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Welcome

Dear colleague,

The European College of Neuropsychopharmacology welcomes you at the 9th ECNP Regional Meeting in Sofia.

The Scientific Programme Committee of the meeting has composed an exciting programme with meet-the-experts sessions in the field of depression and psychosis, keynote lectures on bipolar and OCD, and symposia in the field of headache, sleep and sleep disorders, women and psychiatry, and treatment with antipsychotics. In all parts of this programme leading experts will present their knowledge that will be of interest to both researchers and practitioners.

The poster sessions also form an important part of the scientific programme during which ample time is available for scientific exchange. Also this year the two most outstanding posters by scientists from Bulgaria will be awarded with the ECNP Regional Poster Award. Furthermore based on their scientific excellence a number of papers for poster presentation have been awarded with an ECNP Regional Travel Award.

Scientific oriented satellite symposia organised by the pharmaceutical industry are also part of the programme.

Hosting city of the 9th ECNP Regional Meeting is Sofia, capital of Bulgaria. We invite you to come and enjoy the beauties of Sofia.

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About ECNP

The European College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ECNP) was established in 1987 on the initiative of scientists and clinicians working in Europe in the convergent disciplines in neuropsychopharmacology. ECNP envisages to encourage research and to facilitate communication of research and ideas in this field. To fulfil this aim ECNP has, amongst others, established the annual scientific congresses and bi-annual regional meetings. For more information please visit our website: www.ecnp.eu

ECNP Policy

Scientific programme

The scientific programme is considered the most important part of the ECNP Regional Meetings. As a rule the scientific programme consists of keynote lectures, symposia, educational meet-the-expert sessions and poster sessions. For each regional meeting an independent Scientific Programme Committee is established, which endeavours to compose a high level, well-balanced scientific programme. Invitations and refunds for speakers and chairs are arranged by ECNP. Poster sessions are scheduled during the lunch breaks to enable participants to have ample time to discuss the data presented. Additional emphasis is placed on the posters by awarding the most outstanding posters with the ECNP Regional Poster Award and the best papers for posters with an ECNP Regional Travel Award. Young scientists are encouraged to present posters by waiving their registration fee in case the submitted paper is accepted for publication.

ECNP Regional Poster Award

The two most outstanding posters by scientists from Bulgaria will be awarded with the ECNP Regional Poster Award. These awards will be presented to one participant involved in clinical research and one participant involved in pre-clinical research both in the field of neuropsychopharmacology. During the poster sessions of the 9th ECNP Regional Meeting a scientific jury will indicate the winning posters. The choice of the jury will depend on scientific excellence of the paper and on the presentation of the poster.

The award consists of a commemorative certificate, waiving of the registration fee for the 20th ECNP Congress in Vienna, Austria (13 - 17 October 2007) and Euro 500 as a contribution towards travel and accommodation costs. Reimbursement will take place after the congress in Vienna.

ECNP Regional Travel Award

The best papers of young Bulgarian scientists, accepted for publication and presentation, will be awarded with the ECNP Regional Travel Award. The papers will be judged by a scientific committee. The award consists of a travel subsidy to the 9th ECNP Regional Meeting in Sofia (to be paid after the regional meeting) and a commemorative certificate.



Introduction

Types of presentation

The scientific programme consists of:

- Keynote lectures (2)
- Symposia (4)
- Meet-the-expert sessions (2)
- Poster sessions (2)

Keynote lectures are presented by senior scientists who have made important contributions to the advancement of neuropsychopharmacology.

Symposia usually have 4 - 5 presentations by invited speakers; 20 - 25 minutes have been allocated to each speaker including discussion time.

Meet-the-expert sessions provide an opportunity to discuss practical treatment problems with an internationally renowned expert on the basis of case histories.

Poster sessions provide an excellent opportunity for the exchange of the latest scientific information. The posters are grouped per topic. Presenters are requested to attend their poster site during the lunch period.

Papers

All accepted papers will be published in a supplement of *European Neuropsychopharmacology (ENP)*. Poster presentations with a number higher than 300 are not printed in the supplement to ENP; however they are listed in this programme.

Speakers' secretariat

The speakers' secretariat is located at room "Conference 6" on the mezzanine floor.

Instructions for speakers

Speakers are requested to bring their PowerPoint presentations to the speakers' secretariat one hour before their presentation. Enough time must be allowed to check the presentation carefully and to transfer it to the session room.

Speakers are requested to be present in the session room 15 minutes before the start of the session to meet the chair(s). Speakers should direct any questions they may have to the chair(s).

Session room

The keynote lectures, symposia and meet-the-expert sessions take place at the Ruby Hall. Floor microphones are available in the session room. Participants wishing to take part in discussions should go to the nearest microphone and wait for the chair to acknowledge them. The microphones will be switched on by a technician. All presentations, discussions and questions will be in English. Simultaneous translation into Bulgarian is available. It is not allowed to bring drinks or food inside the lecture rooms. Tape recording is not permitted. Cellular phones should be switched off.



Poster presentations

All participants are invited to come and view the posters at the foyer of the Opal Hall. The poster presenters will be at their poster site according to the following schedule:

Saturday 28 April 2007

Time: 13.15 – 14.30 hours

Poster session 1: preclinical research and other topics

- P.1 Basic neuroscience
- P.2 Affective disorders and antidepressants
- P.3 Psychotic disorders and antipsychotics
- P.8 Other topics

Sunday 29 April 2007

Time: 12.30 – 13.45 hours

Poster session 2: clinical research

- P.2 Affective disorders and antidepressants
- P.3 Psychotic disorders and antipsychotics
- P.4 Anxiety disorders and anxiolytics
- P.5 Dementia and neurological disorders
- P.6 Addiction
- P.7 Child and adolescent disorders and treatment

The posters are listed on pages 15 to 21.

Instructions for poster presenters on the day of the presentation:

- Set-up the poster before 10.00 hours.
- Attend poster site for discussion with participants during the lunch time.
- Remove poster material as from 17.00 to 18.00 hours.

Material for mounting posters will be available at the poster area.

Unclaimed posters will be taken to the registration desk until the end of the meeting.

Saturday 28 April 2007

Location: Ruby Hall

09.00 - 10.00 Meet-the-expert session
Therapeutic resistant depression
Willem A. Nolen, The Netherlands

Chair: Georgi Popov, Bulgaria

10.00 - 10.45 Keynote lecture
Bipolar
Guy M. Goodwin, United Kingdom

Chairs: Peter Marinov, Bulgaria
Zoltán Rihmer, Hungary

11.15 - 13.15 Symposium S.1
Headache - session focused on neurologists

Chairs: Paraskeva Stamenova, Bulgaria
Joseph Zohar, Israel

The biology of headache
Jean Schoenen, Belgium

Tension-type headache
Ivan Milanov, Bulgaria

The complex relationship between migraine and psychiatry
Joachim K. Oedegard, Norway

Migraine: principles of acute treatment and prevention
Pencho Kolev, Bulgaria

Saturday 28 April 2007

Location: Ruby Hall

13.15 - 14.30 Poster session

14.30 - 16.30 Symposium S.2

Sleep and sleep disordersChairs: Penko Shotekov, Bulgaria
Hans-Ulrich Wittchen, GermanyNeurobiology of sleep
Russell Foster, United KingdomElectrophysiological characteristics of
sleep in patients with chronic insomnia,
anxiety and depression
Milena Milanova, BulgariaSleep in schizophrenia
Katharina Wulff, United KingdomSleep and depression
Alan G. Wade, United KingdomSleep and epilepsy: neurophysiological
and clinical interrelations
Georgi Panov, Bulgaria

Sunday 29 April 2007

Location: Ruby Hall

09.00 - 10.00 Meet-the-expert session

First psychotic episode

René S. Kahn, The Netherlands

Chair: Svetlozar Georgiev, Bulgaria

10.30 - 12.30 Symposium S.3

Women and psychiatryChairs: René Kahn, The Netherlands
Rinaldo Shishkov, BulgariaGender differences across psychiatric
syndromes
Hans-Ulrich Wittchen, GermanyGenetic association between HT2C
receptor polymorphism (cys23ser) and
affective disorder in female: a case
control study
Vihra Milanova, BulgariaPrediction and prevention of postnatal
depression
M. Bloch, IsraelDepression and anxiety among female
psychiatrists in Bulgaria
Peter M. Marinov, Bulgaria

Sunday 29 April 2007

Location: Ruby Hall

12.30 - 13.45 Poster session

13.45 - 15.45 Symposium S.4

Advanced treatment with antipsychotics

Chairs: Guy Goodwin, United Kingdom
Todor Tolev, Bulgaria

The role of atypical antipsychotics in the treatment of schizophrenia and mood disorders

Livia Vavrusova, Slovakia

Antipsychotics in mania

John C. Cookson, United Kingdom

Use of second generation antipsychotics outside psychosis and mania: state of the evidence
Lucezar G. Hranov, Bulgaria

Objective monitoring of antipsychotic treatment
Svetlozar Haralanov, Bulgaria

Compliance with long term antipsychotic treatment
Francesc Colom, Spain

16.15 - 17.00 Keynote lecture

OCD spectrum disorders

Joseph Zohar, Israel

Chairs: Lucezar Hranov, Bulgaria

Jan M. van Ree, The Netherlands

Poster sessions

All participants are invited to come and view the posters on Saturday 28 April from 13.15 – 14.30 hours and on Sunday 29 April from 12.30 – 13.45 hours in the foyer of the Opal Hall.

In case the presenting author is not the first author mentioned, the name of the presenting author is indicated with an *.

Poster presentations with a number higher than 300 are not published in the supplement to the journal *European Neuropsychopharmacology (ENP)* however they are listed below.

Saturday 28 April 2007

Time: 13.15 – 14.30 hours

Location: Foyer of the Opal Hall

Poster session 1: preclinical research and other topics

P.1 Basic neuroscience

P.2 Affective disorders and antidepressants

P.3 Psychotic disorders and antipsychotics

P.8 Other topics

P.1.001 Insertion/deletion polymorphism of the angiotensin I-converting enzyme gene in migraine patients

V. Pizza, G. Volpe, F. Infante, G. Schiavo, E. Lamaida, A. Agresta, A. Bisogno, A. Bianchi, A. Capasso, Italy

P.1.002 Do repeated tacrine applications induce smooth muscle desensitization in rats?

N. Prisadova, V. Turiiski, D. Getova, A. Krustev, Bulgaria

P.1.003 Comparative study of the effects of tacrine, donepezil and rivastigmine in rats with diazepam-induced amnesia

D. Dimitrova, D. Getova, Bulgaria

P.1.004 Effects of Tyr-W-MIF-1 on the opioid-ergic system and methylene blue after stress

A.I. Bocheva, E.B. Dzambazova*, H.H. Nocheva, Bulgaria

P.1.005 Effects of Tyr-W-MIF-1 on nociception after stress: influence on nitric oxide-ergic system
A.I. Bocheva, H.H. Nocheva*, E.B. Dzambazova, Bulgaria

P.1.006 GABA receptors can play different roles at the beginning and development of sexual motivation
A.V. Amikishieva, Russian Federation

P.1.007 Semantic structure of emotion concepts in patients with schizophrenia
R. Dimitrov, E. Hristova, M. Trifonova, M. Grinberg, Bulgaria

P.1.008 Chronobiological markers and the stability of the circadian rhythm of mood and vigor in psychiatric patients with schizophrenia, affective disorders, and neurotic disorders
N. Madjirova, Bulgaria

P.1.009 The objectification of the types of the stability of the circadian rhythms of mood and vigor
N. Madjirova, L. Peytchev, N. Petrova, Bulgaria

P.1.301 Genetic polymorphisms and migraine
V. Pizza, G. Volpe, F. Infante, E. Lamaida, A. Agresta, F. Longobardi, A. Bisogno, A. Bianchi, A. Capasso, Italy

P.1.302 Predisposition to depression according to the orientations of personal terminal values
P. Nonchev, V. Djaldeti, V. Dosheva, Bulgaria

P.1.303 Chronobiological features of patients with involuntal depression
N. Madjirova, Bulgaria

P.2.008 Antidepressant-like effect of SKF-38393 administered in combination with dehydroepiandrosterone in gonadectomized male rats
J. Fedotova, N. Platonova, N. Saprionov, Russia

P.3.006 Description of an spe-hplc-uv method for the determination of risperidone in biological samples
K. Katsigiannopoulos, N. Raikos, G. Papazisis, I. Gkoutziotis, P. Pazarlis, G.A. Theodoridis, A. Karastergiou, H. Tsoukali-Papadopoulou, Greece

P.8.001 Suicide ideation and suicide plans: what are the differences? A study on male psychiatric inpatients
I. Mitrev, Bulgaria

P.8.002 Quality of life in patients with colorectal cancer one year after surgery
D. Karadjova, R. Shishkov, P.M. Petrov, Bulgaria

P.8.003 Measuring psychological distress in a sample of Bulgarian medical students
S. P. Popov, N. Mateva, I. Temenugov, I. Yakov, Bulgaria

P.8.004 The effect of gender and age on anxiety and hypochondria in a study of depressivity among Bulgarian urban population
P.Y. Kolchakova, V.H. Akabaliev*, Bulgaria

P.8.301 The burden of work: eating behaviour during workplace harassment
W. Milano, F. Blasi, C. Buccino, S. De Fusco, A. Di Martino, G. Nolfe, F. Pugliese, S. Rundle-Smith, R. Romeo, A. Santoro, V. Tomasiello, C. Petrella, A. Capasso, Italy

P.8.302 A study on the adaptive abilities of psychiatric patients
G. Kotsilkov, R. Yakimova, I. Dimitrova, Bulgaria

P.8.303 Inpatients' insomnia
T. Hristova, T. Donchev, Bulgaria

Sunday 29 April 2007

Time: 12.30 – 13.45 hours
Location: Foyer of the Opal Hall

Poster session 2: clinical research

- P.2 Affective disorders and antidepressants
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- P.7 Child and adolescent disorders and treatment

P.2.001 Depression and cancer diseases
R.M. Chenderes, D.M. Podea, Romania

P.2.002 Improvement of resistant depression by combining antidepressive medication with lamotrigine
A. Baloescu, G. Grigorescu, M.D. Gheorghe, Romania

P.2.003 Effects of modern antidepressants with different mode of action on cardiovascular parameters in patients with major depressive disorder and response to treatment
S. Zeugmann, A. Quante, C. Schröder, I.-G. Anghelescu, J. Jordan, Germany

P.2.004 Citalopram affects an anxiety-depression behavior in young and old rats with imbalance of thyroid hormones
O.O. Masalova, Russia

P.2.005 The effect of quetiapine monotherapy on subjective drug attitude in acute mania
B. Yoon, W. Bahk, D. Jon, K. Min, Y. Shin, Korea

P.2.006 Effects of quetiapine monotherapy on subjective sleep and daytime sleepiness in patients with acute mania
B. Yoon, W. Bahk*, D. Jon, K. Min, Y. Shin, Korea

P.2.007 The safety of selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors in pregnancy – a preclinical and clinical data review
D.I. Pendicheva, I.B. Duhlenki, A.M. Pandurska, Bulgaria

P.2.301 ECT versus rTMS: a comparison of patients' subjective experiences
J. Kalotay, M. David, G. Abraham, R. Milev*, J.S. Lawson, Canada

P.2.302 Escitalopram in the treatment of major depressive disorder: an open-label naturalistic trial in various settings
L.G. Hranov, I. Staleva, N. Markov, V. Assenov, I. Mihaylov, R. Yakimova, Bulgaria

P.2.303 Treatment of premenstrual syndrome with continuous low dosage of sertraline
W. Milano, M. Tammaro, L. Milano, S. Rundle-Smith, C. Petrella, A. Capasso, Italy

P.3.001 Causes and implications of urgent hospitalisations in urban settings
V. Simov, V. Assenov, Bulgaria

P.3.002 Dissociative fugue: problems of diagnosis. A case study
N.N. Jahno, N. Yu. Pyatnitskiy*, N.N. Koberskaya, Russia

P.3.003 Lack of insight and dimensions of illness in schizophrenia
T. Tolev, Bulgaria

P.3.004 Strategies of psycho-educational intervention in patients with excess weight induced by olanzapine
W. Milano, A. Capasso, M. Cammarano, L. Milano, C. Petrella, Italy

P.3.005 Aggression risk rate and urgent hospitalization during treatment with neuroleptics
V. S. Simov, V.A. Petkov, Bulgaria

P.3.007 Social skills training in patients with schizophrenia
N. Markov, P. Stoicheva, V. Maistorova, Bulgaria

P.3.008 Acute psychotic agitation: is treatment with benzodiazepines enough?
J.E. Berg, Norway

P.3.301 Manic and hypomanic symptoms induced during treatment with olanzapine in inpatients and outpatients with schizophrenia, schizoaffective and mood disorders: a prospective study
D.R. Hristova, A.I. Zamfirova, Bulgaria

P.3.302 An open-label comparative efficacy study of clozapine and haloperidol in voluntary and compulsory hospitalised schizophrenic patients
R.A. Borisov, G.V. Kirilov, Bulgaria

P.3.303 A rare case of malignant neuroleptic syndrome after acute poisoning with pesticide Nurele-Dursban
Y. Iliev, S. Georgiev, Bulgaria

P.3.304 Adjunctive use of reboxetin in outpatients with schizophrenia
A. Zamfirova, D. Hristova, Bulgaria

P.4.301 Psychotherapeutic strategies in females with anxiety disorders following domestic violence
B. Brankov, Bulgaria

P.5.001 Some clinical peculiarities of the psychotic disorders in Alzheimer's disease
M. Arnaudova, S. Todorov, Bulgaria

P.5.002 Efficacy and safety of selegiline in elderly patients with vascular dementia with parkinsonism
R. Krsteska, A. Ordevska, V. Isjanovski, Republic of Macedonia

P.5.301 Mixed dementia: a case report
P.D. Nanu, R.M. Chenderes, Romania

P.5.302 Duloxetine for correction of mental and behavioural disorders in patients with Alzheimer type dementia
Y.B. Baryluk, V. Kashichkina, Russia

P.5.303 Ataxia and stress with dementia after superficial siderosis
K. Kountouris, K. Karachristou, A. Bougioukou, Greece

P.5.304 Alzheimer type dementia following herpes simplex encephalitis (a case report)
S. Krastev, S. Dundarov, T. Chervenikova, P. Naneva, V. Milanova, R. Vladimirova, V. Stoyanova, Bulgaria

P.6.001 Comorbid anxiety and mood disorders in patients with alcohol abuse and alcoholism: a pilot case-control study
K.R. Stoychev, K.M. Ivanov, M.G. Aleksandrova, R.D. Stoychev, V.V. Nakov, L.Z. Tumbev, D.K. Kirov, Bulgaria

P.6.301 Clinical experience of quetiapine treatment for substance dependence disorders and alcohol induced delirium
D. Mihailova, S. Georgiev, Bulgaria

P.7.301 Administration of hydroxyzine hydrochloride to children with anxiety disorders
I. Zabozaeva, E. Malinina, F. Belikov, Russia



Satellite symposia

Everyone participating in the 9th ECNP Regional Meeting is very welcome to attend the satellite symposia. We invite you to share the invaluable exchange of experience between industry and scientists during these meetings.

Friday 27 April 2007

Location: Ruby Hall

12.00 – 13.30 **Current bipolar disorder issues**

Chair: Emil Kaludiev, Bulgaria

Comorbidity in bipolar disorder (including alcoholism)

Georgi Popov, Bulgaria

Treatment approaches in the 21st century

Loris Sayan, Bulgaria

Sanofi-Aventis Bulgaria

14.00 – 15.30 **Antidepressants today: state of the art**

Chair: Georgi Popov, Bulgaria

Efficacy of different antidepressants in the treatment of different forms of depression

Todor Todorov, Bulgaria

Contemporary theories of the mechanisms of antidepressants actions

Svetozar Georgiev, Bulgaria

The place of different classes of monoamine reuptake inhibitors outside of major depression

Joseph Zohar, Israel

Sopharma Pharmaceuticals

16.00 – 17.30 **Clozapine – highlights from clinical practice**

Chair: Vihra Milanova, Bulgaria

Neurochemistry of schizophrenia: bases for therapeutic approaches

Mila Vaskovska, Bulgaria

Treatment-resistant schizophrenia – clinical and therapeutical aspects

Vihra Milanova, Bulgaria

Aggression and auto-aggression in schizophrenic patients

Emil Kaludiev, Bulgaria

Parkinson disease related psychosis – new therapeutic approach

Ivan Milanov, Bulgaria

Novartis Pharma Services Inc

18.00 – 19.30 **Raising standards of care in long-term treatment inschizophrenia**

Chair: Loris Sayan, Bulgaria

Importance of long-term effectiveness of treatment in patients with schizophrenia

Cyril Höschl, Czech Republic

Standards of care in long-term treatment in schizophrenia

Miroslav Jakovljevic, Croatia

Experience from SOHO trial

Mojca Z. Dernovsek, Slovenia

Rok Tavcar, Slovenia

Eli Lilly Bulgaria

Saturday 28 April 2007

Location: Ruby Hall

17.00 - 18.30 **Treatment of mood and anxiety disorders – challenges and controversies**
Chair: Jean-Philippe Boulenger, France

Comorbid anxiety and depression – recognition and treatment
Jean-Philippe Boulenger, France

Antidepressants and suicidality
Julia Sinclair, United Kingdom

Antidepressant treatment in special populations
Luchozar G. Hranov, Bulgaria

Lundbeck Export A/S

Exhibition

Concurrently with the regional meeting a commercial exhibition has been organised. Companies and organisations working in the field of neuropsychopharmacology have been invited to present their services, products and literature.

The exhibition can be visited on Saturday and Sunday from 9.00 to 17.00 hours at the Opal Hall.

Exhibitors

The following companies participate in the 9th ECNP Regional Meeting (list per 26 March 2007):

Company

Actavis EAD
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BCT Global
Bristol-Myers Squibb Company
CSC Pharmaceuticals Handels GmbH
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Special events

Official opening ceremony and cultural performance

Date: Friday 27 April 2007
Time: 20.00 – 20.45 hours
Location: Ruby Hall

Welcome reception and dinner buffet

Date: Friday 27 April 2007
Time: 20.45 – 22.00 hours
Location: Diamond Hall

Farewell drinks

Date: Sunday 29 April 2007
Time: 17.00 – 18.00 hours
Location: Diamond Hall

All special events are included in the registration fee.



General information

In order to facilitate the use of this section, the items are mentioned in alphabetical order as follows:

About Sofia

Sofia, the Bulgarian capital city is the heart of the country's political, business and cultural life and the centre of various international events. Sofia has a history that goes back thousands of years. Through the centuries, many people have inhabited the city and added to its rich and diverse history. On 4 April 1879 Sofia was proclaimed the capital of Bulgaria. Today Sofia is proud of its many historical monuments that are significant for the city's appearance and beautiful look.

Badges

All registered participants are kindly requested to wear their name badge during all the meeting events.

Banking arrangements

Most of the major international banks operate in Bulgaria. Opening hours are from 10.00 – 15.30 hours.

Certificate of attendance

The certificate of attendance can be collected at the registration desk on 29 April 2007 from 12.30 hours.

Credit cards

Although many of the shops and restaurants accept credit cards, Visa, MasterCard/EuroCard and Diners, it is recommended to carry cash.

Currency

The official currency in Bulgaria is the Bulgarian lev BGN. It is advisable that foreign currency is exchanged either at a bank or at designated currency exchange bureaus. The official exchange rate is 1 Euro = 1,95583 BGN (fixed rate). Foreign currency can also be safely exchanged at the hotel.

Disclaimer

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Electricity

The electricity is 220V/50 Hz. Round European style two-pin plugs are used.

Language

English will be the official language of the Meeting. Simultaneous translation from English to Bulgarian and vice versa will be provided.

Lost and found

For lost and found objects, please visit the registration desk.

Lunches and breaks

Lunches, coffee and tea during the breaks are included in the registration fee and will be served at the front part of the Opal Hall.

Messages

A message board is located next to the registration desk.

Parking facilities

An indoor garage with 72 parking spaces is available at the Sofia Princess Hotel. The garage can be used free of charge by guests of the hotel. Participants not staying at the hotel can park their car in the pay parking lot in front of the Sofia Princess Hotel or in the area around the hotel.

Public transport

The central bus station and the international bus terminal are situated just across the street of the Sofia Princess Hotel. There is also a taxi stand nearby the hotel. Please note that all taxi cars in Bulgaria are painted yellow. The taxi fare is approximately 0.55 BGN per km.

With tram lines 1 and 7 it is possible to get in approximately 10 minutes to the city centre of Sofia. The price of a one-way ticket for the tram is 0.70 BGN.

Registration desk

The registration desk is located in the foyer of the Ruby Hall.

Speakers' secretariat

Power point preview services will be available at the speakers' secretariat located at room "Conference 6" on the mezzanine floor.

Shops opening hours

The main shopping area is Vitosha Blvd., Graf Ignatiev St., Rakovski St. and all the streets leading off from them. There are several shopping malls in the city center - City Center Sofia, Mall of Sofia, Shopping Center.

Most shops are open from 10.00 – 20.00 hours workdays and till 13.00 hours on Saturdays, though there are also 24-hour food shops in the centre. Many of the shops and restaurants accept credit cards.

Time

The time zone in Sofia is CET+1hour / GMT + 2hours.

Programme overview**Friday 27 April 2007**

12.00 – 13.30	Satellite symposium
14.00 – 15.30	Satellite symposium
16.00 – 17.30	Satellite symposium
18.00 – 19.30	Satellite symposium
20.00 – 20.45	Official opening ceremony and cultural performance
20.45 – 22.00	Welcome reception and dinner buffet

Saturday 28 April 2007

09.00 – 10.00	Meet-the-expert session
10.00 – 10.45	Keynote lecture
10.45 – 11.15	Break
11.15 – 13.15	Symposium S.1
13.15 – 14.30	Poster session and lunch
14.30 – 16.30	Symposium S.2
16.30 – 17.00	Break
17.00 – 18.30	Satellite symposium

Sunday 29 April 2007

09.00 – 10.00	Meet-the-expert session
10.00 – 10.30	Break
10.30 – 12.30	Symposium S.3
12.30 – 13.45	Poster session and lunch
13.45 – 15.45	Symposium S.4
15.45 – 16.15	Break
16.15 – 17.00	Keynote lecture
17.00 – 18.00	Farewell drinks

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