

3rd Biennial Schizophrenia International Research Conference

Meeting Registration Information

14 - 18 April 2012, Firenze Fiera Congress and Exhibition Center, Florence, Italy

Organizers:

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MEETING REGISTRATION:

All attendees must be registered and will need to check in at the Meeting Registration desk to receive materials. People who are not registered or are registered as an Accompanying Person will not be allowed into the scientific sessions. Meeting registration can be completed online per the instructions below. Should you need a printed form, please contact the Executive Office at +001 615 324 2370 or info@schizophreniaresearchsociety.org.

Attendees may not videotape, audiotape, or photograph (camera or camera phone) presentations at the Schizophrenia International Research Conference without permission from the presentation chair.

REGISTRATION ON-LINE:

Go to the conference website at www.schizophreniaconference.org. Click the Registration/Housing link on the left. First time users will need to create a username and password.

You are encouraged to pre-register for the conference prior to 14 March 2012. All meeting registration fees will increase by €40 after this date.

In the event of a registration cancellation, please contact NewTours at schizophrenia2012@newtours.it. Notification of cancellation must be received by 14 March 2012 in order to receive a full refund less a €40,00 processing fee. Cancellations received after 14 March 2012 will not receive a refund.

MEETING REGISTRATION CATEGORIES AND FEES:

Scientific Delegates:

SIRS Members:

SIRS Member Delegate - Must have paid 2011 and 2012 membership dues. Rate: €400.

SIRS New Member Delegate - Must have paid 2012 membership dues. Rate: €440.

SIRS Student Member - Must have paid 2011 and 2012 student membership dues. Rate: €150.

SIRS New Student Member - Must have paid 2012 membership dues. Rate: €190.

SIRS Non-Member Student - Rate: €230.

Non-Members:

Rates will be offered for those who choose not to become a SIRS member. The non-member delegate rate is €650. The non-member student rate is €230 prior to 15 March and €280 on 15 March or later.

Students

To qualify as a student, one must be a full-time graduate students, medical students, or students

in the first two years of a post-doctoral fellowship program at a university, in a field relevant to schizophrenia research. A letter from the student's immediate supervisor verifying his/her status and relevant field will be required for registration.

Accompanying Person

An "Accompanying Person" is defined as a family member or significant other, but not a colleague. An Accompanying Person may only attend the social functions of the meeting. Should you wish to bring an Accompanying Person to enjoy the social aspects of the meeting, please include his/her name on your Meeting Registration form and submit it with the appropriate registration fee. *The accompanying person rate is €200.*

SIRS 2012 TRAVEL AWARDS:

The Travel Award application deadline is **Monday, 17 October 2011**. The program is intended to sponsor individuals who have through their research, teaching or clinical activities demonstrated professional and scientific interest in the field of schizophrenia research. Candidates must indicate their interest in schizophrenia research and, if possible, provide evidence of continuing and future involvement and activity in the field.

Individuals must be graduate students, residents, fellows, or new/young faculty members who have completed their last training within 5 years. Candidates who are members of an ethnic minority group underrepresented in biomedical science areas are strongly encouraged to apply.

Awardees are required to submit a poster or oral presentation abstract. It is the belief of the Society that the opportunity to attend its biennial scientific meeting will stimulate the interest of young scientists in schizophrenia research by affording them the opportunity to attend an outstanding scientific program in clinical and basic research. The program will also allow awardees the opportunity to become

aware of the most recent, and often unpublished, advances in schizophrenia research, meet internationally distinguished researchers and clinicians, and interact with world authorities working on the frontier of this field.

Each award will include:

- A SIRS member mentor for the meeting
- A portion of hotel and/or travel to the meeting site from country of origin

A committee of senior investigators will select the awardees based on the following application materials required:

- A short statement about applicant's career goals
- Curriculum Vitae
- Supporting letter from that applicant's Director of Training or Departmental Chair AND proof of Student/Post-Doc status

Accepted Awardees will be notified by 15 November 2011.

NEW FOR 2012: POSTER AWARDS

Cognitive Neuropsychiatry, *Schizophrenia Bulletin* and *Schizophrenia Research* will award poster prizes during the SIRS Business Meeting scheduled on Monday, 16 April at 6:15 p.m. The SIRS Awards Committee will collaborate with the journal editors to select the awards recipients. All three journals require that researchers be less than 40 years of age at the time of the conference for consideration.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After participating in this CME activity, Clinicians should be able to describe and discuss:

- Discuss strategies for determining an approach to manage patients with schizophrenia
- Discuss the status of genetic findings, and how they can be incorporated into strategies for managing patients with schizophrenia

- Describe the use of brain imaging data about pathophysiology and disease progression to revise or continue a strategy for managing patients with schizophrenia
- Discuss the implications of basic neuroscience findings for managing patients with schizophrenia

After participating in this CME activity, Researchers should be able to describe and discuss:

- Discuss approaches to develop novel treatments for schizophrenia
- Describe strategies for translating basic neuroscience into knowledge that can be used in clinical practice

- Discuss differences in schizophrenia research across diverse cultures and geographic areas.
- Understand and describe differences in schizophrenia research across diverse cultures and geographic areas.
- Describe novel intervention studies that will promote the development of advanced knowledge about schizophrenia
- Discuss methods to advance the clinical application of genetic research in schizophrenia

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Preliminary Schedule of Events

Saturday, 14 April 2012

8:00 am – 4:00 pm – IPRN Satellite Meeting

8:00 am – 4:00 pm – Cognition in
Schizophrenia Satellite Meeting

8:30 am – 7:00 pm - Registration Open

10:00 am – 12:30 pm Italian Symposia
Satellite Meeting

2:00 pm – 4:30 pm – Family Forum

4:30 pm – 5:45 pm – Travel Awardee
Orientation

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Opening Keynote
Lecture – Philip Campbell, Editor, *Nature*

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Welcome Reception

Sunday, 15 April 2012

8:00am – 6:30pm – Registration Open

8:30 am – 12:00 pm – Plenary Session:
*Psychological and Social
Treatments*

10:00 am – 10:15am – Coffee Break

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Travel Awardee and
Mentor Luncheon

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Lunch and Poster
Session

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – (6) Concurrent
Symposia Sessions

4:00 pm – 4:15 pm – Coffee Break

4:15 pm – 6:15 pm – *Basic Science* Special
Session

4:15 pm – 6:15 pm – (5) Concurrent
Symposia Sessions

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm – (4) Concurrent
Workshops

Monday, 16 April 2012

8:00 am – 7:00 pm – Registration Open

8:30 am – 12:00 pm – Plenary Session:
Genetics

10:00 am – 10:15 am – Coffee Break

12:00 pm – 2:00pm – Lunch and Poster
Session

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – (6) Concurrent
Symposia Sessions

4:00 pm – 4:15 pm – Coffee Break

4:15 pm – 6:15 pm – (6) Concurrent
Symposia Sessions

6:15 pm – 7:15 pm – SIRS Business
Meeting and Awards

Tuesday, 17 April 2012

8:00 am – 7:00 pm – Registration Open

8:30 am – 12:00 pm – Plenary Session:
*Immunology and Experimental
Medicine* Plenary Session

10:00 am – 10:15 am – Coffee Break

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Lunch and Poster
Session

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Oral Presentations

4:00 pm – 4:15 pm – Coffee Break
4:15 pm – 6:15 pm – (6) Concurrent
Symposia Sessions
6:15 pm – 6:30 pm Coffee Break
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm – (3) Concurrent
Workshops

Wednesday, 18 April 2012

8:00am – 4:00pm – Registration Open
8:30 am – 12:00 pm – Plenary Session:
New Treatments
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm – Lunch
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm – (6) Concurrent
Symposia Sessions
3:45pm – 5:45pm – Summary Panel
Discussion

Abstract Submission Process

Submission is closed

1. ***Symposia*** – Panel sessions may have up to 6 participants. Those roles are a Chair, Co-Chair, up to 5 speakers, Discussant. (The chair and/or co-chair may be a speaker, the discussant may not be a speaker, or include any slides for the presentation.) *DEADLINE for Submissions – 26 September 2011*
2. ***Independent Oral Presentations*** – Abstract submission – 1 presenter, but may have multiple authors. The presentations will be 10 minutes with another 5 minutes for discussion. When submitting an oral presentation, submitters will be given the opportunity to elect that the presentation, if not accepted, can be presented as a poster. *DEADLINE for Submissions – 1 December 2011*
3. ***Poster*** – Abstract submission – 1 presenter, but may have multiple authors. *DEADLINE for Submissions – 1 December 2011*

*All symposia, oral presentations and posters will be reviewed by a Program Committee.

The Organizing Committee has determined the below categories for submission:

1. Adverse Events
2. Animal Models
3. Brain Imaging
 - a. structural
 - b. functional
 - c. spectroscopy
4. Children and adolescents
5. Diagnostic Issues
6. Electrophysiology
7. Epidemiology
8. Ethical Issues
9. Genetics Health Economics
10. Neuropathology
11. Neurobiology and neurochemistry
12. Neuropsychology
13. Neurophysiology
14. Neurodevelopment
15. Non-pharmacological treatments
16. Outcome
17. Psychosocial Functioning
18. Phenomenology
19. Psychopharmacology
20. Quality of Life
21. Services Research
22. Substance abuse co-morbidity
23. Other

Symposium Guidelines

New for 2012: The Program and Organizing Committees will limit the number of presentations for Chair and presenter participation for symposia sessions.

- A symposium is a moderately formal 2 hour session that includes 4 presenters and 1 discussant.
- Symposium proposals must include both the overall panel proposal, as well as the individual presenter abstracts. The panel chair is responsible for submitting the overall summary and each presenter's individual presentation abstract.
- Each of the 4 presentations lasts 30 minutes which allows for a 20-minute presentation and 10-minute discussion period.
- One discussant per symposium is required. The discussant cannot also be a presenter. This individual will lead the discussion with panelists and attendees the last thirty minutes of the symposium. ***NO formal presentation, slides, or other audio visuals are allowed for discussants; this rule will be strictly enforced.***
- Symposium sessions will be scheduled with the assumption that all speakers agree to be available on all days of the meeting.
- Symposium participants should be from various institutions (preferably from different countries) so the meeting attendees get the benefit of cross-institutional collaboration. Proposals that have participants from only one institution should include a justification as to why this is necessary for the proposal. The Chair may be asked to replace a speaker if the abstract submission includes two speakers from the same institution.
- There is a limit of 16,200 characters for the text of your abstract submission. This includes title (200 characters), the overall abstract (3,200 characters) and each speakers' abstract (3,200 characters each), as well as all spaces. No images will be accepted.
- At the time of submission, the chair must submit his/her disclosures. Disclosures for all other presenters will be required if the symposium is accepted.
- Audiovisual equipment available for every symposium: laptop, LCD projector, laser pointer, podium, and microphone.

Oral Presentation Guidelines

- Oral Presentation abstracts should be structured as: Background, Methods, Results, and Discussion. Include as much actual data as possible.
- Oral Presentations will last 10 minutes with an additional 5 minutes for discussion.
- There is a limit of 3200 characters, not counting spaces, for the text of your abstract submission. No images will be accepted.
- The presenter will be required to submit a COI disclosure statement at the time of submission.
- Submitters will be given the opportunity in the submission process to elect that if the oral presentation is not accepted, then the abstract may be considered for poster presentation.

Poster Guidelines

- Poster abstracts should be structured as: Background, Methods, Results, and Discussion. Include as much actual data as possible.

- There is a limit of 3200 characters, not counting spaces, for the text of your abstract submission. No images will be accepted.
- The presenter will be required to submit a COI disclosure statement at the time of the submission.
- Poster Size is .90 meters wide by 1.20 meters tall. Push-pins may not be used.
- Posters will be secured to poster panels with double stick tape, provided

INFORMATION ABOUT CME CREDIT

The 3rd Biennial Schizophrenia International Research Society Conference is jointly sponsored by the Vanderbilt School of Medicine and the Schizophrenia International Research Society. This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and the SIRS. Vanderbilt University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum number of 34.50 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*TM. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. There will be a \$50 USD charge for scientific registrants to obtain CME credits. will be accredited by the ACCME, EACCME and Italian Ministry of Health. The Accreditation Council for CME will provide continuing medical education for physicians. European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education Institution of the European Union of Medical Specialists will provide European accreditation to physicians. Attendees should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. There will be a \$50 charge for scientific registrants to attain CME credits.

It is the policy of Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and Schizophrenia International Research Society to require disclosure of financial relationships from individuals in a position to control the content of a CME activity; to identify and resolve conflicts of interest related to those relationships and to make disclosure information available to the audience prior to the CME activity. Presenters are required to disclose discussions of unlabeled/unapproved uses of drugs or devices during their presentations. Disclosures for 2012 speakers, plenary, special session, symposia, workshop, oral presentations and poster presenters may be found online at www.schizophreniaconference.org. A copy of the disclosures will be available at the registration desk.

The 3rd Biennial Schizophrenia International Research Society Conference has been granted 24 European CME credits (ECMEC) by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME). Physicians should claim only the credits commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. To obtain credit, registered participants must complete an online evaluation. The evaluation may be found online at www.schizophreniaconference.org. There will be a \$50.00 USD charge to obtain credits.

Credits will be offered from the Italian Ministry of Health. For more information, please inquire at the Registration Desk in the Palazzo Entrance.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The conference has contracted with a variety of hotels in Florence. Hotels with various amenities and room rates were selected to satisfy the requests of our conference attendees. After completing registration information, you will have the opportunity to book hotel accommodations.

The complete list of hotels is on the website with available occupancy options and room rates. You can visit the websites of the hotels you are interested in by clicking on the hotel name. All hotels require a one night's deposit at the time of booking.

HOTEL CANCELLATION POLICY:

Hotel cancellations must be sent in writing to:

schizophrenia2012@newtours.it.

- Cancellations received by 8 January 2012 will be fully refunded.
- Cancellations received between 9 January 2012 and 10 February 2012 will result in the loss of 50% of the hotel deposit.
- Cancellations received after 10 February 2012 will result in the loss of the deposit.
- Cancellations made after 10 March 2012 may, at the discretion of the hotel, result in a cancellation fee equal to two nights stay.

- Failure to arrive at the hotel may, at the hotel's discretion, result in penalties equal to the amount of the hotel stay.

AIR TRAVEL AND GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Amerigo Vespucci Airport in Florence is 4 km from the city centre and can be easily reached by taxi or with the Ataf/Sita 'Viola in Bus' shuttle service, approximately 15 – 20 minutes. The shuttle connects the airport to the central railway station of Santa Maria Novella. Santa Maria Novella station is across the street from the Firenze Fiera Congress Center.

Travelers arriving at Galileo Galilei airport in Pisa can take direct shuttle trains or buses to Santa Maria Novella railway station in Florence.

Approximate travel time is one hour. For conference attendees arriving at Leonardo da Vinci airport in Rome, trains are available from the airport to Termini train station in Rome. From Termini train station, travelers can purchase tickets to Santa Maria Novella train station in Florence and arrive in approximately one hour, forty minutes. Train schedules are available at www.trenitalia.com.

CLIMATE

April is one of the more favored times of the year to visit because of the Mediterranean climate which averages a high of 68°F/20°C and a low of 46°F/8°C.