

6th European Conference on Schizophrenia Research (ECSR)

Advancing Research – Promoting Recovery

Organized by the European Scientific Association
on Schizophrenia and other Psychoses (ESAS)

14 – 16 September 2017
Berlin, Germany

2nd Announcement and Call for Proposals

DATES TO REMEMBER

16 January 2017

Deadline for submission of symposium proposals

10 April 2017

Deadline for submission of abstracts
for oral communication and posters



The ECSR is organized in cooperation with the

World Psychiatric Association (WPA)
and its Section on Schizophrenia



Asian College of Schizophrenia
Research (ACSR)



European Psychiatric Association (EPA)
and its Section on Schizophrenia



Competence Network
on Schizophrenia (CNS)



German Association for Psychiatry, Psy-
chotherapy and Psychosomatics (DGPPN)





Dear Colleagues,

As congress president I would like to invite you to the 6th European Conference on Schizophrenia Research, which will be held from 14 – 16 September 2017 in Berlin (Germany) under the motto **"Advancing Research – Promoting Recovery"**.

In recent years there is a growing interest in the concept of "recovery" and the implementation of a respective strength-based and goal-striving therapeutic approach, anticipating the fact that it is recovery that matters most to our clients and not mere symptom remission. Accordingly recovery-orientation basically requires a co-operative attitude of professionals towards their patients and a significant reorganisation of services. There are different kinds of definitions and models of recovery (e.g. stage and task models), and a considerable number of publications refer to research programmes that accompanied the development of recovery-oriented services, and tested the effectiveness of respective interventions. As Robert Drake stated in a review published in 2014 "...the proliferation of definitions, models, and research on recovery (makes) it vitally important to examine the data to disentangle the evidence from the rhetoric."

The ECSR 2017 intends to contribute exactly to this process of evaluating the evidence, and tries to identify the active ingredients of such interventions and services. Yet despite growing evidence and efforts to disseminate the recovery-concept and implement respective person-centred programmes and services it is obvious that the majority of people with schizophrenia (and other severe mental illnesses) still live in a manner inconsistent with recovery – just remember the high rates of unemployment for example. Thus, there is an urgent need for further collaborative efforts to enhance recovery and for a critical appraisal of current initiatives in order to identify persistent challenges and barriers to achieve the intended improvements. Yet an important issue with regard to evaluation is the complexity of the recovery process that extends to design and methodological aspects of related research.

The ECSR 2017 will be an ideal platform to present new data and findings of research concerning the complex issue of recovery and beyond. Accordingly the active contribution of (basic, clinical, health services) researchers, clinicians and therapists to the scientific programme is most welcome and those are cordially invited to join us.

I look forward to meeting with you in Berlin in autumn 2017 at the ECSR.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Gaebel'.

Wolfgang Gaebel
Congress President

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List of Topics

- » Epidemiology
- » Diagnosis and Classification
- » Psychopathology
- » Comorbidity
- » Drug Treatment
- » Psychosocial Treatment
- » Alternative Treatment Approaches
- » Etiology
- » Animal Models
- » Genetics and Gene-Environment-Interactions
- » Neurobiology
- » Neuropsychology
- » Neuroimaging
- » Psychophysiology
- » Outcome (Quality of Life, Recovery, etc.)
- » Stigma
- » Quality Assurance
- » Health Services Research
- » Other Topic

The scientific programme will be organized in clinical and basic research tracks. Accordingly for online submission you will first be asked for a respective classification of your abstract as:

- » Basic » Clinical

and then you can choose from the topic list above.

Applicants of symposia are hereby kindly invited to submit proposals for symposia to be included in the scientific programme. Each symposium is scheduled for 90 min and shall include four presentations and time for discussion at the end of the session.

Submissions shall include:

- » a descriptive abstract
- » names and affiliation of the chair and co-chair
- » names and affiliation of speakers and titles of their presentation
- » educational objectives
- » information about potential conflicts of interest

Respective abstracts for each single presentation only need to be submitted after the symposium has been accepted. All speakers must have agreed to participate prior to submission. All proposals will be reviewed by the Scientific Programme Committee and by the International Advisory Programme Committee with regard to quality of the content and relevance to the major topics of the conference.

Please note: Symposia involving speakers from more than one European country will be given priority.

Authors interested in actively contributing to the scientific programme with an oral or poster presentation are also invited to submit a respective abstract. All submissions will be reviewed by the Programme Committees and scheduled as oral or poster presentations. Accepted presentations will be grouped by topics into thematic oral sessions or thematic guided poster sessions in order to promote discussions.

Deadlines and Dates

Submission of symposium and workshop proposals:

16 January 2017

Notification of acceptance or rejection:

End of February 2017

Submission of abstracts for oral communication and posters:

10 April 2017

Notification of acceptance or rejection:

End of May 2017

Proposals are to be submitted online at:

www.schizophrenianet.eu.

Our website also provides detailed instructions for submission of proposals. Please note that online submission is mandatory.

We encourage submitting authors to register via the online registration system along with the abstract submission. The acceptance of abstracts by the Programme Committees does not imply any financial assistance but a fee reduction in terms of applying the early bird rate to all active participants to be paid by **30 June 2017**. Active participants missing this date for payment will be charged the regular registration fee.

| Registration fees | Reduced registration fee before 19 June 2017 ¹ EUR | Registration fee after 19 June 2017 EUR |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| ESAS-members | 410 | 500 |
| Non-members | 470 | 570 |
| Trainees ² | 370 | 470 |

¹ Active participants will be charged early bird rates to be paid by 30 June 2017.

² Non-tenured junior scientists or clinical residents in training under 35 years (to be confirmed by head of department).

The registration fee of the main conference includes:

- » attendance to the scientific symposia and guided poster sessions
- » final programme
- » (CME-)certificate of attendance
- » attendance to the networking reception on 14 September 2017
- » tea/coffee during the official morning and afternoon breaks
- » snacks and refreshments during lunch breaks

Online registration at:

www.schizophrenianet.eu

Confirmation

Upon receipt of the registration and the corresponding payment, the congress office will send a confirmation form to the participant which also serves as an invoice. In order to enable a smooth running onsite registration process we appreciate if you will present this confirmation at the registration counter when picking up your congress material.

CME Accreditation

CME credits are applied for the ECSR 2017.

Payment

When registering for the congress, please arrange for payment of the registration fee. All payments must be made in EUR. You can choose between two forms of payment:

» Credit card

(AMEX, Eurocard/Mastercard, Visa)

» Bank transfer to

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Cancellation of Congress Participation

Notice of cancellation should be sent in writing only to the Congress Office CPO HANSER SERVICE. In case of cancellation by 31 July 2017 the payment will be refunded, minus a handling charge of EUR 50. No refund will be made after 31 July 2017.

Congress Language

Congress language will be English without simultaneous translation.

Format Descriptions

The scientific programme will comprise the following formats:

Lectures

Invited lectures of 45 min each, covering current hot spots in schizophrenia research and given by leading international experts.

Symposia

Pre-arranged and submitted symposia of 90 min each, including four presentations and 15 min time for discussion covering major topics of the conference. Both symposia that are rather research oriented and those with a more clinical focus will be included.

Pro and Con Debates

During the daily pre-arranged 90-minutes debates current controversial issues will be introduced and discussed. One moderator and two discussants (pro and con) will raise interactive and lively debates.

Workshops

Pre-arranged and submitted workshops allowing for detailed discussion on scientific topics in particular serving transnational collaboration across Europe. Participation is included in the registration fee.

Oral Presentation Sessions

Submitted presentations grouped by topics into thematic oral sessions of 90 min, including six papers each.

Poster Sessions

Submitted presentations grouped by topics into thematic guided poster sessions.

Preliminary Scientific Programme

| Room | Plenary Room | Room Harvard | Room Stanford | Room Princeton | Room Yale |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
| Time | | | | | |
| Thursday, 14 September 2017 | | | | | |
| 09:30 – 11:00 | S 1 | S 2 | S 3 | S 4 | |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Coffee Break | | | | |
| 11:30 – 12:15 | Opening Ceremony | | | | |
| 12:15 – 13:00 | Lecture P 1 | | | | |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | Lunch Break / Poster Sessions | | | | |
| 14:30 – 16:00 | D 1 | S 5 | S 6 | S 7 | W 1 |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | Coffee Break | | | | |
| 16:30 – 18:00 | S 8 | S 9 | S 10 | O 1 | |
| 18:00 – 19:00 | Networking Reception | | | | |
| Friday, 15 September 2017 | | | | | |
| 08:30 – 10:00 | S 11 | S 12 | S 13 | O 2 | W 2 |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Coffee Break | | | | |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | S 14 | S 15 | S 16 | O 3 | |
| 12:15 – 13:00 | Lecture P 2 | | | | |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | Lunch Break / Poster Sessions | | | | |
| 14:30 – 16:00 | S 17 | D 2 | S 18 | S 19 | |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | Coffee Break | | | | |
| 16:30 – 18:00 | S 20 | S 21 | S 22 | O 4 | W 3 |
| 18:15 – 19:45 | S 23 | S 24 | S 25 | | |
| Saturday, 16 September 2017 | | | | | |
| 08:30 – 10:00 | S 26 | D 3 | S 27 | O 5 | |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Coffee Break | | | | |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | S 28 | S 29 | S 30 | O 6 | W 4 |
| 12:15 – 13:00 | Lecture P 3 | | | | |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | Lunch Break / Poster Sessions | | | | |
| 14:30 – 16:00 | S 31 | S 32 | S 33 | S 34 | |

- P – Plenary Lectures
- S – Symposia (Basic and Clinical)
- O – Oral presentations/Free communications
- W – Workshops
- D – Debates



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