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The International Society for Autism Research (INSAR) is a scientific and professional organization devoted to advancing knowledge about autism spectrum disorders. INSAR was created in 2001 and is governed by an elected, volunteer Board of Directors who oversee all functions of the Society.

To date, the Society's main task has been to run an annual scientific meeting. This event was formerly known as the International Meeting for Autism Research (IMFAR). Starting in 2018, the event has been renamed the INSAR Annual Meeting. Information about past and future annual meetings can be found on the INSAR Web site (autism-insar.org). In addition to the annual meetings, INSAR has contracted with John Wiley and Sons, Inc, to publish the Society's research journal entitled *Autism Research*. The journal has had several successful years of publishing high quality papers and has broadened its scope to include treatment studies that illuminate the underlying mechanisms for ASDs. The journal now receives over 300 submissions each year and publishes approximately 165 papers. And it is expanding its reach to international scientists who are conducting research on autism.

INSAR Annual Meeting (formerly IMFAR)

The INSAR Annual Meeting (formerly IMFAR) was convened for the first time in November 2001, to provide autism spectrum disorders researchers from around the world with a focused opportunity to share the rapidly moving scientific investigation of autism spectrum disorders. Until that meeting, autism spectrum disorders researchers competed with many other groups for the opportunity to share their work at large scientific meetings that covered a wide range of topics. While other meetings provided some opportunity to share high quality autism spectrum disorders research, none of them focused specifically on autism spectrum disorders.

The objectives of the meeting are the following:

1. An annual scientific meeting, convened each spring, to exchange and disseminate new scientific progress among autism spectrum disorders scientists and their trainees from around the world. The first and primary aim of the meeting is to promote exchange and dissemination of the latest scientific findings and to stimulate research progress in understanding the nature, causes, and treatments for autism spectrum disorders.
2. Research on autism spectrum disorders involves sophisticated behavioral and biological approaches. Autism spectrum disorders affects people's functioning in virtually every domain, requiring interdisciplinary research collaboration to gain comprehensive knowledge of the disorder. A second aim of the meeting is to foster dialogue among autism spectrum disorders scientists across disciplines and across methods.
3. The third aim is to promote the training and development of new autism spectrum disorders scientists by supporting the inclusion of postdoctoral and predoctoral trainees as well as junior faculty who are already working in autism spectrum disorders research. The opportunity for trainees and junior faculty to interact with established autism spectrum disorders scientists will foster the creativity and productivity of those at all levels.
4. The fourth aim is to foster diversity among autism spectrum disorders scientists by encouraging attendance and supporting access to the meeting for scientists and trainees from members of traditionally underrepresented groups, including those from ethnic minority groups, and those with disabilities.



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