

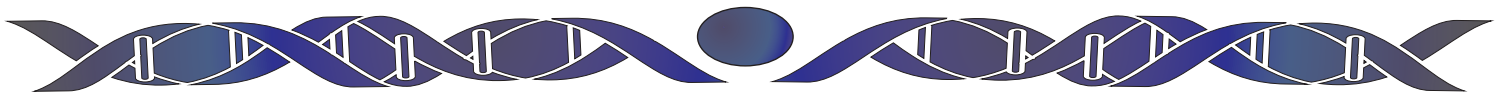


From Biomarkers to Better Care: Next Decade of Progress

Biological Psychiatry Congress 20

Protea Hotel, Stellenbosch
Western Cape, South Africa
22 - 25 September 2011

**1st Announcement &
Call for Abstracts**



Invitation

Dear Colleagues

It is both a huge pleasure and privilege to invite you to the Biological Psychiatry 2011 Congress on behalf of the organising committee of the Biological Psychiatry Special Interest Group (South African Society of Psychiatrists [SASOP]). We have an outstanding round-up of plenary speakers (local and international), workshops and parallel tracks and the organising committee has put together a program of high quality and interest. Once again, we have partnered with the South African Neuroscience Society (SANS) and look forward to co-hosting a stimulating neuroscience session.

Cape Town is arguably the perfect setting for our meeting which, for over 10 years, has been a fixture on the SASOP calendar. This year's meeting draws on the theme of how to translate newly gained knowledge of biology and molecular genetics into more effective diagnoses and treatments, using state of the art tools and technologies. Despite uncovering some nuggets of gold, guarded optimism is still the order of the day. It remains to be seen whether developments in technical capabilities (for example, those underlying high-throughput genomic approaches) will add incremental value to our clinical practice.

Discovery of molecular signatures of common psychiatric disorders have potential utility in clinical management and in elucidating disease mechanisms, however the hunt for biomarkers that can be routinely used in the clinic is some way behind. Will we be able to produce clinically useful biomarkers over the next decade that will revolutionise our treatment approaches in psychiatry? We look forward to the opportunity to engage you on this very challenging issue.

This year's scientific and social programmes are not to be missed! Join us at the meeting in the beautiful Stellenbosch winelands in September (September 22- 25).

Soraya Seedat (chair)
Biological Psychiatry Interest Group
24 March 2011

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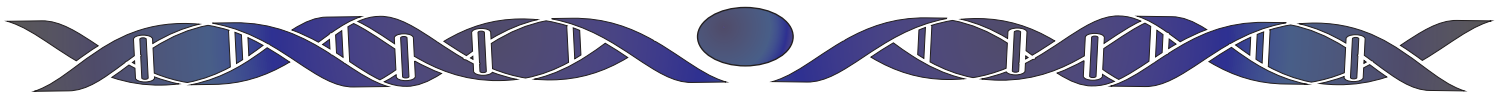
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Dr Fabrizio Benedetti - Italy

Department of Neuroscience
University of Turin Medical School and National Institute of Neuroscience (INN), Turin, Italy

Prof Guy Goodwin - UK

Department of Psychiatry
Warneford Hospital, University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom

Dr Irshaad Ebrahim - UK

The London Sleep Centre, Harley Street, London
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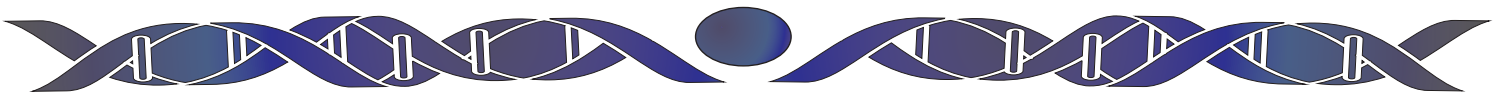
Professor, Psychiatry and Paediatrics
Division of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
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Prof Micaela Morelli – Italy

Professor of Pharmacology
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Prof Philip A. May – USA

Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Family and Community Medicine
University of New Mexico (UNM), USA



Schedule-At-A-Glance

Wednesday 21 September 2011

17h00 Exhibitors build up

Thursday 22 September 2011

10h00 – 17h00 SASOP National Council Meeting

13h00 – 14h00 Lunch & Registration for Workshop Delegates

Pre-congress workshops:

14h00 – 16h30

(1) CBT for Anxiety Disorders (Mr Jaco Rossouw)

(2) Psychopharmacology of Sleep Disorders (Dr Irshaad Ebrahim & Dr Kevin Rosman)

(3) Medical management of Opioid Use Disorders (Dr Volker Hitzeroth & Dr Lize Weich)

16h30

Registration for congress opens

17h30

Welcome & Opening Keynote Address

18h30

Cocktail function

Friday 23 September 2011

07h15 – 08h15 Breakfast symposium

08h30 – 10h30 **Plenary Session 1**

10h30 – 11h00 Tea break

11h00 – 13h00 **Plenary Session 2**

13h00 – 14h00 Lunch

14h00 – 16h00 Parallel Sessions & SIG meetings

16h00 – 16h30 Tea break

16h30 – 18h30 **College of Psychiatrists' AGM**

19h00 Speakers' Dinner

Free evening for all delegates

Friday 23 September 2011 – SANS Parallel Symposium

“From the Laboratory Bench to Clinical Application”

08h30 – 10h30 **Plenary Session**

10h30 – 11h00 Tea break

11h00 – 13h00 Symposium: Neurobiology of Depression

13h00 – 14h00 Lunch

14h00 – 16h00 Presentations by SANS invited speakers

16h00 – 16h30 Tea

16h30 – 18h00 Poster presentations

Saturday 24 September 2011

07h15 – 08h15 Breakfast symposium

08h30 – 10h30 **Plenary Session 3**

10h30 – 11h00 Tea break

11h00 – 13h00 **Plenary Session 4**

13h00 – 14h00 Lunch

14h00 – 16h00 Parallel Sessions & SIG meetings

16h00 – 16h30 Tea break

16h30 – 17h30 **SASOP AGM**

19h00 Theme Dinner.

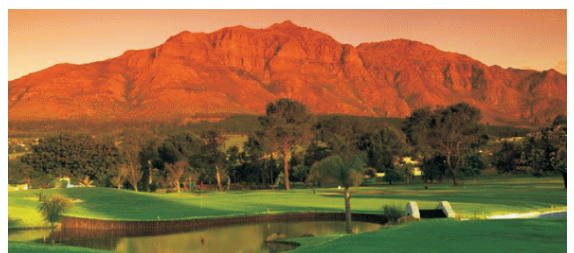
Sunday 25 September 2011

08h30 – 10h30 **Plenary Session 5**

10h30 – 11h00 Tea break

11h00 – 12h00 **Plenary Session 6**

12h00 Closing & Prize Giving



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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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- Admission to all scientific sessions for the duration of the congress including breakfast symposia.
- Congress bag.
- Programme, abstract book and other important material.
- Luncheons and teas
- Admission to Welcome Cocktail function & Gala Dinner.
- The accompanying delegates fee of R500.00 includes admission to the social events but not to the scientific sessions.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

The registration form must be completed in full. (See enclosed registration form). You may submit your registration form on-line (www.sasop.co.za) or print out the registration form and fax to Londocor on +27 11 768 1174. Alternatively e-mail to stacey@londocor.co.za

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LANGUAGE

The congress will be conducted in English. No translation service will be available.

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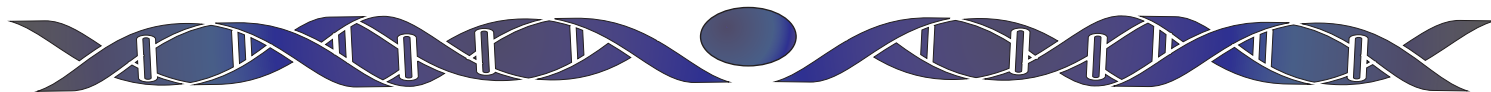
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Call for Abstracts

The Scientific Committee invites the submission of abstracts for oral and poster presentation.

The theme of the conference is

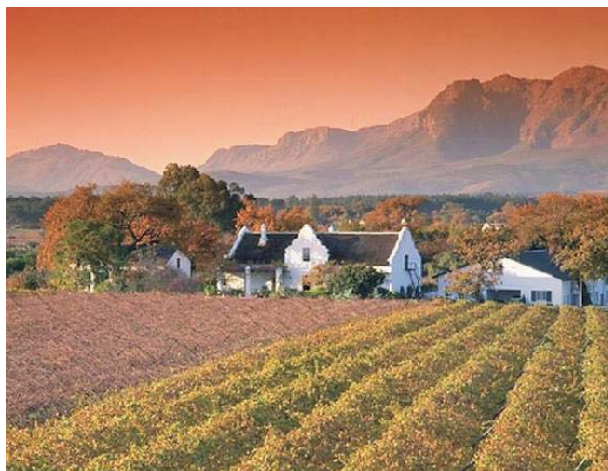
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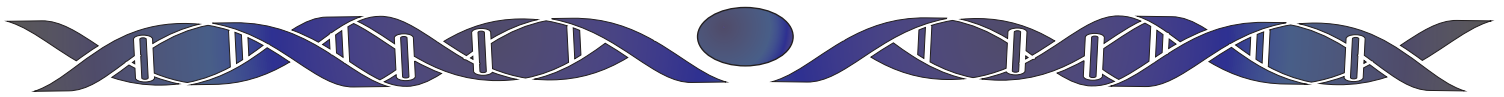
Please note the following:

- The **closing date for the submission of abstracts is 30 June 2011.**
- All abstracts must be e-mailed to the congress organiser, Sonja du Plessis at sonja@londocor.co.za Please copy stacey@londocor.co.za
- Please note that no hardcopy submissions will be accepted, and therefore faxed or posted abstracts will not be processed.
- All appropriately submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee.
- Authors are invited to indicate their preference for oral and/or poster presentation, but the final decision on the format of the presentation rests with the Scientific Committee.
- All abstracts received will be acknowledged, and authors will be sent acceptance or rejection letters by 29 July 2011.

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 - 1.1 **Title of abstract** (not longer than 20 words)
 - 1.2 **Name and list of all authors.**
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 - 1.4 **Contact details** of presenting author (telephone number, e-mail address, etc)
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4. Where possible, please adhere to the following international accepted format for all abstracts:
 - a) **Introduction:** should be brief and informative and state the aim of the study
 - b) **Methods:** include description of subjects and research methodology
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 - d) **Conclusion:** provide summary and relevance of the main findings





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