

**17-th International Conference on
Neuroscience and Biological Psychiatry
"STRESS AND BEHAVIOR" -
International Stress and Behavior Society
(ISBS) Conference**



***St-Petersburg, RUSSIA
May 16-19, 2012***

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CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Topics:

- stress, fear; anxiety, depression
- neurogenetics of stress
- neuromediators and transporters
- neurosteroids in the CNS
- neurochemistry and neurophysiology of stress
- neuropsychopharmacology and neuroendocrinology
- experimental models of behavior
- stress, memory and learning
- psychophysiology and neuropsychology
- psychoneuroimmunology
- general psychiatry
- neuroethology and human ethology
- other brain/behavioral disorders
- gene x environment interactions
- translational research in biological psychiatry
- biomarkers of stress

Language:

- Conference working language is English

Venue:

- Main Conference venue is Oktiabrskaya Hotel – a historic central St. Petersburg hotel (<http://www.oktober-hotel.spb.ru>)



- Some symposia will be traditionally held at the Institute of Experimental Medicine

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Organizing Committee:

- **Chair of the Conference:**
Dr. Allan V. Kalueff, PhD (New Orleans, LA, USA)
ISBS and USBP President
- **Chair of the Program Committee:**
Prof. Victor M. Klimenko MD, PhD (St-Petersburg, Russia)
- **Conference Secretary General:**
Nataliya A. Zinevych, PE (New Orleans, LA, USA)
ISBS and USBP Secretary General
- **Conference Secretary:**
N.A. Nutsa (Kiev, Ukraine)

Organizers:

- Centre for Physiology and Biochemical Research (CPBR)
- International Stress and Behavior Society (ISBS)

Co-organizers:

- The Russian Society for Bio-psychiatry (RSBP)
- Ukrainian Society for Biological Psychiatry (USBP)
- The Institute of Experimental Medicine (IEM)

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Registration includes full access to all conference symposia and lectures, welcoming reception, as well as Proceedings (abstract book) and other conference materials, bags, and coffee-breaks. To register, please visit section "Conference Registration and Abstract Submission" on our conference web-site <http://www.stressandbehavior.com> and fill out on-line Registration Form.

Important notes:

- After we confirm your pre-registration, Conference Secretariat will send you Registration Invoice with full bank details and payment instructions. An invoice will be issued electronically, so you can proceed with your payment.
- If you are presenting an abstract, please register before Feb 29, 2012: abstract submission closes after this date.
- "GROUP REGISTRATION" - Organized groups - please specify name of your representative as a registered person and number of your delegates in the "Accompanying person(s)" field.
- There will be no on-site registration.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

Following the Conference's traditions, the registration fees are kept as low as possible:

Individual registration:

- Early registration (before Feb 29): 140.00 eur
- Late registration (after Feb 29): 180.00 eur

Reduced individual registration for scientists from countries with current economic difficulties (C.I.S. and selected African countries):

- Early registration (before Feb 29): 50.00 eur
- Late registration (after Feb 29): 80.00 eur

Group registration (>15 delegates):

- Early registration (before Feb 29): 125.00 eur
- Late registration (after Feb 29): 150.00 eur

Cancellation policy:

- Registration fees are non-refundable

Accompanying persons:

No fee is traditionally charged for the accompanying persons

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PAYMENT:

- Due to security reasons, we only accept direct bank transfers.
- Credit cards, checks and cash are not accepted for Conference registration.
- After we confirm your pre-registration, Conference Secretariat will send you a Conference Invoice with bank details and payment instructions.
- An invoice will be issued electronically, so you can proceed with your payment.
- Once we receive your registration payment, the Registration Confirmation/Paid invoice/Receipt will be sent to you by post and email.
- Only payments from pre-registered delegates will be accepted.
- There will be no registration on site.

Liability and Personal Data Protection:

- The personal information provided by you will be held on our database and may be used to update you on news for this and forthcoming International ISBS Conferences and Schools. This information will not be sold or distributed to any third parties.
- Neither the Conference Organizers, nor its agents or representatives, will be responsible for any injury, loss or damage that may occur to the participants from any cause whatsoever.
- All delegates shall obtain, at their own expense, adequate insurance against any such injury, loss or damage.
- The Conference Organizers shall not be liable for failure to perform its obligations as a result of strikes, riots, or any other cause beyond its control.
- In exceptional circumstances, if necessary, the Conference Organizers retain the right to modify conference program, without prior notice.
- The Conference Organizers may close registration at any time, shall the number of registered delegates reach the conference full capacity. In such circumstances, we will not accept complaints from individuals or groups who failed to register due to closure of conference registration.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Conference delegates may present abstract, or attend the conference without presenting the abstract. Only one abstract is accepted per each registered delegate. All abstracts must be written in English (1 page A4 in Word format, Times 12 pt, 1.5-spaced) and consist of the following sections:

1. **Title of the abstract:** ALL CAPITALS
2. **Authors** (e.g., AB Smith, DJ Kalm), presenting author always first
3. **Organization(s):** e.g., Texas State University, Texas, USA

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4. Body (with mandatory sub-sections):

- Introduction:
- Methods:
- Results and discussion:
- Research support:

To submit your Abstract, please visit section “Conference Registration and Abstract Submission” on our web-site <http://www.stressandbehavior.com> and submit your Abstract on-line.

Important notes:

- Submitted papers cannot be edited or corrected.
- All authors must receive a written confirmation of their registration form and abstracts being received by the conference Secretariat.
- NO TABLES, FIGURES OR REFERENCES!
- Deadline for submission of abstracts is strictly Feb 29, 2012.
- Authors of accepted abstracts will be notified by the Program Committee before March 15, 2012.
- Revisions of the abstracts by their authors (for clarity, style and language) may be requested by the Program Committee.

CALL FOR SYMPOSIA

- Please submit a 1-page symposium proposals to Conference Secretariat by email
- Please indicate “SYMPOSIUM PROPOSALS” as a subject of your message
- Deadline for symposium proposals: January 31, 2012
- Notification will be sent to proposing scientists around February 7, 2012

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING PRESENTATIONS

All presenting authors will be notified by March 15, 2012 by the Conference Program Committee about the acceptance of their abstracts, and the mode of presentation. Pre-final conference program will be released by March 31, 2012, and Final program – by April 30, 2012. Once your presentation was accepted, please follow these instructions to prepare your presentation:

Oral presentations:

- PC-based multimedia projector will be provided for your Power Point presentation

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- Please upload all your presentations in advance, on the day of your presentations:
 1. speakers of morning sessions – during morning registration
 2. speakers of afternoon sessions – during lunch break

Posters:

- Maximal poster size: 1 x 1 m
- Mounting materials will be provided by the Organizers

TRAVEL FELLOWSHIPS

- A limited number of ISBS-CPBR travel fellowships will be awarded by the Organizing Committee.
- The fellowships will be awarded **ONLY** to young scientists <35 years who have already been registered to the conference and whose abstracts have been accepted by the Program Committee.
- There is no application procedure for these fellowships. Selected candidates, based on scientific merit of abstracts and geography, will be notified by the Organizing Committee after April 1, 2012.

SOCIAL/CULTURAL PROGRAM

Main events:

1. Day 1. Welcoming Reception, 18:00-19:00 (free for registered delegates)
2. Day 1. City “White nights” guided coach tour 19:00-22:00 (40.00 eur)
3. Day 2. Boat trip with wine 20:00-22:00 (50.00 eur)
4. Day 3. Conference Dinner with folk music 20:00-23:00 (55.00 eur)
5. Day 4. Music or Theatre ^a 19:00-22:00 (70.00 eur)

Additional events:

6. Day 5. Ivan Pavlov’s Office and Tower of Silence organized tour (free; reservation required)
7. Day 5. IEM Museum organized tour (free; reservation required)
8. Day 5. Guided half-day coach tour to summer Royal suburban palace Peterhof (70.00 eur, including admissions to Park and Palace)

^a The exact Program will only be available after April 15-20.

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Royal Palace Peterhof



Pavlov's Tower of Silence



Shalyapin Museum



Neva River boat trip



Mikhailovsky Theater



Mariinsky Theatre



State Philharmony

To register for cultural events, please visit section “Social and Cultural Events” on our conference web-site <http://www.stressandbehavior.com> and fill out on-line Registration Form.

Important notes:

- After we confirm your pre-registration, Conference Secretariat will send you Social Program Invoice with full bank details and payment instructions. An invoice will be issued electronically, so you can proceed with your payment.

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- It is possible to combine conference registration and social program fees as one payment, to avoid extra banking charges (all registration deadlines must be followed).
- Once we received your social program payment, the confirmation will be sent to you by mail and email.
- Social program registration starts from September 1, 2011, and ends strictly on April 1, 2012.
- After April 1, 2012, social program fees are non-refundable.
- Due to limited availability and high demand, please register as soon as possible.

RUSSIAN VISAS

- Foreign participants will require Russian visas to enter the country.
- The easiest type of visa is a single-entry (<90 days stay) TOURIST visa. During the past 5 years, we strongly recommend this option for all our delegates.
- For this type of visa, it usually takes several days to obtain your visa through a Russian Embassy or Consulate in your country.
- You may obtain visa through your local travel agent in your countries. Please explore this option first, before asking for our assistance.
- For any type of Russian visa, you need special VISA INVITATION DOCUMENTS, issued by an agent authorized by the Home Affairs Ministry.
- Please note: Our standard Conference registration confirmation or invitation letter will not suffice for these purposes.
- The Organizing Committee can assist in obtaining these special visa invitation documents through the conference authorized travel agent.
- Processing fee is 50.00 eur/person/letter, to be added to your registration payment.
- Processing of your visa invitation letters may take 2-3 days, and most Consulates will accept electronic invitation documents. Please note, however, that in some countries, original documents may be required by Russian Consulates.

ACCOMMODATION IN ST. PETERSBURG

- Conference delegates will benefit from special rates at Oktiabrskaya Hotel – a historic central St. Petersburg hotel.
- St. Petersburg offers a variety of accommodation options to satisfy your budget. The Organizing Committee may assist you with other accommodation arrangements.
- Deadline for guaranteed accommodation booking: March 15, 2012.
- Deadline for hotel pre-payment: April 1, 2012. Due to high season, we will require full pre-payment for your hotels before this date.

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Oktiabrskaya hotel

Accommodation cancellation and liability policy:

- All cancellations must be made by written notification and addressed to the Conference Organizers by post and e-mail.
- Due to heavy season in St. Petersburg in May, 1-night cancellation fee will apply if cancelled before Feb 29, 2012; 3-night cancellation fee will apply if cancelled before April 15, 2012. No refund will be possible if cancelled after April 15, 2012.

To reserve your accommodation, please visit section “Accommodation” on our conference web-site <http://www.stressandbehavior.com> and fill out on-line Registration Form.

Instructions:

- Only requests from REGISTERED delegates will be accepted. Please register before sending your accommodation reservation requests.
- After we confirm your pre-registration, Conference Secretariat will send you Accommodation Invoice with full bank details and payment instructions. An invoice will be issued electronically, so you can proceed with your payment.
- Once we receive your payment, the reservation confirmation will be sent to you by post and email.

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