



3rd Schizophrenia International Research Society Conference

*Schizophrenia:
The Globalization of Research*

FLORENCE, ITALY
14 - 18 APRIL 2012



**3rd Biennial Schizophrenia International Research Conference
Meeting Registration Information
10 – 14 April 2012, Firenze Fiera Congress and Exhibition
Center, Florence, Italy**

Organizers:

President: Prof. Sir Robin Murray, F.R.C.P.

President-elect: John M. Kane, M.D.

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Program Committee Chair: Jim van Os, Ph.D.

Program Committee Co-Chair: Dawn Velligan, Ph.D.

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: €225.

Non-Members:

Rates will be offered for those who choose not to become a SIRS member. The non-member delegate rate is €650.

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:

- Complimentary registration to the 2012 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 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

The goal of the 2012 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
- Optimizing the integration of psychiatric and general medical care for patients with schizophrenia

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Preliminary Schedule of Events

Saturday, 14 April 2012

8:00 am – 4:00 pm – IPRN Satellite Meeting
 11:00 am – 6:30 pm - Registration Open
 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm – Family Forum
 4:30 pm – 5:45 pm – Ethics Symposium & Meeting 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 – 7:00pm – Registration Open
 8:30 am – 12:00 pm – Plenary Session:
Psychological and Social Treatments
 10:00 am – 10:15am – Coffee Break
 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 – 6:00 pm – *Basic Science* Special Session
 4:15 pm – 6:00 pm – (5) Concurrent Symposia Sessions

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
 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm – Oral Presentations
 3:30 pm – 3:45 pm – Coffee Break
 3:45 pm – 5:45 pm – (6) Concurrent Symposia Sessions

Wednesday, 18 April 2012

8:00am – 4:00pm – Registration Open
 8:30 am – 12:00 pm – Plenary Session:
New Treatments
 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm – Lunch
 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm - Membership Meeting
 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – (6) Concurrent Symposia Sessions
 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm – Summary Panel Discussion

Abstract Submission Process

Don't delay in submitting your symposium, oral or poster abstract for the 2012 Schizophrenia International Research Conference. Symposia abstract submission closes 26 September, 2011.

1. **Symposia** – Panel sessions may have up to 6 participants. Those roles are a Chair, Co-Chair, 4 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 – 15 November 2011*
3. **Poster** – Abstract submission – 1 presenter, but may have multiple authors. *DEADLINE for Submissions – 15 November 2011*

*All symposia, oral presentations and posters will be reviewed by a Program Committee. The Organizing Committee has determined the below categories for submission:

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| 1. Adverse Events | 11. Neurobiology and neurochemistry |
| 2. Animal Models | 12. Neuropsychology |
| 3. Brain Imaging | 13. Neurophysiology |
| a. structural | 14. Neurodevelopment |
| b. functional | 15. Non-pharmacological treatments |
| c. spectroscopy | 16. Outcome |
| 4. Children and adolescents | 17. Psychosocial Functioning |
| 5. Diagnostic Issues | 18. Phenomenology |
| 6. Electrophysiology | 19. Psychopharmacology |
| 7. Epidemiology | 20. Quality of Life |
| 8. Ethical Issues | 21. Services Research |
| 9. Genetics Health Economics | 22. Substance abuse co-morbidity |
| 10. Neuropathology | 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 boards are .94 meters by 2.39 meters. Push-pins may be used.

INFORMATION ABOUT CME CREDIT

The 3rd Biennial Schizophrenia International Research Society Conference 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.

In compliance with ACCME Guidelines, participants in CME activities must be made aware of any affiliation or financial interest that may affect planner's involvement and/or speaker's presentation(s). Each course director, planner, and speaker must complete and sign a conflict of interest disclosure statement. 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:

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

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.