



Invitation

It is a great pleasure to announce details of the Australasian Schizophrenia Conference 2010, which will be held at the Sheraton on the Park Hotel in Sydney.

The conference theme will be 'Molecules to Mind', which reflects the broad perspective required to achieve a greater scientific understanding of schizophrenia, understanding that will make a tangible difference in the lives of people with this illness.

While there has been an explosive increase in knowledge about schizophrenia and its treatment, growth in genuine understanding of the disorder has proceeded by small increments at a painfully slow pace. I guess that this is precisely why this conference is so important. Not discouraged by the complexities involved in schizophrenia, we are all excited by the broad range of scientific enquiry being brought to bear on this illness, stimulated by the task of integrating the diverse range of information to form a coherent understanding of the nature of the illness and how it develops, and challenged by the search for better means of treatment and prevention. Excited, stimulated, challenged - but not daunted.

We are expecting over 300 psychiatrists, medical practitioners, psychologists, research scientists, clinical educators, nurses and other mental health workers to attend ASC 2010. I hope that you can join me in a spirit of optimism and open-minded curiosity, to engage together at ASC 2010 in the search for understanding of schizophrenia and how better to relieve the suffering it causes.

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ASC 2010 Conference Chair
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Program Overview

The ASC 2010 conference will include plenary sessions, symposia, scientific paper presentations and poster presentations.

The range of international speakers invited to ASC 2010 is intended to reflect the theme Molecules to Mind. The range of topics that can be addressed by our speakers extend from the molecular genetic basis of neural networks underlying complex social behaviours in schizophrenia, to neural mechanisms of cognitive and social dysfunction that point towards novel treatments and rehabilitation strategies, the science of antipsychotic drug treatment, how psychological theory, computational models and phenomenology can help us understand more fully the experience of psychosis, and how knowledge about social cognition can shape improved psychological therapies and lead to reduced stigma.

Speakers from within Australia will present their own work across the Molecules to Mind spectrum in a way that will complement the presentations of our international guests. Special symposia will be convened to highlight research across the Molecules to Mind spectrum. Workshops with strong clinical themes will be available to highlight the translational capacities that have developed recently, and how both sound evidence and theory can inform innovative therapy.

Invited Speakers

The ASC 2010 committees are pleased to have secured the following International and Australian Plenary speakers -

International Speakers



Professor Cameron Carter

Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology, University of California, USA
Director, UC Davis Imaging Research Centre



Professor Shitij Kapur

Vice Dean and Professor, Institute of Psychiatry, UK
Head, Section on Schizophrenia, Imaging and Therapeutics



Professor Andreas Meyer-Lindenberg

Professor and Chair of Psychiatry, University of Heidelberg, Germany
Director, Central Institute of Mental Health



Professor David Penn

Professor of Psychology and Associate
Director of Clinical Training, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, USA

Australian Speakers



Professor Assen Jablensky

Professor of Psychiatry, University of Western Australia
Director, Centre for Clinical Research in Neuropsychiatry



Dr Eoin Killackey

Senior Research Fellow & Clinical Psychologist, University of Melbourne
Director of Psychosocial Research, Centre for Youth Mental Health



Professor John McGrath

Director, Queensland Centre for Mental Health Research
Queensland Brain Institute, University of Queensland



Professor Cyndi Shannon Weickert

Macquarie Group Foundation Chair of Schizophrenia Research
Schizophrenia Research Institute; University of NSW; Prince of Wales
Medical Research Institute

Early Career Investigator Awards

ASC 2010 will be offering up to six Early Career Investigator Awards in the form of travel grants to early career scientists, to assist with expenses relating to their participation at the Conference.

A particular focus of these awards will be to support the attendance of researchers from the Asian region at the ASC 2010 meeting, in order to help develop greater collaborative links between Australian and Asian researchers. Four awards will be made to researchers located in Asian countries and two to Australian researchers.

For more information, please visit the Early Career Investigator Awards page on the ASC 2010 website www.asc2010.com

Abstract Submission now open

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Abstracts are invited on any area within the field of schizophrenia research or treatment to contribute to the ASC2010 Conference. Abstracts are sought for oral and poster presentations.

All abstracts must be submitted online by **30 April 2010**. Please note that the closing date for abstract submission will NOT be extended and abstracts will only be accepted if the author has registered for ASC 2010. All accepted abstracts will be published in the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry*.

Complete details regarding abstract submission are available at www.asc2010.com

All enquiries regarding abstracts for ASC 2010 should be emailed to abstracts@asc2010.com

Symposia Proposal Submission now open

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Symposia proposal submissions are invited for the ASC2010 Conference. There will be a total of six Symposia sessions available.

There will be no pre-defined themes/areas for the Symposia, other than that they are within the field of schizophrenia research or treatment, and cover the conference theme of Molecules to Mind. That is, Symposia convenors will nominate topics for these Symposia and the presentations will need to cover the spectrum of basic (molecule) to applied (mind) research as much as possible.

The Convenor will need to nominate the general symposia topic area, at least three additional speakers (a maximum of six speakers) and submit associated abstracts. If needed, suitable additional speakers from general abstract submission may be included into selected symposia; but this will not be at the expense of the proposed symposium presenters. Should additional speakers be required, this will be discussed with the Convenor.

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Key Dates

Closing of Abstracts	30th April 2010
Early-bird Registration Cut off	30th June 2010
Notification of Abstract Acceptance	30th June 2010
Deadline for abstracts from invited speakers	30th June 2010
Deadline for registration by presenters	15th July 2010
Accommodation Booking deadline	20th July 2010
ASC 2010	22-24 September 2010

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The Schizophrenia Research Institute is the only national medical research institute solely dedicated to discovering the ways to prevent and cure schizophrenia. Established in 1996 as Australia's first virtual medical research institute, the organisation conducts and supports schizophrenia research in hospitals, universities and research institutes across the country and internationally.

Further information at
www.schizophreniaresearch.org.au

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ASC2010 is proud to be affiliated with the Schizophrenia International Research Society and the Australian Psychosis Research Network.

