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9th World Congress of Biological Psychiatry

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Hosted by: Association Française de Psychiatrie Biologique (AFPB)



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Invitation to the 9th World Congress of Biological Psychiatry

Dear Colleagues,

It is our great privilege and pleasure to invite you to the fantastic city of Paris for five stimulating days of basic, clinical and conceptual science in the field of Biological Psychiatry.

Following Vienna (2005), the Association Française de Psychiatrie Biologique (AFPB) will welcome you as a host for the most important highlight of our Federation – the 9th World Congress of Biological Psychiatry.

Paris with its rich history in psychiatry is the ideal setting to discuss the today's advances in biology and molecular genetics, the development of a new generation of treatments based upon neuroplasticity concepts, and the radical progress in modern technologies and neuroscience that is changing our concepts and attitudes on mental diseases. During this outstanding, cutting-edge scientific event thought leaders and decision makers from all around the world will share with us the newest innovations in our field and their impact on diagnoses, treatment, and rehabilitation of patients with mental disorders.

An excellent collection of scientific sessions will be prepared: intensive workshops and debates, plenary lectures with rewarded experts, and symposia. Young scientists are especially encouraged to present their recent findings in Free Communication and Young Scientists Award Sessions and thus benefit from the congress.

Looking back at the history of psychiatry Paris has been the centre of many important epoch-making developments. Philippe Pinel who became chair of the Hôpital Salpêtrière in 1794 is considered by many as one of the founders of modern psychiatry. He integrated the field of psychiatry into medicine by introducing empirical methods and by observing the clinical pictures of mental disorders.

In 1885 Sigmund Freud visited Jean-Martin Charcot whose psychopathological studies of hysteria had a great impact on Sigmund Freud's theories.

In the 1950ies Jean Delay and his assistant Pierre Deniker were the first to introduce the neuroleptic chlorpromazine for the treatment of schizophrenia in the Hôpital Saint Anne. In 1952 isoniazid was recognized independently by the French Jean-Francois Buisson and the American Max Luire as first synthetical antidepressant compound.

But Paris offers far more: the city of painters, writers and musicians, the city of fashion and design, the city of haute cuisine – there is something to discover for every congress participant in Paris. Social events and city tours will be arranged to make your congress attendance exciting and comfortable.

Come and enjoy the congress and the city of Paris, meeting your colleagues, maintaining old friendships, and establishing new ones. But most of all, don't miss an unique opportunity to share the science that is the driving force of our Federation and our profession.

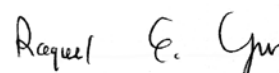
Sincerely yours,



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Prof. Florence Thibaut
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Local Organising
Committee
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Prof. Raquel E. Gur
Co-Chair,
International Scientific Programme
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About the WFSBP Congress 2009

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Preliminary Scientific Programme Schedule

	Saturday, 27 June	Sunday, 28 June	Monday, 29 June
		REGISTRATION 7.00 - 19.00 h	REGISTRATION 6.00 - 18.00 h
7:00			Breakfast Meetings 7.00
7:30			
8:00		Symposia 8.00	Symposia 8.00
8:30		Free Communications	Free Communications
9:00		Young Scientists Award Session 9.30	Young Scientists Award Session 9.30
9:15			
9:30			
9:45		Plenary Lecture 9.45	Plenary Lecture 9.45
10:00			
10:30		Coffee Break 10.30	Coffee Break 10.30
11:00		Symposia 11.00	Symposia 11.00
11:30		Discuss with the Expert Session 12.30	Discuss with the Expert Session 12.30
12:00	12.00		
12:30		Lunch 12.30	Lunch 12.30
13:00		Guided Poster Tours 14.00	Guided Poster Tours 14.00
13:30			
14:00		Luncheon Symposia 14.00	Luncheon Symposia 14.00
14:30			
15:00	REGISTRATION	Coffee Break 15.30	Coffee Break 15.30
15:30		Debates 16.00	Debates 16.00
16:00		Workshops 17.30	Workshops 17.30
16:30		Symposia 17.30	Symposia 17.30
17:00			
17:30	18.00		
18:00		Opening Ceremony 18.00	Satellite Symposia 18.00
18:30		Welcome Reception	
19:00			
19:30			
20:00			
20:30			
21:00			

Call for Symposia and Call for Abstracts

The International Scientific Programme Committee will prepare the symposia of the WFSBP Congress 2009 based upon the abstracts that will be submitted for the congress.

More information about the Call for Symposia and the submission regulations will follow in the 2nd Announcement which will be published in February 2008.

The 2nd Announcement will as well include the Call for Abstracts and authors are invited to submit papers on their most recent research findings.

Abstracts can only be submitted online via the congress website www.wfsbp-congress.org from February 2008 on.

Preliminary Scientific Programme Schedule

	Tuesday, 30 June	Wednesday, 1 July	Thursday, 2 July
	REGISTRATION 6.30 - 18.00 h	REGISTRATION 6.30 - 18.00 h	REGISTRATION 6.30 - 19.00 h
7:00			
7:30	Breakfast Meetings 7.00	Breakfast Meetings 7.00	Breakfast Meetings 7.00
8:00	Symposia 8.00	Symposia 8.00	Symposia 8.00
8:30	Free Communications 8.00	Free Communications 8.00	Free Communications 8.00
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13:30			
14:00	Luncheon Symposia 14.00	Luncheon Symposia 14.00	Luncheon Symposia 14.00
14:30			
15:00	Coffee Break 15.30	Coffee Break 15.30	Coffee Break 15.30
15:30			
16:00	Debates 16.00	Debates 16.00	Debates 16.00
16:30	Workshops 17.30	Workshops 17.30	Workshops 17.30
17:00	Symposia 17.30	Symposia 17.30	Symposia 17.30
17:30			
18:00			
18:30	Satellite Symposia 18.00	Satellite Symposia 18.00	Closing Ceremony 19.00
19:00			
19:30			
20:00			
20:30			
21:00			

**Deadline for online submission of symposia:
1 June 2008**

Deadline for online submission of free communications and posters: 15 December 2008

Please visit the congress website with regular updates on the congress programme of the WFSBP Congress 2009:
www.wfsbp-congress.org

Topics

TOPICS

The Scientific Programme of the WFSBP2009 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. Dementia: Basic/Clinical
9. Depression: Basic/Clinical
10. Eating Disorders: Basic/Clinical
11. Emergency Psychiatry
12. Epidemiology
13. Genetics
14. Hypnotics: Basic/Clinical
15. Liaison Psychiatry
16. Mental Retardation or Chromosomal Aberrations: Basic/Clinical
17. Molecular Neurobiology
18. Mood Stabilisers: Basic/Clinical
19. Neuropathology
20. Neuroimaging: Genetic, Functional, Structural
21. Neurophysiology
22. Obsessive-Compulsive Disorders: Basic/Clinical
23. Oncopsychiatry
24. Pain: Basic/Clinical
25. Panic Disorders: Basic/Clinical
26. Personality Disorders: Basic/Clinical
27. Pharmacoeconomics
28. Pharmacogenetics
29. Pharmacology
30. Posttraumatic Stress: Basic/Clinical
31. Pregnancy, post partum and new born: Basic/Clinical
32. Premenstrual Syndrome: Basic/Clinical
33. Psychogeriatrics
34. Psychoneuroimmunology
35. Psychosurgery
36. Schizophrenia: Basic/Clinical
37. Sexual Disorders: Basic/Clinical
38. Sleep Disorders: Basic/Clinical
39. Somatoform Disorders: Basic/Clinical
40. Stimulation Methods (ECT, TMS, VNS, DBS)
41. Stress: Basic/Clinical
42. Suicide: Basic/Clinical
43. Violence: Basic/Clinical

Format Descriptions of the Scientific Sessions

Opening Lecture

The Opening Lecture will be held during the Opening Ceremony on 28 June 2009.

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. The Symposia will be organised and chaired by the experts whose proposals will be accepted by the International Scientific Programme Committee.

Discuss with the Expert Sessions

In these highly interactive Sessions, experts will discuss cases with the audience. Delegates are expected to take an active part in these discussions. One such 90-minute Session is scheduled for the mid-day slot of each Congress day.

Debates

Debates will be 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.

Workshops

Workshops are 90-minute sessions with an educational focus. They center 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. Handouts will be available for attending delegates.

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 to allocate Free Communications 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 08:00–09:30h. They comprise five 10-minute presentations, each followed by 5 minutes of discussion at the end of the session. An additional Session presents selected posters by young scientists. These posters can be viewed daily, from 29 June to 2 July 2009.

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, but are sessions entirely designed, produced and driven by the pharmaceutical industry by an unrestricted educational grant.

CME Accreditation

The WFSBP 2009 Congress is seeking for accreditation by the European Council for Continuing 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 (AMA).



Congress Registration / Hotel Accommodation

Online registration for the 9th World Congress of Biological Psychiatry is available at www.wfsbp-congress.org

Registration and payment received	Early registration by 15 December 2008	Late registration by 16 June 2009	On-site registration after 16 June 2009
WFSBP Member	480,00	580,00	680,00
Non-Member	580,00	680,00	780,00
Trainee*	240,00	340,00	440,00
Low-Income Countries**	240,00	340,00	440,00
Accompanying Person	100,00	100,00	100,00

* Trainee Status must be confirmed by certificate in writing by head of department and/or must be born after 1 Jan 1969.

** According to the low income countries defined by the world bank. Please see the list on the WFSBP website www.wfsbp-congress.org

Registration fee for WFSBP members, non-members, trainees and participants from developing countries includes:

- Admission to all scientific sessions
- Admission to all Industry sponsored symposia
- Admission to poster and technical exhibition
- Certificate of attendance
- Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception on 28 June 2009
- Light lunch from Sunday, 28 June to Thursday, 2 July 2009
- Coffee breaks from Sunday, 28 June to Thursday, 2 July 2009
- Congress bag with congress materials (final programme, abstract book etc.)
- Use of public transportation system (transportation pass) valid from Sunday, 28 June to Thursday, 2 July 2009

Registration fee for accompanying persons includes:

- Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception on 28 June 2009
- Half day Paris Super City Sightseeing Tour
- Use of public transportation system (transportation pass) valid from Sunday, 28 June to Thursday, 2 July 2009

Hotels in Paris

CPO HANSER SERVICE has officially appointed MCI Group Paris as local partner. MCI Group Paris has reserved a large number of hotel rooms in various hotels in different price categories. The majority of the hotels are located in the city centre.

Hotel bookings are available together with the publication of the Call for Symposia and Call for Abstracts from February 2008 onwards.

Further information will be published in the web or with the publication of the Call for Abstracts.

General Information

Airports

Paris has two international airports: Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport and Orly with international flights from major cities all over the world.

Transport between airport and city / city and Palais de Congrès Paris

All airports are linked to public transport (Roissy Bus or Roissy Rail/RER).

The Palais des Congrès can also be reached easily by public transport or by taxi.

Climate

Paris climate is relatively mild. In June/July, the average temperature is 23°C during the day. Fluctuation between day and night temperatures is about 10°C. Rain is quite rare in these months.

Currency

French currency is EUR. Credit cards are fitly accepted.

Visa

The entry formalities for France vary according to the country of origin. Please address enquiries about entry and vaccination requirements to your travel agent or the local French consulate.

Letter of Invitation

The congress will be pleased to send a formal letter of invitation to any individual requesting one. It is understood that such an 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.

For further information about Paris please visit congress web site (www.wfsbp-congress.org).

City of Paris

Welcome to Paris , Bienvenue à Paris !

The poets have always known it: “Rien ne se peut comparer à Paris”! Nothing compares to Paris.

With these words, the poet Eustache Deschamps praised the uniqueness of the city located on the Seine river in a ballad of the 14th century. He did not even mention cities like Babylon, Troja, Rome and Florence, and his lyrics make it seem like no city existed prior to Paris.

Innumerable artists and literats were attracted by the beautiful city on the Seine river. But Paris offers far more. With a population of more than 2.1 Million, Paris is the capital of France and a center of business and science.

Paris is multicultural. People come to the capital of France from all over the world. The city is divided into two parts. On the right side of the Seine river, there are administration and business buildings including the

stock market, boulevards and stores such as “Galleries Lafayette”, and a lot of shops of popular designers. In addition you will find the office of the President, the Louvre, the Pompidou centre and many artists studios here. The universities and the French Senate are situated on the left side of the Seine river. Palais de Luxembourg is home of the Senate and the National Assembly hold their meetings in Palais Bourbon.

The historical and cultural districts le Marais and Montmartre fascinating with their art museums, galleries, little restaurants, lanes, charming cafés and pubs give an impressive view of old Paris.

Anything you find elsewhere you will also find in Paris. “On monte à Paris” – people move to Paris. You are warmly invited to historical Paris !

Au revoir, bye bye and A bientôt à Paris.



Dates to remember

15 February 2008	Publication of the Call for Symposia and Call for Abstracts
1 June 2008	Deadline for online submission of symposia
15 December 2008	Deadline for online submission of free communications and posters End of early registration fee
16 June 2009	End of late registration fee
28 June 2009	Opening Ceremony of the 9th World Congress of Biological Psychiatry