



## 23rd EHPS Conference 2009 Pisa, Italy – updates

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The 23rd Conference of the EHPS is just around the corner. The organization has been busy and the preparations are going smoothly. Here are some recent updates on the conference preparation:

### Scientific program and conference venue

This year about 1200 abstracts were submitted for the EHPS conference, one fourth of which were accepted as oral presentations, while many high quality abstracts had to be accepted as posters to comply with space and time constraints. The selection was made by the Scientific Committee (SC) on the basis of quality and relevance of the abstracts, and by admitting at most one presentation for the same first author.

Delegates can access the provisional Scientific Program (SP) at the the Conference website (please, see below). The SP is organised into four major categories of presentations:

- **Keynote Addresses.** Four talks have been scheduled, one per day:
  - Linda Cameron (University of Auckland, New Zealand): "Imagery and Affect as Motivators of Health Behaviours: Implications for Interventions"
  - Gian Vittorio Caprara (University of Rome "La Sapienza", Italy): "Positive orientation: Turning potentials into well functioning"
  - James C. Coyne (University of Pennsylvania, USA): "The role and responsibilities of the critic in moving health psychology forward"
  - Jane Wardle (University College London, UK): "Is obesity an eating disorder?"
- **Poster Sessions.** Around 800 posters have been accepted. Posters have been organised into five sessions which have been scheduled from Wednesday 23 to Friday 25. Posters assigned to each session will be in turn clustered into thematic sessions of 10 to 12 presentations each. The final Poster program will be available in July.
- **Parallel Sessions.** A total of 28 symposia, 3 round tables and 31 oral sessions (each composed of five short talks) have been organised in 8 slots of parallel sessions.



Pre- and post-Conference activities include:

- **"Meet the Expert" sessions.** The EHPS Executive Committee has decided to continue with the initiative of providing young researchers with the opportunity to consult with leading scientists in their field of interest through "Meet the Expert" sessions, which will be held on Wednesday 23 morning.
- **Workshops.** Three Workshops have been scheduled on Wednesday 23 morning and three other workshops will be held on Saturday afternoon.

You can visit the Conference website -sections Scientific Program and Registration- for details on how to apply to attend pre- and post- Conference activities.

A provisional version of the Proceedings as well as the guidelines for oral/poster presentations will be available on the Conference website by June 15<sup>th</sup>. The final version of the Scientific Program will be available in July.

All the scientific sessions will be held at the Congress Palace of Pisa. Information on how to get the Congress Palace is available in the Conference webpage - Section "Conference Venue".

### Poster awards

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) will offer young researcher awards to the best poster presentations. The awards will be assigned by senior members of the Society present at the Conference on the basis of the quality and of the visual display. ►

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Authors should register for the Conference before **June 7th** in order for their proposal to be included in the final version of the Scientific Program and in the Conference Proceedings. All those attending the Conference must register, whether or not they will present a contribution.

Early registration is encouraged, to benefit from the reduced fees. Reductions are also available for students, delegates from in-development countries, EHPS or SIPSA (Società Italiana di Psicologia della Salute) members.

**Social program**

- The Welcome Reception has been scheduled on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m., and the Conference dinner will be on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>. A packet including “Welcome Reception plus Conference Dinner” for accompanying persons is available in the registration webpage.
- Participants registered for the Conference can obtain low cost cards to visit various monuments and museums in Pisa (around 1 euro per monument/museum). Information on how to apply for obtaining the low cost card will be available on the Conference website in July.
- The LOC is trying to negotiate an agreement with the Trade Association of Pisa to offer special prices in different bars and restaurants in the city to participants.
- This year the city of Pisa offers a varied and multi-faceted program of cultural and social activities to celebrate the 400-year anniversary of the first astronomical observations by Galileo Galilei. The Galilean Year (Anno Galileiano) Program can be accessed from the Conference Website.

The LOC is also working to organise additional social events. Considering the high number of proposals submitted to this edition of the Conference and in order to guarantee adequate organisation, additional details about the social program will be provided when the precise number of registered delegates is available.

**Accommodation**

Participants can book accommodation in Pisa while registering for the conference. Since a limited number of budget rooms is available on campus, early booking is strongly suggested for those rooms. A list of budget rooms is accessible from the Conference website.

**Further information and contacts**

Registered participants will receive delegate information via email in July. Participants can also visit the Conference website (<http://www.ehpspisa09.unipi.it>) for details about the scientific programme, social activities, registration, accommodation and travel information. Please, note that the Conference website is continually updated.

- For further information about registration, accommodation or tourist information, please contact the Organising Secretariat -AIM ECM S.r.l.-: Phone +39 0500986136; Fax: +39 0503869188, email: [ehps09@aimecm.net](mailto:ehps09@aimecm.net).
- For further information concerning scientific activities, please contact the local organisers: [ehps.pisa2009@med.unipi.it](mailto:ehps.pisa2009@med.unipi.it)

We look forward to seeing you in Pisa!

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**Call for contributions**

The European Health Psychologist (EHP), the official bulletin of the European Health Psychology Society, would like to issue a general call for contributions to members of the EHPS. The quarterly online publication of the bulletin reaches all members of the EHPS and as such is a vehicle for transmitting timely and thought-provoking ideas and research. Past issues have featured wide ranging scientific topics written by contributors based both within and outside of Europe and the EHP aims to continue this trend into the future. Contributions may include, but are not restricted to:

- ✓ **Position papers (think pieces)**
- ✓ **Overview papers**
- ✓ **Research letters**
- ✓ **Interviews**
- ✓ **Controversy**
- ✓ **Reports about conferences and workshops**
- ✓ **Country/research group profiles of EHPS conference host countries**
- ✓ **Other important information relevant to EHPS members**

All potential contributors should contact the editorial team in advance to discuss ideas or potential submissions. Further details regarding publication guidelines can be found on the EHP website [www.ehps.net/ehp/author\\_instructions.html](http://www.ehps.net/ehp/author_instructions.html)