

2nd Biennial Schizophrenia International Research Conference
Meeting Registration Information
10 – 14 April 2010, Firenzefiera Congress and Exhibition
Center, Florence

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 written permission from the presentation chair.

REGISTRATION ON-LINE:

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

You are encouraged to pre-register for the conference before 11 March 2010. All meeting registration fees will increase by 50.00€ after this date.

In case of cancellation, please contact NewTours at schizophrenia2010@newtours.it. Notification of cancellation must be received by 1 March 2010 in order to receive a refund.

MEETING REGISTRATION
CATEGORIES AND FEES:

Scientific Delegates:

SIRS Members:

SIRS Member Delegate - Must have paid 2009 and 2010 membership dues. Rate: 400.€

SIRS New Member Delegate - Must have paid 2010 membership dues. Rate: 440.€

SIRS Student Member - Must have paid 2009 and 2010 student membership dues. Rate: 150.€

SIRS New Student Member - Must have paid 2010 membership dues. Rate: 225.€

Non-Members:

Rates will be offered for those who choose not to become a SIRS member. The non-member delegate rate is 600.€

Students

Full-time - graduate students, medical students, or 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 2010 TRAVEL AWARDS:

Please note that travel awards are contingent on grant funding. The program is intended to sponsor individuals who have through their research, teaching or clinical activities, and 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:

- Complimentary registration to the 2010 Biennial Conference
- 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 5 January 2010.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The goal of the 2010 Biennial Schizophrenia Research conference is to:

- Foster communication and advance knowledge about the multiple treatment possibilities for schizophrenia
- Develop the best methods to design new intervention studies
- Discuss strategies for new treatment development
- Review the status of genetic findings
- Discuss methods to advance genetic research in schizophrenia
- Review brain imaging data in relation to pathophysiology and disease progression
- Translate basic neuroscience findings of relevance to clinical practice
- Understand differences in schizophrenia research and outcome of the research across diverse geographic areas and cultures

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Preliminary Schedule of Events

Saturday, 10 April 2010

11:00am – 6:30pm - Registration Open
3:00pm – 5:00pm Ethics Symposium &
Meeting Orientation
5:00pm – 7:00pm – Opening Keynote
Lecture – Prof. Elyn Saks
6:30pm – 8:30pm – Welcome Reception

Sunday, 11 April 2010

8:00am – 7:00pm – Registration Open
8:00am – 12:00pm – Plenary Session -
Clinical
10:00am – 10:15am – Coffee Break
12:00pm – 1:00pm – General Membership
Meeting
12:00pm – 1:30pm – Lunch Break
1:30pm – 3:00pm – Concurrent Symposia
Sessions
3:00pm – 3:30pm – Coffee Break
3:30pm – 5:30pm – Concurrent Symposia
Sessions
5:30pm – 7:30pm – Poster Session

Monday, 12 April 2010

8:00am – 7:00pm – Registration Open
8:30am – 12:00pm – Plenary Session –
Clinical/Pre-clinical
10:00am – 10:15am – Coffee Break
12:00pm – 1:30pm – Lunch

Monday, 12 April 2010 (continued)

1:30pm – 3:30pm – Concurrent Symposia
Sessions
3:30pm – 5:30pm – Concurrent Symposia
Sessions
5:30pm – 7:30pm – Poster Session

Tuesday, 13 April 2010

8:00am – 7:00pm – Registration Open
8:00am – 12:00pm – Plenary Session -
Imaging
10:00am – 10:15am – Coffee Break
12:00pm – 1:30pm – Lunch
1:30pm – 3:30pm - Oral Presentations
3:30pm – 5:30pm – Concurrent Symposia
Sessions
5:30pm – 7:30pm – Poster Session

Wednesday, 14 April 2010

8:00am – 4:00pm – Registration Open
8:30am – 10:30am – Concurrent Symposia
Sessions
10:30am – 12:30pm – Concurrent Symposia
Sessions
12:30pm – 2:00pm – Lunch
2:00pm – 4:00pm – Concurrent Symposia
Sessions
4:00pm – 5:00pm – Summary Panel
Discussion

Abstract Submission Process

Don't delay in submitting your oral or poster abstract for the 2010 Schizophrenia International Research Conference. Symposia abstract submission closed 14 September.

1. 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 2009*
2. Poster – Abstract submission – 1 presenter, but may have multiple authors. *DEADLINE for Submissions – 1 December 2009*

*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

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.
- Submitters will be given the opportunity in the submission process to elect that if the oral presentation is not accepted, then the abstract will 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.
- Poster boards are .94 meters by 2.39 meters. Push-pins may be used.

INFORMATION ABOUT CME CREDIT

Applications for CME, EACCME and Italian CME credits have been submitted. Vanderbilt School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for CME to 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 75.00€ charge for scientific registrants to attain CME credits.

It is the policy of Vanderbilt School of Medicine and the European Union of Medical Specialists that participants in CME activities be made aware of any affiliation or financial interest that may affect planner's involvement and speaker's presentation(s). Each course director, planner, and speaker must complete and sign a conflict of interest statement. The faculty members' relationships will be disclosed to the audience.

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:

schizophrenia2010@newtours.it.

- Cancellations received by 9 January 2010 will be fully refunded.
- Cancellations received between 10 January 2010 and 9 February 2010 will result in the loss of 50% of the hotel deposit.
- Cancellations received after 9 February 2010 will result in the loss of the deposit.
- Cancellations made after 9 March 2010 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

Caldwell Travel, the 2010 conference preferred travel provider, is offering conference attendees a 10% discount off of most Lufthansa fares, including business class. These discounts apply for travel to Florence, Pisa or Rome. Caldwell Travel can also offer 5% off of all fares on American Airlines to Rome and American's Oneworld partners to Florence via European gateways. To view the Caldwell travel conference

website, please go to
www.florence2010.com.

Caldwell Travel is holding a block of seats on Delta's non-stop flight from JFK to Pisa on 9 April, returning 15 April. Delta #136 departs JFK at 8:45pm arriving at Galileo Galilei Pisa airport at 11:40am. The return flight on 15 April departs Pisa at 1:25pm, arriving at JFK at 5:05pm. The roundtrip airfare on these flights has been discounted to \$841.00.

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.