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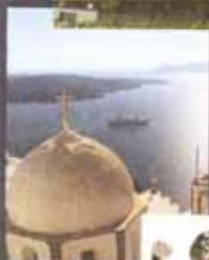


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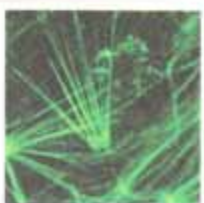
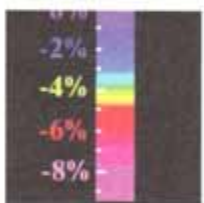
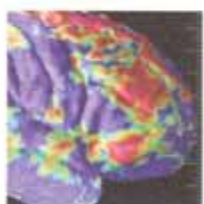
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Welcome address

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Dear Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to Athens for the *XVIIIth World Congress on Psychiatric Genetics*.

It is a very exciting time for psychiatry, as powerful molecular genetic technologies have started to yield important insights into the causes and triggers of mental disorders. Come learn of the latest methods and findings as they influence understanding of the biological underpinnings and phenotypic expression of psychiatric illness. We are particularly happy to welcome clinicians with an interest in the latest advances as well as biological, psychological, clinical and statistical researchers. We invite you to present your work at the leading meeting in this field and are particularly keen to encourage attendance by young investigators, for whom there will be an additional special programme. As well as the exciting science, Athens is a wonderful city, steeped in culture and history and an ideal springboard for exploring the delights of Greece.

Please join us for the premier meeting in this field, which will be educational, intellectually stimulating, and entirely enjoyable.

A warm Athenian welcome awaits you! With best wishes.

The Chairmen of the Congress

**George N. Papadimitriou**  
Professor of Psychiatry  
Athens, Greece

**Nick Craddock**  
Professor of Psychiatry  
Cardiff, United Kingdom

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## Organisation

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## Objectives

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- To facilitate international, multi-disciplinary collaborative research in psychiatric genetics for the benefit of patients and their families
- To provide a forum for education and nurturing of new researchers and clinicians with an interest in the field
- To help develop the knowledge base for inherited risks of psychiatric disorders to improve counselling of patients and families
- To consider available research technologies to aid selection of the most appropriate technologies for new research
- To discuss analyses of large-scale genetic data, including genome-wide data, in order to inform understanding of the causes and triggers of psychiatric illness
- To discover molecular mechanisms underlying the genetic susceptibilities to major psychiatric disorders
- To discover specific associations between DNA sequence variation and psychiatric disorders, so that new treatments that modify relevant molecular “targets” in these biological pathways can be developed
- To further understanding of the complex relationships between genotype and phenotype in psychiatry

## Topics

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- **Clinical Genetics**
  - Schizophrenia
  - Mood Disorders
  - Anxiety Disorders
  - Autism and Childhood Disorders
  - Substance/Alcohol Abuse
  - Personality Disorders
  - Dementia
  - Suicidal Behaviour
  - Eating Disorders
  - Impulse Control Disorders
- **Molecular Genetics**
  - Genome-wide association studies (GWAS)
  - Candidate Genes
  - Gene Expression
  - Neurobiology
  - Neurogenesis/Synaptogenesis
  - Neurodegeneration
  - Structural Genomic Variations (CNVs)
  - Cytogenetics
  - Epigenetics
- **Gene/Environment Interactions**
- **Bioinformatics/Population Genetics/Genetic Epidemiology**
- **Ethical, Philosophical and Social Issues**
- **Psychiatric Genetic Counselling**
- **Pharmacogenetics/Pharmacogenomics**
- **Animal Studies**
- **Latest Information & Field Overviews**
  - Whole Genome Association reports
  - Reports of other international consortia

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## Scientific information

### *Important dates*

Deadline for abstract submission	May 5, 2010
Deadline for early registration fee	May 30, 2010
Author's notification	July 15, 2010
Pre-registration ends	September 15, 2010
Congress	October 3-7, 2010

### *Abstract Submission*

The Programme Committee welcomes the submission of abstracts to the Congress. Abstracts must be submitted in English through the on-line abstract submission form at congress website: [www.ispg2010.org](http://www.ispg2010.org).

**Abstract submission deadline May 5, 2010**

### *Submission procedure*

Please read the below mentioned information, before entering to the on line system:

1. The first step to follow before submitting an abstract on line is to login to the system, by creating your own username and password required by the system. The username and password will be useful in any of your future visits to the on line services of the congress (registrations, hotel accommodation etc)
2. Abstracts must be submitted in English through the on-line abstract submission form
3. It is important to select the preferred type of presentation (Oral or Poster)
4. Your abstract must be submitted until May 5, 2010
5. All received abstracts will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee
6. Presenting author will be notified by July 15, 2010
7. For each abstract, the registration fee for at least one of the authors, should be paid by the early registration deadline (May 30, 2010)

8. The presentation of the abstract and its publication in the Final Program and the Abstract Book is conditional upon payment of the registration fee by the at least one of the authors
9. The presenting author of an abstract can only be a co author of another abstract
10. Abstract texts should have the following structure: introduction, methods, results and conclusion
11. If the study has been supported by a grant, please indicate the source of funding at the bottom of the abstract
12. Number references should be placed in the order they appear in the abstract.
13. Oral presentations: the exact data concerning date, time, equipment and place of the oral presentation will be notified to all authors upon finalization of the programme of the Congress. The time frame for oral presentations (discussion included) is 10 minutes. Please do not prepare lengthy presentations that cannot fit into this time frame.
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15. If an author wishes to withdraw a submitted abstract, a written request should be sent to the Congress Secretariat
16. Abstracts will not be accepted if sent by fax, e-mail or hard copy (paper copy)
17. For any corrections in an already submitted abstract, the presenting author can enter the on line system and proceed accordingly, only if he has marked his abstract in a "pending" status (please see instructions in the on line procedure). After the expiration of the abstract submission deadline, all abstract will automatically turned to "Confirmed" status, therefore, no change can be made by the author
18. For any queries regarding the on line abstract submission, please contact the Congress Secretariat at [info@ispg2010.org](mailto:info@ispg2010.org)

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## **Registration**

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## **REGISTRATION FEES**

	<b>Before May 30, 2010</b>	<b>Between June 1 to September 15, 2010</b>	<b>On-site</b>
Participant	Euro 500	Euro 550	Euro 600
Student	Euro 350	Euro 400	Euro 450
Accompanying Person	Euro 150	Euro 150	Euro 150
Gala Dinner	Euro 80	Euro 80	Euro 80

## **Registration Fee includes:**

- Admittance to Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception
- Admittance to all sessions
- Admittance to exhibition
- Congress documentation and abstract book
- Certificate of Attendance
- Coffee - refreshments during official Congress breaks

## **Accompanying Persons Registration Fee includes:**

- Admittance to Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception
- Half day City Tour of Athens

## **Cancellation Policy**

Cancellation of registration should be in writing to the Congress Organising Bureau. For every written cancellation received before **August 31st, 2010**, 50% of the registration fee, will be refunded. No refund thereafter. All refunds will be made within two months after the end of the Congress. Bank charges will be deducted.

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## General Information

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### **Congress Date**

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### **Congress Venue**

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### **Language**

The official language of the Congress is English.

### **Congress Organising Bureau**

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### **Exhibition**

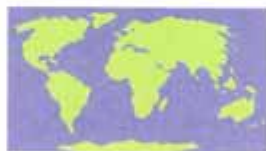
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