

The Genetic Nurse
Highlight



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Welcome to the International Society Of Nurses in Genetics (ISONG) newsletter, The Genetic Nurse Highlight. In this newsletter, you will find information on upcoming events, educational opportunities, committee updates, and more. Look for the newsletter in your inbox and on the [ISONG website!](https://www.isong.org)

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National Nurses Month is in May! Take this opportunity to celebrate and recognize how nurses impact patients and families every day. Learn more about Nurses Month 2023 by visiting nursingworld.org/ana-enterprise/nurses-month.





We are pleased to announce the Call for Abstracts for the 2023 ISONG World Congress is now open! Abstracts are expected to be exciting, innovative, and competitive! Submissions should have an original research, clinical practice, educational, or policy focus for consideration of podium and poster presentations.

All submissions are welcome! Below are some hot topics:

- Discuss advances in genomic nursing research, education, practice, and policy settings.
- Incorporate the concepts of genomics in nursing scholarship to promote health equity.
- Identify the unique opportunities of nursing to integrate genomics advances into practice.

Learn more and submit abstracts at isong.org/2023-Call-for-Abstracts

Deadline to submit abstracts: Friday, June 2, by 12:00 PM EST



Call for Expert Lectures

Do you have scholarly publications or presentations? Please consider submitting an expert lecture. [Learn More](#)



Call for Pre Conference Workshop Session

We are looking to put together some Pre-Congress workshops. These workshops will address critical education in genomics. [Learn more](#) and apply to run a Pre conference workshop.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Here are some upcoming educational opportunities:

TIGER: Translation and Integration of Genomics Is Essential to Doctoral Nursing grant allows participants to attend monthly webinars and web conferencing sessions through December 2023 via this grant.

[Learn More](#)

Advancing Care Through Genomics: Essentials for Nursing Practice – Online CNE Courses from Mayo Clinic – [click here for more information](#).

In September 2023, doctoral level (PhD; DNP) students, faculty and/or practicing nurses can take part in this **free online course, Genomic Competencies for Nurses from Theory to Application**, funded by a grant received by Drs. Rebecca Kronk and Mihaela-Rita Mihailescu, Duquesne University.

[Learn more](#)

WEBINARS

View webinars, other events and more on the [ISONG Website](#).

RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION - OPEN!

Submit your letter of intent by Monday, May 15 at 11:59 PM EDT. Grant applications are due Monday, June 19, at 11:59 PM EDT. For more information and frequently asked questions, view the Research Grant Information Session Recording [here](#).

Exclusive Member Benefits Await!

Join the International Society Of Nurses in Genetics (ISONG) and be part of a diverse worldwide membership of registered nurses with an interest in genetics reflecting the broad needs of patients with genetic problems.

Association benefits include:

- Continuing education, mentoring, professional development, and networking
- Information on late-breaking genetics research, education, job opportunities, and research grant applications
- Access to members-only portal with directory and profiles
- Leadership opportunities on the board of directors and committees
- Support for nursing students at all levels across disciplines to engage in genomic topics.

For more information about member benefits, visit isong.org/memberbenefits. Interested in joining ISONG?

JOIN TODAY

Member SPOTLIGHT

Meet

JANE MAGUIRE



Jane Maguire, Professor of Nursing, Deputy Head of School-Research, University of Technology Sydney, Australia. I have been a member for 5 years, as I only discovered ISONG in 2018 but immediately joined up!

There are so many benefits to being part of this community of genetic nurse scientists. At the conferences and being part committees, I had many informal opportunities to share research ideas and hear about the exciting advances we are making as nurse scientists. The collegiality and friendships I have made in this speciality genetics field have been particularly wonderful. Coming from Australia I can sometimes feel isolated due to the geographical distance, but ISONG members made me feel right at home from day 1. Being a member enabled me to formally join committees and this led to a sense of belonging to the nursing profession that had been missing in my career as a nurse researcher. The leadership provided by ISONG governance provided a strong coordinated voice for the nurses working in genetics and created opportunities for me to contribute to a Australian National Position Statement on Genomics for Nurses.

My professional standing has been well supported by this ISONG international membership, as academia places great value on authentic global engagement through high quality research and educational scholarship. My engagement with ISONG was one international collaboration that validated my reputational standing as a genetic nurse scientist and led to the delivery of educational offerings to the nursing profession at continuing, postgraduate and undergraduate level here in Australia. In addition, this ISONG relationship strengthened my connections with the Australian Health Alliance and G2NA and led to a joint research paper 'Ensuring best practice in genomics education and evaluation: reporting item standards for education and its evaluation in genomics (RISE2 Genomics)'. *Genet Med.* 2021 Jul;23(7):1356-1365. doi: 10.1038/s41436-021-01140-x. Epub 2021 Apr 6. PMID: 33824503. My membership with ISONG and program of research in genomic education for nurses has more recently led to me being inducted in the Sigma Theta Tau Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame for 2023- a highly prestigious and humbling award.