

## PLEASE JOIN US AT THE 26<sup>th</sup> ECNP CONGRESS

**And be part of Europe's largest annual congress on the science and treatment of disorders of the brain**

**5-9 October 2013, Barcelona, Spain**

Dear Journalists,

On behalf of ECNP, I would like to invite you to our press programme at the **26<sup>th</sup> ECNP Congress**, on **5-9 October 2013 in Barcelona, Spain**.

The largest and most scientifically renowned meeting of its type in Europe, with participants from over 100 different countries, the ECNP Congress offers a uniquely interdisciplinary platform for the world's latest and best research in applied and translational neuroscience – from foundational basic science all the way to clinical practice.

This year features an exciting programme of new perspectives and ground-breaking discoveries in all of the key areas of brain research and treatment innovation.

To make this material available to the press, a full programme of press events has been developed, with **four press briefings** covering:

- **New developments in basic research** – Sunday 6 October, 12.00-12.50
- **New developments in adult psychiatry** – Monday 7 October, 8.00-8.50
- **New developments in child and adolescent psychiatry** – Monday 7 October, 12.00-12.50
- **Classification and diagnosis in psychiatry** – Tuesday 8 October, 8.00-8.50

Among the topics of major scientific interest and public health concern that will be features at these briefings are:

- Early life experiences on brain structure and function
- Epigenetics in psychiatry
- Binge eating obesity
- New pharmacotherapies for schizophrenia
- Sex hormones and anxiety in women
- The pharmacological treatment of adult ADHD
- New treatment options for Down's syndrome
- The neuroanatomy of disruptive behaviour in children
- The future of CNS drug discovery

Five tracks, featuring the world's most outstanding research leaders, cover the spectrum of brain research from molecules and animal models right through to new treatments in humans, with educational update sessions to translate new discoveries and developments into better treatment outcomes and public improved health.

In addition, there will be a keynote lecture delivered by Human Brain Project director, **Henry Markram**, and six world-class plenaries from **Francesc Artigas**, Spain; **Anders Björklund**, Sweden (winner of the ECNP Neuropsychopharmacology Award 2013); **Claudia Sommer**, Germany; **Angela Vincent**, UK; **Marc Caron**, USA; and **Christine Petit**, France and **Karen Steel**, UK (winners of the Brain Prize 2012).

For further information about the scientific programme and what's on offer, I encourage you to visit the ECNP Congress website: [www.ecnp-congress.eu](http://www.ecnp-congress.eu). And watch experts from the field explain why the ECNP Congress is *the* meeting for the science and treatment of disorders of the brain: <http://www.ecnp-congress.eu/videos>

I very much hope that you join us and look forward to welcoming you in Barcelona!

Kind regards,  
Alexander Schubert  
Executive Director

You can register for the 26<sup>th</sup> ECNP Congress by submitting your registration form via <http://www.ecnp-congress.eu/registrationhotel/pressregistration.aspx>  
Information about the ECNP Congress press events will be provided at the end of July 2013. **Please note that participation in the congress is free of charge for journalists, but requires registration.**

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