

HOMEOPATHY
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IN HOMEOPATHY

BARCELONA 2013

1st HRI International Homeopathy Research Conference

Attendee Guide

31 MAY
– 2 JUNE
2013

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Welcome to the inaugural International Homeopathy Research Conference, hosted by The Homeopathy Research Institute (HRI). At this landmark event we will be bringing together both active researchers, practitioners, students and those with an interest in homeopathy research, to hear from world experts about their latest findings and what they see for the future of this rapidly developing field.

Conference Overview

Interest in homeopathy research has grown dramatically over recent years, both within the homeopathic profession and externally. This reflects the ever-increasing emphasis being placed on evidence based medicine across all modalities and the crucial role rigorous research is now playing in the development of homeopathy.

The HRI's inaugural conference, with its theme of *Cutting Edge Research* in Homeopathy, is a rare event in the worldwide conference calendar. On most occasions research sessions are embedded within events covering homeopathy as a whole or homeopathy-related sessions are only one element covered within a CAM-wide research event. The HRI is proud to be hosting a two and a half day event dedicated solely to homeopathy research, providing a unique forum for the sharing of ideas and the creation of international scientific collaborations.

Conference objectives

In order to encourage and promote progression within this field, it is helpful to look at what we know now and what we are close to learning. To achieve this we are planning a diverse programme to give attendees a snapshot of the latest developments across the various sub-fields of homeopathy research worldwide, including:

- Clinical research
- Epidemiological research
- Disease prevention
- In vitro animal and plant-based research
- Fundamental research
- Research methodology

Who should attend?

- Academic researchers in homeopathy
- Students of homeopathy, integrative medicine and research methodology
- Practitioners of homeopathy and integrative medicine
- Conventional medical researchers and practitioners
- Developers of healthcare policy
- Clinical academics including those involved in primary care, health services research and health economics

About the HRI

The Homeopathy Research Institute (HRI) is a unique and innovative charity, created to address the need for reliable scientific evidence in homeopathy. We use our resources and expertise to foster new projects and to improve the quality of research being carried out in this field. HRI is currently the only charitable organisation dedicated to promoting high quality research on an international level.

Programme Highlights

Confirmed keynote speakers include:



Dr Stephan Baumgartner PhD
Lecturer, Institute of Complementary Medicine KIKOM, University of Bern and Senior Researcher, Society for Cancer Research, Arlesheim, Switzerland



Dr Gustavo Bracho PhD
Head of Homeopathy and Biotherapeutic Projects, Finlay Institute, Havana, Cuba



Prof Dr P Christian Endler Cmed, BSc, MAS, PrD, PhD
Head and Scientific Director, Interuniversity College for Health and Development Graz, Castle of Seggau, Austria



Dr Peter Fisher MA, MB, BChir, FRCP, FFHom
Clinical Director and Director of Research, Royal London Hospital for Integrated Medicine, University College London Hospitals, NHS trust



Prof Dr Elio Rossi MFHom
Director of Homeopathic Clinic, Provincial Hospital of Lucca, Italy. Regional Centre of Reference, Tuscany Network for Integrative Medicine

Submission of abstracts

We welcome submission of abstracts for oral and poster presentations from researchers, graduate students/research trainees, homeopathy practitioners and educators. Following peer review, those of the highest standard will be invited to make an oral presentation and approximately 40 will be selected as poster presentations.

Submit your abstract to: abstracts@homeoinst.org
Deadline: 1 December, 2012



Conference Schedule

Thursday 30 May	
1800	Registration opens, Welcome Drinks
Friday 31 May	
1000	Opening Ceremony
1030	Keynote Opening Presentation
1300	Buffet Lunch
1430	Plenary Presentations and Workshops
1700	Poster session with Drinks
1900	Optional Evening Excursion into Barcelona City Centre
Saturday 1 June	
0900	Plenary Presentations
1330	Buffet Lunch
1430	Plenary Presentations
1900	Drinks Reception
2000	Gala Dinner
Sunday 2 June	
1000	Plenary Presentations
1200	Closing Ceremony followed by Buffet Lunch

Venue

The 2013 conference will be held at the Hotel Santos Porta Fira, designed by the renowned Japanese architect Toyo Ito. It has 320 well-equipped bedrooms, restaurant and a wellness centre. The hotel has excellent access to the city centre and Barcelona's El Prat airport.

The bedrooms are decorated with neutral colours, contemporary design and stylish decor and offer spectacular views of Barcelona. Rooms are available with: King or Queen size bed, plasma TV, telephone, adjustable air conditioning and heating, ensuite bath or shower with toilet, WIFI access and mini-bar.

Hotel Santos Porta Fira
Plaza Europa 45, Hospitalet de Llobregat, Barcelona, España
<http://www.h-santos.es/en/hoteles/Hotel-Barcelona-Porta-Fira/>

How to get there

The hotel is just 200 metres away from the Europa Fira FGC Metro Station, which provides direct access to central Barcelona. Barcelona Airport is a 10-minute drive away.

Accommodation bookings

Discounted bed and breakfast rates across a range of rooms have been secured for Conference attendees and are available until 25 April 2013. **To book your hotel accommodation please visit www.homeoinst.org/conference**

Conference Fees

Conference with Saturday evening Gala Dinner and Friday evening excursion into Barcelona city centre	Standard fee £420 *Early bird fee £360 **Students £320
Conference attendance only	Standard fee £350 *Early bird fee £290 **Students £250

*Early bird available on bookings made before 1 March 2013.

**Student discount is available until 1 March 2013 to those enrolled in the following part-time or full-time programmes at the time of booking: Masters, PhD, DPhil, homeopathy practitioner training courses (including both BSc and non-degree courses). All conference fees inclusive of VAT.

To book your place at the conference, please complete the online booking form available at <http://hriconference2013.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Partner programme

Guided tours of Barcelona for partners can be booked for Friday 31 May and Saturday 1 June at £15 per person per tour.

Sponsorship and exhibitors

HRI welcomes sponsors and exhibitors at this conference. For further information, please visit www.homeoinst.org/conference

Terms of Booking

The Conference Fee includes registration for the Conference, Conference materials, lunch and refreshments. It does not include travel or accommodation. Cancellations received one full month before the start of the event will be refunded, minus a 25% administration fee. No refunds can be processed after this date. Places can be substituted with the prior knowledge and agreement of HRI. Priority will be given to those making an oral or poster presentation.

It may be necessary for reasons beyond the control of the organisers to alter the content and timing of the programme or the identity of the speakers. HRI takes no responsibility for non-refundable travel/accommodation in the case of a changed programme or cancelled event.