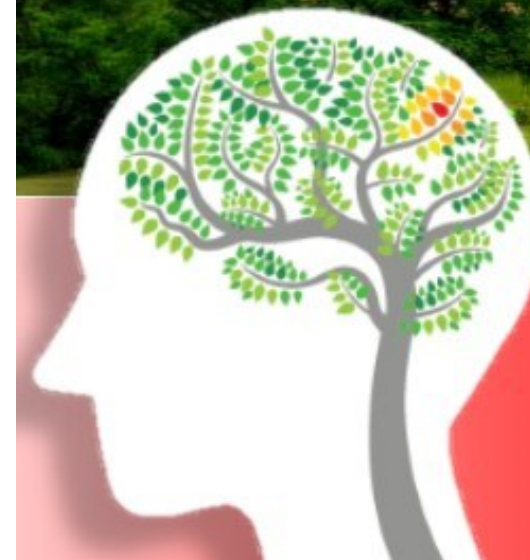
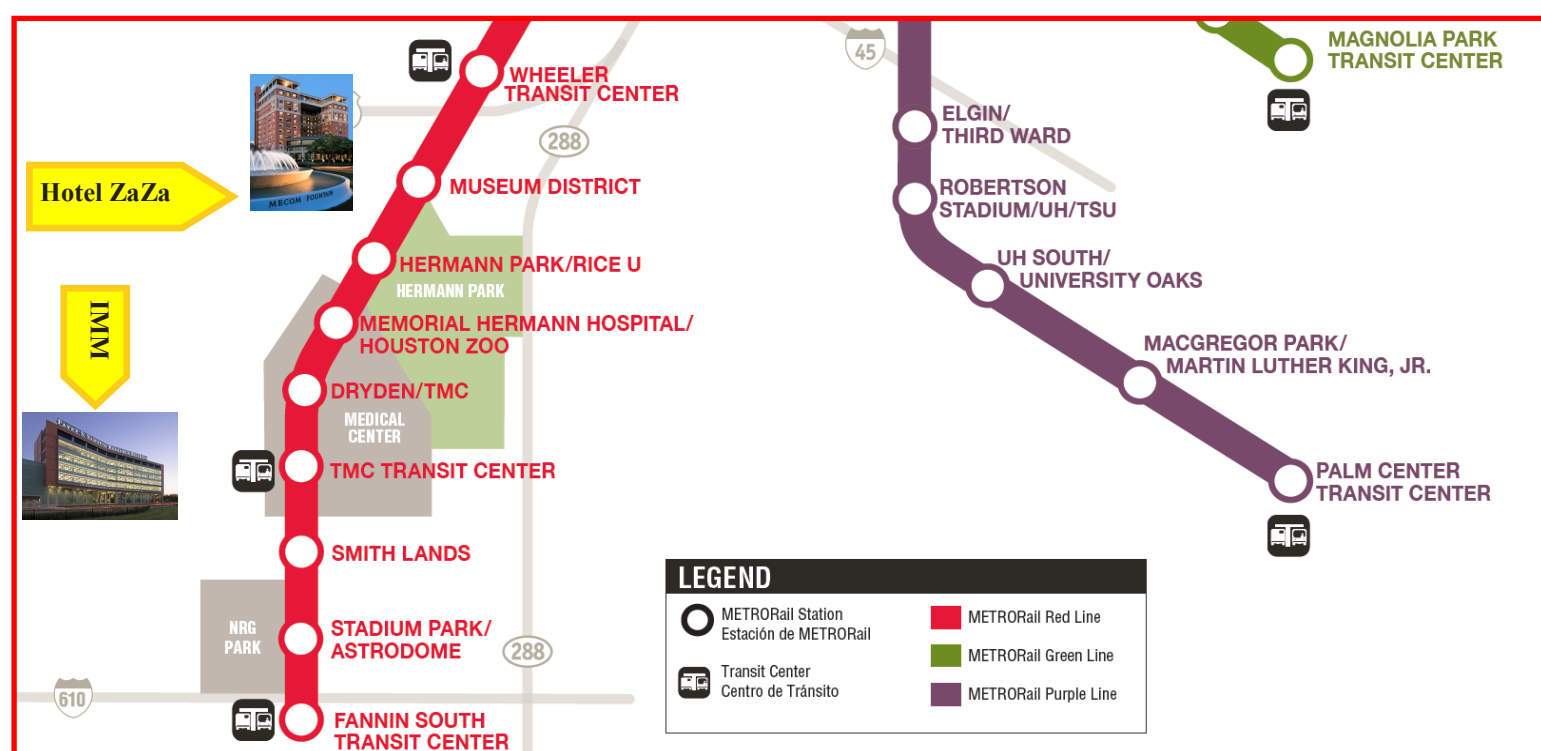


# 21<sup>st</sup> Workshop and 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Stroke Genetics Consortium

June 1-2, 2017  
UTHealth Institute of Molecular Medicine  
Houston, Texas



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Stroke  
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**Dr. Myriam Fornage**

is a genetic epidemiologist at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. Her research focuses on the genetics of cerebral small vessel disease.

**Dr. Ynte Ruigrok**

is a stroke neurologist at the University Medical Center Utrecht, the Netherlands. Her research interest is in intracranial aneurysms. She will host the next ISGC 11th workshop (Nov 2nd and 3rd 2017).



Dear Colleagues:

You are cordially invited to attend the 21<sup>st</sup> Workshop of the International Stroke Genetics Consortium, hosted by Dr. Myriam Fornage with co-host Dr. Ynte Ruigrok in Houston, Texas on June 1-2, 2017.

We will be pleased to welcome you at the Institute of Molecular Medicine of the University of Texas Health Science Center, located in the heart of the Texas Medical Center, the largest medical complex in the world; and we hope you will help us celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the International Stroke Genetics Consortium (ISGC).

The ISGC is an international collaboration of physicians and scientists who have agreed to pool resources and expertise in an effort to unravel the genetic basis of stroke and its comorbidities (<http://www.strokegenetics.org>). It was formed in 2007 by a small group of scientists and has since grown to over 200 members representing over 50 countries in North and South America, Europe, Australia, and Africa. The success of this initiative stems from the collaboration and engagement of its members, which is best expressed during the workshops where, twice a year, ISGC scientists meet to share their ideas and results.

The workshop, held over 2 days, will include invited lectures, working group reports on progress of the scientific projects, as well as discussions about new ideas or technologies that may be important to advance the ISGC research goals. There will also be time for fun and relationship building and cultural discoveries of the host city during our social events.

So please join us in Houston, Texas, home to NASA's Johnson Space Center and to some of the country's best barbecue! Please register for the scientific workshop and social activities at the link below. A block of rooms has also been reserved at the unique Hotel ZaZa in the heart of the Museum District and a few steps away from the Museum of Fine Arts Houston. The Workshop group dinner will be held at the Armadillo Palace for some quintessential Texas food.

We look forward to seeing you on June 1-2, 2017!





To register for the IsGC Workshop, first register on the IsGC website at <http://www.strokegenetics.org/user/register>, then login to click on the IsGC Workshop tab. follow the link on this page to the Eventbrite site to register for the Workshop and other social events. If any issues arise or you would like to pay by wire transfer please contact the IsGC Convener Katherine Crawford at [kcrawford2@partners.org](mailto:kcrawford2@partners.org)

REGISTRATION FEES

REGISTRATION FEES	REGULAR REGISTRATION (BEFORE APRIL 19, 2017, 11:30PM CST)	LATE REGISTRATION (AFTER APRIL 19, 2017 11:30PM CST)
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	\$200.00	\$235.00

The conference registration includes documentation, breakfast, coffee break and lunch.

LODGING

There are two options:

Contact Hotel Zaza **before May 1, 2017** at 713-526-1991 or toll free at 888-880-3244 and request the **University of Texas Health Science Center Room Block** in order to receive the discounted room rate.

OR

Contact Hotel Zaza **before May 1, 2017** via email at [Reservations@HotelZaZa.com](mailto:Reservations@HotelZaZa.com). Make sure to include the following room block code in your email- **University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Room Block** -along with your full name, contact information and your check-in/check-out dates.







The final scientific program will be available one month prior to the workshop. There will be speakers from within ISGC, as well as guest speakers active in the field of genetics of complex diseases.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 1ST, 2017**

8:30-9:00	Breakfast and Registration
9:00-10:15	Conference
10:15-10:35	BREAK
10:35-12:00	Conference
12:00-1:30	LUNCH with Cake for Anniversary Celebration
1:30-3:15	Conference
3:15-3:30	BREAK
3:30-4:30	Conference
5:00-6:45	Museum of Fine Arts Tour
7:00	Bus pickup for dinner
7:30	Dinner at Goode Company's Armadillo Palace

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND, 2017**

8:30-9:00	Breakfast and Registration
9:00-10:15	Conference
10:15-10:35	BREAK
10:35-12:00	Conference
12:00-2:00	LUNCH and Poster Session
2:00-3:30	Conference
3:30-3:50	BREAK
3:50-5:00	Conference
6:30	Bus pickup for dinner
7:00	Dinner at Backstreet Cafe

**ABSTRACT REGISTRATION**

We are pleased to accept abstract submissions for the Houston IsGC Workshop. Please go to the Abstract registration link under the "IsGC Workshop" heading on the IsGC Website to go to the abstract submission form. We plan to include these abstracts in future publications of the proceedings of the IsGC.

- \* All members who are invited to give talks and updates at the meeting will be required to submit an abstract by April 27th.
- \* For those members who wish to submit an abstract or oral or poster presentation at the workshop, you must submit an abstract by May 1st to be considered. You will be notified by email if your abstract is chosen for an oral presentation.
- \* For those members who wish to submit an abstract or poster presentation only, you must submit an abstract by May 15th to be considered. You will be notified by email if your abstract is chosen for the poster session.







## WORKSHOP SITE

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston  
Institute of Molecular Medicine (IMM)  
1825 Pressler St.  
Houston, Texas 77030

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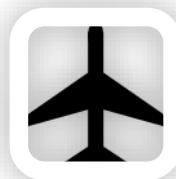
- \* Houston is home to the second largest concentration of Fortune 1000 companies in the country and to the Texas Medical Center – the largest medical complex in the world.
- \* Houston is one of only a few U.S. cities with resident professional companies in the four disciplines of the performing arts: ballet, opera, symphony and theater.
- \* Houston is home to NASA's Johnson Space Center, the training base and home for our nation's astronauts and the site of Mission Control.

## TRAVELING INFORMATION

### How to reach Houston, TX by airplane:

- 1) George Bush Intercontinental (IAH) Airport is located approximately 23 miles north of Downtown Houston
- 2)
- 3) William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) Airport is located approximately 7 miles south of Downtown Houston

For more info, see <http://www.fly2houston.com/>



### How to reach the Hotel Zaza by taxi:

Taxis are available in designated cab stands at each of the airports. If a taxi is not available, below are the phone numbers for each taxi company.

- Fiesta Cab Co. 713-225-2666
- Liberty Cab Co. 713-695-6700
- Lone Star Cab Co. 713-444-4444
- Yellow Cab Houston 713-236-1111

Approximate cab fare from George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) is \$75. Approximate cab fare from Willian P. Hobby Airport is \$45. These rates include up to four people per cab.

Note: For the fastest pick up, use the Yellow Cab's [Hail A Cab app](#) or Lone Star Cab's [Curb](#) app.



### How to reach the Workshop site by light rail:

METRORail consists of three light-rail lines: The Red Line (North), Green Line (East End) and the Purple Line (Southeast). The Red Line runs through the Texas Medical Center. Other major stops along the Red Line include downtown, Midtown, the Museum District, Hermann Park/Houston Zoo, and NRG Park.



The METRORail operates Monday through Thursday from 4:30 a.m. to 11:40 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 4:30 a.m. to 2:15 a.m., and Sunday from 5:30 a.m. to 12:45 a.m. METRORail tickets can be purchased at each rail stop with cash, credit card or debit card at any METRO ticket vending machine (TVM) for \$1.25 per ride.

To reach the Workshop site, board the Red Line at the Museum District stop and travel south (away from downtown). The Workshop site is across the street from the TMC Transit Center stop.

METRO's light rail page is at <http://www.ridemetro.org/Pages/Rail.aspx>



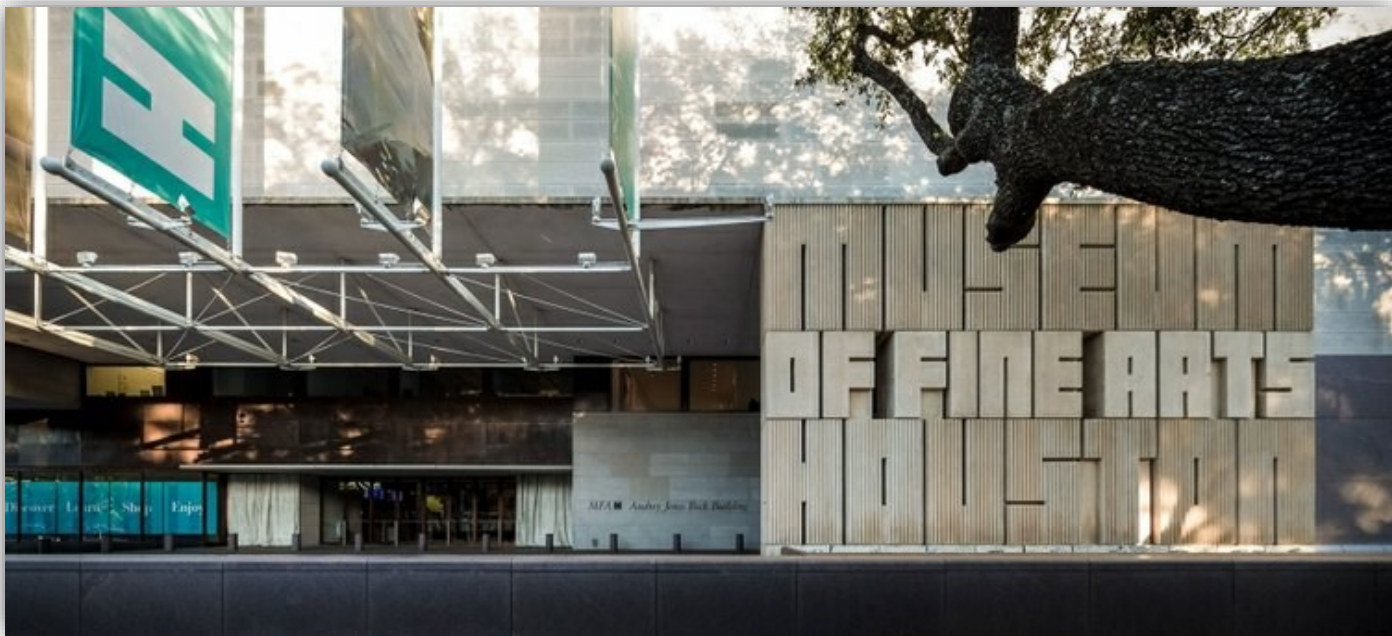




## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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SOCIAL EVENT FEES		
DAY 1 EVENING ACTIVITIES		\$75.00
Tour the Museum of Fine Arts and dinner at Goode Company's Armadillo Palace (BBQ with vegetarian options; does not include alcohol; cash bar only). Transportation provided.		
DAY 2 EVENING ACTIVITIES		\$60.00
Dinner at Backstreet Café (does not include alcohol; cash bar only). Transportation provided.		
DAY 3 ACTIVITIES		\$65.00
Day outing to Space Center at NASA's Johnson Space Center. Transportation provided.		



### THURSDAY, JUNE 1ST, 2017

#### Visit to the Museum of Fine Arts Houston

Time: 5-6:45PM

Established in 1900, the MFAH is the largest cultural institution in the southwest region. The Museum's main campus is located in the heart of Houston's Museum District, The MFAH art collections and exhibitions are presented primarily in the Museum's two main gallery buildings: the Audrey Jones Beck Building and the Caroline Wiess Law Building.

The Beck Building, named for MFAH patron Audrey Jones Beck, features galleries for [changing exhibitions](#) as well as for the Museum's collections of ancient art, European art, photography, prints and drawings, and American art to the mid-20th century. The Museum's shop and café are also located in the Beck Building.

The Law Building, named for MFAH patron Caroline Wiess Law, features galleries for changing exhibitions as well as for the MFAH collections of Asian, African, Islamic, Native American, Oceanic, Pre-Columbian, and Modern and Contemporary art. The Law Building also houses the [Kinder Foundation Education Center](#), [Hirsch Library](#), and [Brown Auditorium Theater](#).

From the lower level, visitors can easily walk between the Law and Beck buildings through the Wilson Tunnel, a site-specific passageway of light commissioned from artist James Turrell and titled [The Light Inside](#).

For more information, visit the MFAH website at <https://www.mfah.org/>



**THURSDAY, JUNE 1ST, 2017****Social Dinner at Goode Company's Armadillo Palace**

Bus pickup: 7:00PM

Time: 7:30-10:00PM

Visit the Goode Co. Armadillo Palace website at <http://thearmadillopalace.com/>

The Armadillo Palace is Goode Company's one-of-a-kind tribute to all things Texas. It is a celebration of true Texas food, music and culture. A destination for friends and family to break bread and make merry. An invitation to sit down and savor everything that makes our buttons-pop-proud to be a Texan. From live Texas tunes to live-fire barbecue pits, full-service bars to a full lineup of shows and events, the Armadillo Palace combines the communal atmosphere of a traditional Texas ranch house with an outdoor dining, dance and entertainment space unmatched in Houston.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND, 2017****Social Dinner at Backstreet Cafe**

Time: 7:00-10:00PM

Visit the Backstreet Café website at <https://www.backstreetcafe.net/>

For more than 30 years, Backstreet Cafe has been a Houston dining tradition. It has grown from a "watering hole" with soups, salads and sandwiches to a critically acclaimed, chef-driven Seasonal American Bistro that is a top table in the city. The kitchen is under the direction of award-winning Executive Chef Hugo Ortega. Backstreet Cafe's menu is a perfect reflection of diverse Houston, with Southern, Cajun, Creole, Hispanic and Asian influences, among others.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD 2017****Visit to the Space Center Houston**

Bus pickup: 9:00AM; Time: 10:00AM-2:00PM

Space Center Houston is owned and operated by the nonprofit [Manned Space Flight Education Foundation](#) with extensive [education programs](#), a museum of [space artifacts and exhibits](#), space attractions and your gateway to [tour NASA Johnson Space Center](#). Be inspired by the wonders of space exploration and go behind the scenes of America's exciting space program. Space Center Houston has more than 400 things to see and do.

The must-see attractions are:

**Starship Gallery:** Starship Gallery is home to the majority of our artifacts. See and walk inside the massive Skylab Trainer Module where astronauts first trained for life in space. See multiple flown spacecraft including Gemini V, Faith 7 and Apollo 17. Touch one of the few moon rocks on earth available to the public inside our Lunar Vault.

**Independence Plaza:** Independence Plaza, presented by Boeing, contains the historic shuttle carrier aircraft NASA 905 with the high-fidelity shuttle replica Independence mounted on top. You can tour this international landmark at your own pace. We suggest allowing about an hour and a half to explore this innovative exhibit celebrating the Space Shuttle Program.

**NASA Tram Tour:** The NASA Tram Tour takes you behind-the-scenes at NASA Johnson Space Center. You will tour Rocket Park, home of the Saturn V rocket, which is the most powerful rocket ever built. Check the information screens in the tram-loading area to see what other NASA locations you will tour that day. Tram tours are subject to change and cancellation at a moment's notice due to inclement weather and unforeseen circumstances. The tram tour visits working government facilities which are subject to availability and can temporarily close to visitors without notice.

**Astronaut Gallery:** Walk through Astronaut Gallery to see the world's most comprehensive collection of astronaut apparel and space suits.

**International Space Station Gallery:** See live presentations, artifacts, space hardware, displays and other amazing pieces from the orbiting laboratory known as the International Space Station.

For more information, visit the Space Center Houston website at <https://spacecenter.org/>

