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Award

Manfred Lautenschläger - European Alcohol Research 2007

welcome

Dear Colleagues,

With great pleasure we invite you to the 11th Congress of the European Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism (ESBRA) September 2007 in Berlin, the metropolis where East meets West at the heart of a changing Europe.

On behalf of the ESBRA Board of Directors and the Organizing Committee of the Congress, all scientists from both basic and clinical research interested in studying the medical and social consequences of alcohol abuse are heartily invited to attend the ESBRA Congress 2007.

At this congress, internationally renowned scientists and clinicians will deliver an insight into their newest contributions to the research on alcohol and to the treatment of alcoholism. The multiplicity of symposia will surely be stimulating for all participants and will help to broaden your perspective on problems associated with consumption of alcohol and alcohol related diseases.

Abstracts for oral communications and posters can be submitted until May 1st. Six to eight abstracts can be submitted together for a workshop. For symposia (about four speakers), there are only two slots left on Sunday.

We are confident that the 11th Congress of ESBRA will prove to be scientifically fruitful and will do everything within our power to ensure that your stay with us will be a pleasant one.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Berlin in September 2007.

Yours sincerely,

Andreas Heinz, Prof. MD.

The biannual peripatetic congress on biomedical research on alcoholism is held by the European Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism (ESBRA).

The site of the congress changes every two years. In 2007, we, the Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy at the Charité - University Medical Center Berlin, have the pleasure of organizing this congress.

Our aim is to present in 2007 first class scientific studies of the highest standard by European researcher who will introduce their work and will be available for open discussions. The target groups are clinically working members of the medical profession as well as scientists working in the field of alcohol research or related topics.

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Prof. Andreas Heinz

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symposia

No.	Title	Chairs	Speakers
Sunday, 14:00 h - 15:30 h			
01	Antiepileptics in alcoholism	Schäfer, M Soyka, M	
02	New Biomarkers of Ethanol Intake – how to use, when to use	Wurst, FM Allen, JP	Wurst, FM Sundström, I Yegles, M Allen, JP
03	To be announced		
04	To be announced		
Sunday, 16:00 h - 17:30 h			
05	Genetics of alcoholism: what's new	Preuss, UW Samochowiec, J	Samochowiec, J Bleich, S Fehr, C Preuss, UW
06	Alcohol and cancer	Ishii, H Seitz, HK	Wang, XD Halsted Salaspuro, M Yokoyama, YA Seitz, HK
07	Alcohol: An immunological Jack-of-all-trades	Spies, C Kovacs, EJ	Kovacs, EJ Sander, M Vander Top, EA/ Gentry-Nielsen Lanzke, N Meisel, C
08	Intracellular actions of ethanol	Rommelspacher, H Bakalkin, G	Bakalkin, G Guerra, C Crews, FT Hellmann, J

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Monday, 09:00 h - 10:30 h

09	Genetic approaches to alcohol dependence	Wernicke, C Angelescu, I	Scholz, H Wernicke, C Paldi, A Yin, SJ
10	ESBRA-ISBRA joint-meeting	Seitz, H Saito,	NN
11	Typologies in alcohol dependence – basic and clinical results. <i>First part</i>	Lesch, OM Reynaud, M	Pombo, S Crews, FT Hesselbrock, V Samochowiec, J Walter, H
12	Focus on CDT – Measurement, standardization and clinical application	Helander, A Neumann, T	Jeppsson, JO Thormann Arndt, E Bortolotti F/ Tagliaro Helander, A Helander, A/ Neumann, T

Monday, 13:30 h - 15:00 h

13	Asian-Pacific-European-symposium	Colombo, G Tateno M	Kim DJ Tateno M McGregor IS Bienkowski P Kiefer F
14	Progression factors in alcoholic liver disease	Seitz, HK Albano, E	Stickel, F Cortez-Pinto, H Albano, E French, S Schuppan, D
15	Typologies in alcohol dependence – basic and clinical results. <i>Second part</i>	Bleich, S Walter, H	Lesch, OW Benyamina, A Grünberger, J Kupitsky, E Sperling, W Reynaud, M

symposia

No.	Title	Chairs	Speakers
16	Neuroadaptative Alterations underlying Vulnerability to Ethanol Consumption and Efficacy to Drug Treatment	Manzanares, J Rubio, G	Naassila, M Kuzmin, A Manzanares, J Rubio, G Heinz, A
Monday, 18:30 h - 19:30 h			
17	Symposium DG Sucht	Mann, K Berglund, M	Smolka, M Soyka M Mann, K Berglund, M Wiesbeck G
18	Symposium Suchtakademien	Wodarz, N	
19	Symposium Schulen und Sucht		
20	DSM-V and ICD-11 symposium	Heinz, A Lesch, O	Heilig, M Hesselbrock, V Heinz, A Spanagel, R
Tuesday, 09:00 h - 10:30 h			
21	Alcohol and Nicotine: Clinical and Treatment Issues	Wiesbeck, GA Singer, MV	Pfützer, R Siegmond, S Wodarz, N Müller, S
22	Understanding and defining MI and its adaptations mechanisms using content analyses	Lesch, O Daeppen, JB	Amrhein, P Moyers, T Gaume, J Daeppen, JB Bertholet, N Strang, J McCambridge, J Miller, W Rollnick, S

No.	Title	Chairs	Speakers
23	Alcohol Addiction and Schizophrenia	Heinz, A Kienast, T	Smolka, M Dolan, R Schultz, W Kienast, T Cumming, P Everitt, B
24	To be announced		

Tuesday, 13:30 h - 15:00 h

25	Animal behavioural models - personality profiles of relevance for reward mechanisms	Roman, E Van den Bos, R	Meyerson, BJ Roman, E Van den Bos, R Wargelius, HL
26	Acetaldehyde, alcohol-induced behaviours and alcoholism: clinical and experimental perspectives	Quertemont, E Yin, SJ	Yin, SJ Diana, M Isse T Israel, Y Quertemont, E
27	Young Investigator	Colombo, G Kienast, T	NN
28	Moderate consumption of alcoholic beverages: is there really a beneficial effect?	Preedy, V Fernandez-Solà, J	Preedy, V Fernandez-Solà, J Andres-Lacueva, C Marfella, R Olive, MB Pai JK Elkind, MSV

symposia

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Wednesday, 09:00 h - 10:30 h			
29	GABAB receptor: a new target for treating alcohol dependence?	Leite-Morris, KA Colombo, G	Bettler, B Colombo, G Leite-Morris, KA Addolorato, G
30	Ethanol consumption and reward-related mechanisms in experimental animals – role of amino acids	Söderpalm, B Spanagel, R	Spanagel, R De Witte, P Söderpalm, B Ericson, M
31	Perioperative management of surgical patients	Spies, C Tonnesen, H	Tonnesen, H Von Dossow, V Neumann, T Kürer, I Schönfeld, H
32	Genes, environment, pharmacotherapy: interactions and targets	Kiefer, F Franck, J	Kiefer, F Schumann, G Munafo, M Franck, J
Wednesday, 13:30 h - 15:00 h			
33	Hormones and drinking behaviour: new findings on Ghrelin, Insulin, Leptin, and volume regulating hormones	Addolorato, G Bleich, S	Jerlhag, E Leggio, L Kraus, T Hillemacher, T
34	Gene expression and genetic variability in alcohol preferring rat lines	Hyytiä, P Sommer, W	Björk, K Hansson, A Spanagel, R Sommer, W
35	The brain arousal system and alcohol addiction	Ciccocioppo, R Roberto, M	De Lecea, L Bonci, A Weiss, F Ciccocioppo, R
36	Clinical and biological aspects of Alcohol detoxification	Junghanns Wetterling	

Scientific Program ESBRA 2007

Sunday 23 rd	Monday 24 th
	09.00-10.30: Symposia 9 10 11 12
	10.30-11.00: Coffee/Tea
	11.00-12.00: Plenary Lecture 2
12.00-16.00: Registration Desk	12.00-13.30: Lunch/Poster Sess.1
14.00-15.30: Symposia 1 2 3 4	13.30-15.00: Symposia 13 14 15 16
15.30-16.00: Coffee/Tea	15.00-15.30: Coffee/Tea
16.00-17.30: Symposia 5 6 7 8	15.30-16.30: Oral Communi- cation 1 2 3
17.30-18.00: Coffee/Tea	16.30-17.00: Coffee/Tea
18.00-18.30: Opening Ceremony	17.00-18.00: Oral Communi- cation 4 5 6
18.30-19.30: Plenary Lecture 1	18.30-19.30: Symposia 17 18 19 20
19.30-XX: Get together	20.00: Congress Evening and Award

preliminary program

September 23rd - 26th

Tuesday 25th

09.00-10.30: Symposia
21|22|23|24

10.30-11.00: Coffee/Tea

11.00-12.00: Plenary Lecture 3

12.00-13.30: Lunch/Poster
Sess. 2

13.30-15.00: Symposia
25|26|27|28

15.00-15.30: Coffee/Tea

15.30-16.30: Oral Communi-
cation 7|8|9

16.30-17.00: Coffee/Tea

17.00-18.00: Oral Communi-
cation 10|11|12

18.00-18.30: Coffee/Tea

18.30-19.30: ESBRA Members
Meeting

Wednesday 26th

09.00-10.30: Symposia
29|30|31|32

10.30-11.00: Coffee/Tea

11.00-12.00: Plenary Lecture 4

12.00-13.30: Lunch

13.30-15.00: Symposia
33|34|35|36

15.00-15.30: Coffee/Tea

15.30-16.30: Oral Communi-
cation 13|14|15

17.00-17.30: Closing Ceremony

General information

Congress Venue:

Forum 3, Lehrgebäude (Teaching Building)
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Special awards:

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Language:

The official congress language is English.
There will be no simultaneous translation provided.

Registration

Please register online at www.esbra2007.com.

Registration fees

Early Registration until May 15th, 2007:

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Accompanying person	€ 300,00

Please note that the registration fee does not include VAT.

Registration fee includes:

Attendance of scientific sessions, Final Program and Abstract Book – journal Alcohol and Alcoholism, participation in the welcome reception/ Get-together, lunches during the congress and coffee breaks.

Registration fee for accompanying persons includes:

Participation in the welcome reception/ Get-together, lunches during the congress and coffee breaks.

Methods of payment

The registration fee can be paid by credit card (VISA, EURO/MASTER) or by bank transfer. Cheques will not be accepted.

By Bank transfer to the account:

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Please mention your full name and the Keyword „ESBRA 07“.

Cancellation:

Cancellations must be sent to INTERPLAN in written. A 50% refund can be made for cancellations received before August 13th, 2007. After that date there will be no refund of registration fee.

Abstracts

All participants of the Congress are invited to submit an abstract. Abstracts should be submitted online at www.esbra2007.com/abstracts.php.

- The deadline for abstract submission is the 1st May 2007.
- The abstract should not exceed a maximum of 270 words.
- Titles should be short (70 char. max.).
- The presenting author has to be registered and his/her full mailing and e-mail address should be included.
- All abstracts should be written in English.

All accepted abstracts will be published in the journal Alcohol and Alcoholism.

general information

AWARD

Manfred Lautenschläger - European Alcohol Research 2007

A new ESBRA award has been installed by the support of Mr. Manfred Lautenschläger, Heidelberg, Germany.

The award in the amount of € 25,000 will be granted to a well-established alcohol researcher in the field who has contributed strongly to the understanding of alcohol-related and alcohol-associated diseases or the development of treatment strategies in alcohol-associated diseases. The recipient of the award must have devoted most of his academic and research career to alcohol research. In addition, a short outline of a future research program should accompany the application. The price money is thought to make the realization of this research program possible.

Applicants should send their CV, publication list and project description directly by regular mail to the President of ESBRA:

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Social Events

WELCOME RECEPTION AND GET TOGETHER

September 23rd, 2007, 7 p.m.

We will meet you in the Congress Venue to join the welcome reception and get-together with typical regional food. We are looking forward to welcoming all participants.

Price: included in the registration fee

CONGRESS EVENING – Restaurant “Zur Nolle”

September 24th, 2007, 8 p.m.

S-Bahnbogen 203, Georgenstraße, 10117 Berlin

Welcome to the “Nolle”-restaurant in the typical original traditional atmosphere. You can still enjoy the charm and ambiance of Old Berlin, while dining in this Art Deco Location and eating typical food.

Price: EUR 55,- (including buffet, wine, beer and soft drinks)

SIGHTSEEING - City Tour of Berlin (3 hours)

September 25th, 2007

from Campus Rudolf Virchow, 2 p.m.

See the most interesting sights of Berlin during this tour by bus. The exiting city of Berlin - historic, futuristic, always changing. You will experience the pulsating metropolis from its most beautiful sides: Potsdamer Platz, Cultural Forum, the Victory Column and of course the famous Brandenburg Gate.

Continue on the boulevard “Unter den Linden” to see the German State Opera, Berlin Cathedral, the square of Gendarms Market, and the restored Reichstag, seat of the German parliament with its new glass cupola. Have a look at Bellevue Palace, drive along the well-known shopping boulevard Kurfürstendamm, pass by Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church and Charlottenburg Palace.

Price: EUR 30,- per person (entrance fee not included)

Minimum of participants: 15

Accommodation

Hotel List:

(All hotels are connected by public transfer in 25 to 30 minutes.)
All rates are quoted per room and night and include breakfast and all taxes. Bookings need to be guaranteed either by a deposit or a credit card. The deposit amount must be payed to the mentioned bank account until July 2nd, 2007 and will be later deducted from your hotel bill. If you indicate your credit card (number and expiry date) the reservation is guaranteed and no deposit will be charged. With your booking you agree that Interplan is entitled to forward the credit card information to the hotel.

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Hotel	Single	Double
4 Star Category		
NH Hotel Berlin Mitte (4*+) Leipziger St.,r. 106 – 111	164,-	182,-
Dorint Novotel Berlin Mitte Fischerinsel 12	154,-	184,-
Mercure Hotel & Residenz Berlin Checkpoint Charlie Schützenstr. 11	127,-	158,-
3 Star Category		
Mercure Hotel Berlin an der Charité Invalidenstr. 38	82,50	106,50
Hotel Albrechtshof Albrechtstr. 8	90,-	107,-
Hotel Allegra Albrechtstr. 17	90,-	107,-

We would like to inform you that hotel bookings that are not guaranteed by credit card or deposit payment until July 2nd, 2007 will be cancelled automatically from our side

For total cancellation until July 2nd, 2007 (except: NH Hotel Berlin Mitte: until May 31st, 2007), INTERPLAN will charge EUR 50,00 arrangement fee.

In case of any cancellation after July 2nd, 2007 or in case of no show or lost room nights due to later arrival and earlier departure, the hotel is entitled to charge the cancellation fee which can amount up to 90% of the accommodation costs. Reservation changes, cancellations, etc. must be sent to INTERPLAN in written (e-mail, fax or letter). We have to charge EUR 25,00 for any changes after your reservation.

For reservation and further information please go to www.esbra2007.com.

General Information

Berlin is the capital of the Federal Republic of Germany. Covering an area of 891.82 km², it is also the country's largest city with a population of 3.4 million. It is an influential center of culture, politics and science, a major tourist center and home to people from over 180 nations.

Berlin public transport

Berlin has an extensive public transport system, consisting of S-Bahn (a mostly overground urban railway system), U-Bahn (mainly underground rail system), busses and trams. All of these can be accessed with the same ticket, available from counters or ticket machines at the S- and U-Bahn stations or directly from the bus drivers. Different kinds of day passes and group tickets are also available. All three main airports and all train stations are easily accessible by public transport.

Reaching the congress venue by public transport

The Charité Campus Virchow Klinikum can be reached by bus, tram, U- and S-Bahn. Take the bus 221 or 106 or the U-Bahn line 9 to the station Amrumer Straße.

If you use the trams M13 or 50 to stop at Virchow Klinikum, please use the entrance Seestraße. The nearest S-Bahn station is Westhafen on the S-Bahn line 9. Please find route maps in the internet at <http://www.esbra2007.com/venue.html>

Currency

The unit of currency is the Euro (€), divided into 100 cents. ATMs and exchange bureaux are widely available. The major credit cards are becoming more widely accepted in many large shops, hotels and restaurants, although Germans themselves prefer to carry cash.

Travellers cheques are best cashed at exchange bureaux, as banks often won't change them. The quickest and most convenient way to change money is to obtain cash from one of the ATM machines that are ubiquitous features of all German streets.

Banks are closed on weekends, but exchange bureaux at airports and main railway stations are open daily from 6am to 10pm.

general information

Passports and Visas

Citizens of European Union (EU) member states only need a valid identity card or passport and do not require visas.

US citizens in possession of a valid US passport do not need a visa (for stays up to 90 days). The passport must not expire before the end of the scheduled trip.

Participants from other countries should consult the nearest German consulate for more information.

Time

Central European Time (GMT + 1); from 25/03/07 to 28/10/07
Daylight Saving Time (GMT + 2).

Closing times

Shops in the main touristic areas are usually open until 20.00
Monday to Saturday and closed on Sunday.

Most museums are closed on Monday.

There is no compulsory closing time for pubs.

Electricity

220 volts, 50Hz. European-style two-pin plugs are standard.

Telephone

The international access code for Germany is +49. The outgoing code is 00 followed by the relevant country code (e.g. 0044 for the United Kingdom). Note that telephone numbers in Germany can range from four to nine digits.

There are surcharges on international calls made from hotels; it is often cheaper to use public telephone boxes in post offices, which use phone cards. The local mobile phone operators use GSM networks and have roaming agreements with most international operators.

Local emergency telephone numbers are 112 (fire and ambulance) and 110 (police).

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