  What do girls and women “look” like and are they underdiagnosed?
  Presenter: Somer Bishop
  Facilitator: Lonnie Zwaigenbaum
  Discussants: Audrey Thurm, Meghan Miller, Becky Landa, Rene Jamison, Pamela Ventola

11:30 am – 12:00 pm  Discussion

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm  Lunch
  Each table will be asked to pick from the following questions to discuss:
  • What is the main challenge of women vs. men with ASD?
  • What is not being researched but should be?
  • If researchers are missing girls to study, what can be done to find them?
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| 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm | What are the early developmental trajectories of boys and girls? When do we see the differences? | Presenter: Daniel Messinger  
Facilitator: Ami Klin  
Discussants: Helen Tager-Flusberg, Sara Webb, Greg Young, Kasia Chawarska, Ted Hutman |
| 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm | Discussion                                                              |                                                                                          |
| 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm | What happens to girls with autism in adolescence and adulthood? What are the gender issues that affect outcome and how do we study them? | Presenter: Julie Taylor  
Facilitator: Kathy Koenig  
Discussants: Marisela Huerta, Jessica Schuttler, Sharon Valencia, Carmen McLean |
| 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm | Discussion                                                              |                                                                                          |
| 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm | What are the causes of the disparity in boys and girls? Are they protected in some way? | Presenter: Stephan Sanders  
Facilitator: John Constantino  
Discussants: Christine Nordahl, Kevin Pelphrey, Donald Pfaff, Sara Schaafsma, Alison Jack |
| 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm | Discussion                                                              |                                                                                          |
| 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm | Priorities going forward and future plans for research                  | Facilitator: Alycia Halladay                                                            |

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