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WFSBP Congress 2015

12th World Congress of Biological Psychiatry

14 – 18 June 2015 • Athens, Greece
Megaron Athens International Conference Centre

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Hosted by the Hellenic Association of Biological Psychiatry
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Dear Colleagues,

It is our privilege and special pleasure to invite you to the 12th World Congress of Biological Psychiatry; the World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry (WFSBP) has chosen Athens for its World Congress in June 14th – 18th, 2015.

Following the impressive success of the 11th Congress of Biological Psychiatry in Kyoto, a real milestone in the history of WFSBP, Athens is believed to be the ideal setting to discuss the current progress in molecular biology, the development of novel drugs based upon new concepts, and the advances in modern neuroscience that will change our approach to psychiatric disorders and our attitudes towards mental health care. Today, it is easy to envision a future where psychiatric diagnosis will be based on understanding fundamental defects in thinking, emotional processing, and motivational systems. Psychiatry is now well positioned to take advantage of the major advances achieved in the last few decades in neurobiology and cognitive sciences and to build on them. WFSBP with its unique complementarity between basic neuroscientists and clinical psychiatrists, coming from various cultural and geographical backgrounds, is an important tool for the future of psychiatry.

During the upcoming World Congress of Biological Psychiatry, worldwide opinion leaders will share with us the recent innovations in their respective fields which impact on diagnosis, treatment and quality of life of our patients. High scientific level sessions will be organized: plenary lectures, symposia, interactive workshops and debates. Young scientists are especially encouraged to present their recent findings through free communications, posters presentations and young scientist award sessions. A good number of chairpersons of WFSBP Task Forces have already committed themselves to actively participate in the scientific programme of the Athens Congress. However, we rely on the most meaningful participation of many colleagues from all over the world in order to make our next congress another milestone in WFSBP history. Thus, we are looking forward to welcome you in Athens, the heart of European culture and civilization, and to receive you according to the traditional Greek hospitality.

With our best personal regards

Prof. Constantin R. Soldatos
Congress President and Chair of the Local Organizing Committee

Prof. Florence Thibaut
Chair of the International Scientific Programme Committee
About the WFSBP Congress 2015

CONGRESS ADMINISTRATION
The 12th World Congress of Biological Psychiatry will be organised by the World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry (WFSBP)

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W. F. Gattaz, Brazil
P. Gejman, USA
M. George, USA
A. Germanavicious, Lithuania
A. H. Glassman, USA
B. Glenthøj, Denmark
D. Gorelick, USA
P. Gorwood, France
G. M. Goodwin, UK
A. Grace, USA
H. Grunze, UK
G. Hajak, Germany
A. Halaris, USA
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Y. Hirayasu, Japan
E. Holsboer-Trachsler, Switzerland
E. Hollander, USA
W. G. Honer, Canada
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R. Kahn, The Netherlands
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T. Kato, Japan
C. Katona, UK
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J. Kennedy, Canada
L. Konopka, USA
H. R. Kranzler, USA
C. Kreig, Germany
T. Kudo, Japan
J. Soo Kwon, Korea
S. Lamy, France
R. Lanzenberger, Austria
V. Larach, Chile
M. Leboyer, France
M. Lejoyeux, France
M. So Lee, Korea

B. Leonard, Ireland
Y. Levkovitz, Israel
A. Lopez Mato, Argentina
C. Lyketsos, USA
R. McCarley, USA
P. Mc Gorry, Australia
P. Mc Guire, UK
M. Maes, Belgium
A. Malafosse, Switzerland
J.-L. Martinot, France
H. Mayberg, USA
H. Y. Meltzer, USA
A. Meyer-Lindenberg, Germany
A. Kant Mital, India
E. Mohan Das, India
N. Müller, Germany
T. Murai, Japan
Z. Nahas, Lebanon
D. Nutt, UK
J. Ospina-Duque, Colombia
N. Ozaki, Japan
G. Papadimitriou, Greece
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G. Parker, Australia
L. Pezrewas, Austria
O. Pogarell, Germany
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**Deadline for abstract submission: 11 March 2014**

Applicants of symposia are hereby kindly invited to submit an abstract for contributions to the WFSBP 2015 Athens Congress by using the online submission form on the congress website www.wfsbp-congress.org.

Please note that online submission is mandatory. Each symposium at the WFSBP 2015 Athens Congress is scheduled for 90 minutes which equals four speakers chaired by two scientists.

Chairs are kindly asked to submit proposals for scientific symposia according to the topic list on page 6. All online submitted proposals will be considered by the International Scientific Programme Committee. The notification about the acceptance or rejection of a symposia will be sent by email in May 2014. Speakers of accepted symposia will then be asked to submit an individual abstract for their presentations. All authors and presenters will be expected to declare any potential conflict of interest.

The congress registration fee has been waived for all chairs and speakers of accepted symposia. Co-chairs will only receive free registration if they are also speaking in the respective symposium. Please note that the congress does not provide any further financial support. Travel costs and accommodation should be self-financed.

**GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION OF SYMPOSIUM ABSTRACTS**

The symposium’s chair is kindly asked to submit a descriptive abstract in English including the names of the chair, co-chair and four speakers. As a chair, please make sure that you have received the acceptance of all speakers involved in the symposium.

Please note that the abstract submission constitutes a formal commitment by the authors to present the corresponding presentation in the session and timeslots assigned by the International Scientific Programme Committee.

In accordance with the international approach of the WFSBP, the speakers should have diverse geographical backgrounds.

» In your abstract, please insert the chair’s name (full first name, family name) and place of work (institution, city, country) as well as degrees, titles and street addresses. In addition please add name, country and place of work of the members of the faculty.

» Please choose a topic from the topic list, page 6.

» The text of the abstract should briefly state the content of the symposium with a maximum of 300 words.

» Please choose a title that clearly indicates the content of the contribution.

» Please avoid abbreviations in the title. Abbreviations may be used in the text if they are defined when used first.

» Please note that the abstract submission must be complete.

**SUBMISSION PROCEDURE**

Deadline for abstract submission: 11 March 2014

Notification of acceptance/rejection: May 2014

Abstracts for symposia have to be submitted electronically by using the online form on the congress website www.wfsbp-congress.org.

Detailed instructions regarding the electronic submission procedure can be found on the website.

For any further assistance, please contact the congress and exhibition office:

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The scientific programme of the WFSBP 2015 Congress will cover the following topics, within each topic the track may be Basic, Clinical, Interface or Conceptual:

1. Addictive Disorders
2. Antidepressants: Basic/Clinical
3. Antipsychotics: Basic/Clinical
4. Anxiety Disorders: Basic/Clinical
5. Anxiolytics: Basic/Clinical
6. Bipolar Disorders: Basic/Clinical
7. Childhood & Adolescent Disorders: Basic/Clinical
8. Cognitive Neuroscience
9. Dementia: Basic/Clinical
10. Depression: Basic/Clinical
11. Eating Disorders: Basic/Clinical
12. Emergency Psychiatry
13. Epidemiology
14. Ethics and Psychiatry
15. Forensic Psychiatry
16. Genetics
17. Hypnotics: Basic/Clinical
18. Liaison Psychiatry
19. Mental Retardation or Chromosomal Aberrations: Basic/Clinical
20. Molecular Neurobiology
21. Mood Stabilisers: Basic/Clinical
22. Neuropathology
23. Neuroimaging: Genetic, Functional, Structural
24. Neurophysiology
25. Obsessive-Compulsive Disorders: Basic/Clinical
26. Oncopsychiatry
27. Pain: Basic/Clinical
28. Panic Disorders: Basic/Clinical
29. Personality Disorders: Basic/Clinical
30. Pharmacoeconomics
31. Pharmacogenetics
32. Pharmacology
33. Posttraumatic Stress: Basic/Clinical
34. Pregnancy, post partum and new born: Basic/Clinical
35. Premenstrual Syndrome: Basic/Clinical
36. Psychogeriatrics
37. Psychoneuroimmunology
38. Psychopathology
39. Psychosurgery
40. Schizophrenia: Basic/Clinical
41. Sexual Disorders: Basic/Clinical
42. Sleep Disorders: Basic/Clinical
43. Somatoform Disorders: Basic/Clinical
44. Stimulation Methods (ECT, TMS, VNS, DBS)
45. Stress: Basic/Clinical
46. Suicide: Basic/Clinical
47. Violence: Basic/Clinical
Provisional Format Descriptions of the Scientific Sessions

OPENING LECTURE
The Opening Lecture will be held during the Opening Ceremony on 14 June 2015.

PLENARY LECTURES
Plenary Lectures are 45-minute sessions held by renowned experts. The speakers have been chosen from among the most prominent researchers in the respective field.

SYMPOSIA
Symposia will be selected, covering basic, clinical, interface and conceptual topics of Biological Psychiatry. Symposia will be organised and chaired by the experts whose proposals will be accepted by the International Scientific Programme Committee.

DEBATES
Debates are intended to offer a platform for a lively, yet balanced discussion on controversial issues. A moderator (chairperson) and two speakers (one proponent and one opponent) will state their opinions on different subjects.

WFSBP TREATMENT GUIDELINES
Treatment Guidelines Sessions are 90-minute sessions with an educational focus. They centre on the WFSBP Treatment Guidelines and include brief presentations by individual panel members, followed by lively and informative discussion. This session type provides for substantial audience participation and should be highly interactive.

WFSBP CONSENSUS STATEMENTS
Consensus Statement Sessions are 90-minute sessions with educational focus. They centre on the WFSBP Consensus Statements and include brief presentations by individual panel members, followed by lively and informative discussion. This session type provides for substantial audience participation and should be highly interactive.

FREE COMMUNICATIONS
Authors will be invited to submit abstracts on their latest research findings. All submitted abstracts will be reviewed and the best will be selected and allocated to Free Communication Sessions.

YOUNG SCIENTISTS AWARD SESSIONS
These sessions are dedicated to the research findings of talented scientists up to 40 years of age. These 90-minute sessions take place daily from 08:00 – 09:30 h. They comprise five 10-minute presentations, each followed by 5 minutes of discussion at the end of the presentation.

GUIDED POSTER TOURS
A whole range of highly interesting papers on new research findings and/or major research efforts are expected to be submitted as posters. As many posters will probably be submitted by young investigators, the Local Organising Committee will arrange Guided Poster Tours to give the authors the opportunity to present these findings and discuss them with the audience.

INDUSTRY SPONSORED SYMPOSIA
These 60- to 90-minute sessions are fully integrated into the congress. The sessions are organised and executed by the pharmaceutical industry by an unrestricted educational grant.

CME ACCREDITATION
The WFSBP 2015 Congress is seeking for accreditation by the European Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) to provide continuing medical education (CME) credits to physicians.
The EACCME is an institution of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS). EACCME credits are recognised Europe-wide and in North America.
EACCME credits can be exchanged for their national equivalent by contacting the respective National CME authority. EACCME credits are recognised by the American Medical Association (AMA) towards the Physician’s Recognition Award (PRA).
General Information

CONGRESS INFORMATION SYSTEM/ CO CONGRESS ONLINE®
The web based Congress Information System CO CONGRESS ONLINE® has been installed at www.wfsbp-congress.org

Prior to the congress, CO CONGRESS ONLINE® will provide information on:

- Preparation of the congress
- Call for abstracts
- List of topics
- Invited speakers and invited conveners of symposia
- Preliminary scientific programme
- Accepted abstracts
- Satellite conferences
- List of participants (who is who)
- List of exhibitors
- Social and cultural events
- Supporting programme
- Scientific visits
- Information about the main sponsors
- Athens
- Hotel accommodation
- Travel to Athens
- Special news
- Private mailbox

In due time, the final programme will be published on CO CONGRESS ONLINE® which enables each participant to create her/his personal congress programme schedule. CO CONGRESS ONLINE® offers an extensive congress service.

CONGRESS REGISTRATION
Please see the congress website for online registration: www.wfsbp-congress.org

WFSBP 2015 CONGRESS APP MOBILE
The WFSBP 2015 Congress App is free for congress participants and provides iPhone/iPad, android and other smartphone users at WFSBP 2015 in Athens with on-the-go access to the congress. The most up-to-date congress schedule is available at the fingertips during the congress.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION
Hotel rooms in Athens in various categories and price ranges will be blocked. Hotel bookings can be requested from the congress office. Further information will be available in autumn 2013 on the congress website: www.wfsbp-congress.org

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AIRPORT
The Athens-Eleftherios Venizelos Airport (ATH) is the international airport of the city Athens. It is named after the premier Eleftherios Venizelos (1864–1936) and is the biggest and most important airport of Greece. The airport functions as an intersection for the Middle East and the Balkans. More than 13 million travelers transfer via the ATH yearly. It is 25 kilometers away from the city center and part of the commune Spata.

TRANSPORT BETWEEN AIRPORT AND CITY / CITY AND MEgARON ATHENS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE
The metro M3 takes about 30 minutes from the airport to the Meragon Athens International Conference Centre (metro station “Megaron Moussikis” on metro line 3 (blue line). Please visit the website www.ametro.gr for more information about the prices and departure times.

CLIMATE
The city of Athens is located in a subtropical Mediterranean climate. The average temperature for the month of June is 28°C/82°F and it can drop down to 20°C/68°F. The sun shines 13 hours a day. The sun’s rays are strong and it is recommended to use sun-cream and to wear a hat and sunglasses. A bottle of water should be taken with you every time you go outside to keep yourself hydrated. In average it rains 4 days in the month of June.
CURRENCY
The Greek Currency is euro (€). The euro is freely convertible on world currency markets. The exchange rate fluctuates daily depending on the money market.

VISA
The entry formalities for Greece vary according to the country of origin. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece advises on its website a list of countries that do not and that do require a visa to enter the country. Please visit the website www.mfa.gr.

LETTER OF INVITATION
The congress will be pleased to send a formal letter of invitation to any registered delegate requesting one. It is understood that such invitation is intended to help potential delegates to raise funds or to obtain a visa. This does not imply a commitment from the congress to provide any financial support. Letters of invitation may be requested from the congress office.

SUPPORTING PROGRAMME
Congress tours will be offered on the congress website: www.wfsbp-congress.org

CITY OF ATHENS
Located in the very southeast of Europe, Greece – ‘Hellas’ – is one of the oldest cultural spots within Europe. With a total population of around 11,3 million people, more than a third – 4 million people – live in Athens, the Capital. Athens is located in the Attica prefecture, in particular in the Attica basin, which is framed by Mount Aegaleo, Mount Parnitha, Mount Penteli and Mount Hymettos.

Athens has been founded more than 5,000 years ago and therefore is – unchallenged – the oldest and most ancient capital in Europe. But not only is the age a measure. Nowadays Athens is a very special spot in the world where ancient culture meets the challenges and advantages of today’s life.

This was proved very successfully by the Olympic summer games in 2004. Athens has come up with infrastructure, facilities and services that meet global standards – so far the 12th World Congress of Biological Psychiatry will become another successful global event in a global environment.

Next to the most famous sites of Athens, such as the Acropolis, The Museum of the Acropolis, the Plaka area, also known as the god’s neighborhood, and ancient Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympic flame, Athens is very famous for the attic light, a unique yellow golden light which has been described since ancient times.

Also in scientific terms, Greece and especially Athens have much going for: Nine universities are located in Athens. In the 20th century, two Nobel Prize of Literature awardees were born in Greece: Odysseas Elytis (1911-1996), received the prize in 1979 – and Giorgos Seferis (1900-1971), who was the awardee of 1963.

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Dates to remember

11 March 2014  Deadline for symposia submission

10 December 2014  Abstract submission for posters and free communications

14 June 2015  Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception

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