

# 7th European Conference on Schizophrenia Research (ECSR)

Schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders:  
Time for precision medicine?

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

**26 – 28 September 2019**  
**Berlin, Germany**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement and Call for Proposals

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**14 January 2019**

Deadline for submission of symposium proposals



**15 April 2019**

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 the congress president it is a great pleasure to invite you to the 7<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Schizophrenia Research, which will be held from 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in Berlin (Germany) under the motto "**Schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders: Time for precision medicine?**"

In recent years, psychiatric research more and more focuses on approaches apt to target therapies to the individual and to predict the course of illness from an early stage on. Respective concepts were labelled as personalised or individualised. Driven by new diagnostics and therapeutics, the more comprehensive term of precision medicine nowadays is used in this context. Precision medicine takes into account individual variability in genes, environment, and lifestyle for each person in order to be able to predict more accurately which treatment and prevention strategies for a particular disease will work in which groups of people with similar clinical characteristics. Since psychoses in general and especially schizophrenia present as quite heterogeneous disorders, a common "one-size-fits-all" approach obviously has problems to appropriately meet individual needs.

However, whether time for precision medicine has already come instead with regard to schizophrenia and other psychoses, is also not clear yet. Therefore, we have chosen the motto for the upcoming ECSR with the aim to evaluate recent technological advances and current evidence emerging from various disciplines like (pharmaco)genetics, imaging, specific psychotherapies, etc. to shed light on this question.

In order to provide this comprehensive scope of evidence, we count on your active contribution by presenting own research in the field and experience with clinical strategies to apply precision medicine.

The ECSR is being established as a platform to present new data and findings of schizophrenia research. Also in 2019, the ECSR will be the perfect forum for scientific exchange on all facets of our motto including remaining challenges and unsolved questions. The critical appraisal of current evidence of precision medicine with regard to psychoses hopefully will also lead to discuss a respective research agenda. By meeting with international experts the conference might even result in the initiation of consortia to collaborate on relevant topics further promoting precision medicine in schizophrenia diagnostics, therapies and care, and in the end translating knowledge into better outcomes.

I cordially invite you to submit your own work aiming at optimizing care for each schizophrenia patients. Please highlight the congress dates in your calendar and join us in autumn 2019!

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

Sincerely yours,

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

Wolfgang Gaebel  
Congress President

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The scientific programm of ECSR 2019 will be organised in clinical und basic research tracks. In the first step of your abstract submission you will be asked for a classification in one of these tracks:

» Basic » Clinical

In the second step you can choose from the below topic list:

**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
- » Early Recognition and Prediction of Psychosis
- » Outcome (Quality of Life, Recovery, etc.)
- » Stigma
- » Quality Assurance
- » Health Services Research
- » Other Topics

## Call for Symposia/Call for Abstracts

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.

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

Also authors of oral presentations or posters are kindly invited to submit an abstract for contribution to the conference. 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 tours in order to promote discussions.

### Deadlines and Dates

**Submission of symposium proposals:**  
**14 January 2019**

**Notification of acceptance or rejection:**  
**Beginning of March 2019**

**Submission of abstracts for oral communication and posters:**  
**15 April 2019**

**Notification of acceptance or rejection:**  
**End of May 2019**

**Proposals are to be submitted online at:**  
**[www.schizophrenianet.eu](http://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 **31 July 2019**. Active participants missing this date for payment will be charged the regular registration fee.

Registration fees	Reduced registration fee until 1 June 2019 <sup>1)</sup> EUR	Registration fee from 2 June 2019 EUR
ESAS-members	370	470
Non-members	470	570
Trainees <sup>2)</sup>	370	470

<sup>1)</sup> Active participants will be charged early bird rates to be paid by 31 July 2019.

<sup>2)</sup> Non-tenured junior scientists or clinical residents in training under 35 years (to be confirmed by head of department). During the online registration process it will be mandatory to upload an according proof of your status.

## The registration fee of the main conference includes:

- » attendance to the scientific symposia and guided poster sessions
- » final programme and use of congress app
- » tea/coffee during the official breaks on 26–28 September 2019
- » (CME-)certificate of attendance
- » attendance to the networking reception on 26 September 2019

Online registration at:  
[www.schizophrenianet.eu](http://www.schizophrenianet.eu)

## 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  
**Hanser & Co w/ECSR 2019**  
DB Privat- und Firmenkundenbank AG  
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IBAN: DE 11 1007 0024 0108 9697 32

## 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. Please show this confirmation of participation at the registration counter when picking up your congress material.

## CME Accreditation

CME credits will be applied for the ECSR 2019.

## 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 2019 the payment will be refunded, minus a handling charge of EUR 50. No refund will be made after 31 July 2019.

## 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.

#### **State-of-the-Art Lectures**

The state-of-the-art lectures will provide a comprehensive update on current knowledge in the respective field. These lectures will be delivered by top European schizophrenia experts and will last 45 minutes.

#### **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.

#### **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 Time	Plenary Room	Room Harvard	Room Stanford	Room Princeton
<b>Thursday, 26 September 2019</b>				
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	P-1			
13:00 – 14:30			Lunch Break/ Poster Sessions	
14:30 – 16:00	SA-1	S-5	S-6	O-1
16:00 – 16:30			Coffee Break	
16:30 – 18:00	D-1	S-7	S-8	O-2
18:00 – 19:00			Networking Reception	
<b>Friday, 27 September 2019</b>				
08:30 – 10:00	S-9	S-10	S-11	S-12
10:00 – 10:30			Coffee Break	
10:30 – 12:00	D-2	S-13	S-14	O-3
12:15 – 13:00	P-2			
13:00 – 14:30			Lunch Break/ Poster Sessions	
14:30 – 16:00	SA-2	S-15	S-16	S-17
16:00 – 16:30			Coffee Break	
16:30 – 18:00	S-18	S-19	S-20	O-4
<b>Saturday, 28 September 2019</b>				
08:30 – 10:00	S-21	S-22	S-23	O-5
10:00 – 10:30			Coffee Break	
10:30 – 12:00	SA-3	S-24	S-25	S-26
12:15 – 13:00	P-3			
13:00 – 14:30			Lunch Break/ Poster Sessions	
14:30 – 16:00	S-27	S-28	S-29	O-6

- P –** Plenary Lecture
- S –** Symposium (Basic and Clinical)
- O –** Oral presentation
- SA –** State-of the-Art Lecture
- D –** Debates



### **Conference Venue**

#### **Seminaris Science & Conference Center**

The 'Dahlem Cube'

Takustraße 39

14195 Berlin, Germany

[www.seminaris.de/hotels/  
seminaris-campushotel-berlin.html](http://www.seminaris.de/hotels/seminaris-campushotel-berlin.html)

### **Scientific Organizer**

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[www.esasnet.eu](http://www.esasnet.eu)

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