

The International Stress and Behavior Society (ISBS)
Tbilisi Medical Academy
Georgian Neuroscience Association

First Announcement

16th International Regional Neuroscience and
Biological Psychiatry ISBS Conference

"STRESS AND BEHAVIOR"



May 28, 2020
Tbilisi, Georgia

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Main topics:

- clinical psychiatry and psychology of stress
- stress, fear; anxiety, PTSD, depression and psychoses
- 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 and other brain/behavioral disorders
- neuroethology and human ethology
- gene x environment interactions
- translational research in biological psychiatry
- biomarkers of stress

Language: The Conference working language is English.

Focus: The Conference will exchange and share the developing translational knowledgebase of the molecular and genetic links between biological psychiatry and behavior, with the particular focus on stress and stress-evoked neuropsychiatric disorders. Anyone interested in stress-related human or animal behaviors, neurobehavioral disorders and their mechanisms are welcome to join the Conference.

CONFERENCE VENUE

Tbilisi is the old capital of Georgia, and a beautiful city with more than a 1500-year history. Tbilisi's diverse history is reflected in its architecture, which is a mix of medieval and neoclassical buildings. In Tbilisi, modernity and old history are separated by just a few meters! Walking through the old city center is an experience made of contrasts and beautiful discoveries in a town which has been at the crossroads of Europe and Asia for centuries.

The Conference venue: Tbilisi Medical Academy, a premier medical university in Georgia (www.tma.edu.ge/eng/).



CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Conference Chair:

Prof. Allan V. Kalueff, PhD (New Orleans, USA), ISBS President

International Program Committee:

Prof. Allan V. Kalueff, PhD (New Orleans, USA), Co-Chair
Prof. Viktor M. Klimenko, MD, PhD (St. Petersburg, Russia)
Dr. Marina Kunchulia, PhD (Free University of Tbilisi, Georgia)
Prof. Temur Naneishvili (President of the Georgian Neuroscience Association)
Prof. Gela Beselia, MD, PhD (Petre Shotadze Tbilisi Medical Academy; I. Beritashvili Center of Experimental Biomedicine, Tbilisi, Georgia)
Prof. Harry Steinbusch, PhD (Maastricht University, Maastricht, Netherlands)
Dr. Craig Blackstone, MD, PhD (NINDS, Bethesda, USA)

Local Organizing Committee:

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Conference Secretary General:

Nataliya A. Zinevych, IMC (New Orleans, USA), ISBS Secretary General

In Partnership with: ZENEREI Institute (Slidell, USA)

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Registration includes full access to lectures, welcoming reception, as well as Proceedings (abstract book) and other materials, and coffee-breaks. To register, please fill in our Registration Form and follow the Instruction (see below).

- After we confirm pre-registration, Secretariat will send you Registration Invoice with payment instructions. An invoice will be issued electronically, so you can proceed with your payment promptly.
- If you are presenting an abstract, please register before April 15, 2020: abstract submission closes after this date.

REGISTRATION FEES

Individual registration:

- Early registration (before April 15, 2020): 100.00 EUR
- Late registration (after April 15, 2020): 150.00 EUR
- Delegates from Georgia – please contact the Conference Secretariat (isbs.congress@gmail.com) for your discounted registration

Students (under- and graduate/pre-doctoral):

- Early registration (before April 15, 2020): 70.00 EUR
- Late registration (after April 15, 2020): 100.00 EUR

Accompanying persons: 50.00 EUR

ISBS Members: Regular ISBS membership benefits include a 45.00 EUR discount for registration for any of the ISBS Conferences, symposia, workshops and summer schools. Student members will benefit from a 20.00 EUR discount for registration for any of the ISBS Conferences, symposia, workshops and summer schools.

To join ISBS, please see the Society information below (you may submit Conference and ISBS application simultaneously, to benefit from the ISBS discount).

CME CREDITS

Conference participation awards 8 h (8 CME credits) Category II

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

We welcome corporate sponsorships of our events, and have collaborated with many companies in the past. The standard exhibitor's package is 350.00 EUR (plus VAT) before April 15, 2020, and 400.00 EUR after April 15, 2020. The package includes 1) 6 sq. m exhibitor's area [with a desk and chairs], 2) free registration for up to 2 representatives, 3) publication of the abstract in Conference proceedings, 4) 40-min company/product presentation during the Conference, 5) publication of 2 pages of company materials in the Conference proceedings, and 6) placement of your company's logo (and a link to company's www) on the ISBS www and Conference final program and proceedings.

Cancellation policy: Registration fees are non-refundable

REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill in, copy/paste and email your form to our ISBS Secretariat at: info@stressandbehavior.com AND isbs.congress@gmail.com

Institute/Company:
Name, Family name:
Position/Title:

Category: please select one

- **Early**
- **Regular**
- **Late full**
- **Student**
- **ISBS Member**

Address (work/affiliation):

City:

Postal code:

Country:

Phone, Fax:

E-mail:

Accompanying person(s) [if any]:

PAYMENT

- For security reasons, we only accept online payments through ISBS www, direct bank transfers or PayPal payments.
- Credit cards, checks and cash are not accepted for registration.
- After we confirm your pre-registration, Secretariat will send you an 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 email. Only payments from pre-registered delegates will be accepted.

LIABILITY AND 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. 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.
- All delegates must ensure that they have necessary visa(s) and travel insurance for their travel.
- 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
4. **Body** (with mandatory sub-sections):
Introduction; Methods; Results and discussion; Research support:

To submit your Abstract, please style it as explained above, and submit your Abstract via email to: info@stressandbehavior.com (and a copy to: isbs.congress@gmail.com) indicating “Georgia 2020 ISBS Meeting Abstract” in the subject 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 Secretariat.
- NO TABLES, FIGURES OR REFERENCES!
- Deadline for submission of abstracts is March 15, 2020. We strongly encourage early abstract submission. Abstract submitted last can be considered for the poster session.
- Abstracts are reviewed by the Program Committee on a rolling basis. All authors of accepted abstracts will be notified by the Program Committee before March 20, 2020.
- 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 ISBS Secretariat by email
- Please indicate “SYMPOSIUM PROPOSALS – Georgia 2020” as a subject of your message
- Deadline for Conference proposals: March 1, 2020
- Notification will be sent to proposing scientists around March 5, 2020

PREPARING YOUR PRESENTATIONS

All presenting authors will be notified by April 20, 2020 by the Conference Program Committee about the acceptance of their abstracts, and the mode of presentation. Pre-final program will be released by April 20, 2020, and Final program – by April 30, 2020. 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
- Please upload all your presentations in advance, on the day of your presentations:
 1. speakers of morning session – during morning registration
 2. speakers of afternoon session – during lunch break

SOCIAL/CULTURAL PROGRAM

- Conference Dinner, May 28, 2020 - 30.00 EUR
- Evening City Tour, May 28, 2020 - 45.00 EUR
- Post-Conference City Tour, May 29, 2020 - 45.00 EUR

ACCOMMODATION IN TBILISI, GEORGIA

- Only requests from REGISTERED delegates will be accepted. Please register before sending your accommodation reservation requests.

VISAS TO GEORGIA

- Foreign delegates may require Georgia visas to enter the country. Please check this information by contacting Embassy or Consulate of Georgia in your country.
- You may obtain visa through your local travel agent in your countries. Please explore this option thoroughly.
- Conference organizers will be able to assist registered delegates with Conference invitation letters, if necessary. Please contact us at info@stressandbehavior.com

CONFERENCE CONTACTING INFORMATION

ISBS HQ Secretariat (USA):

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THE INTERNATIONAL “STRESS AND BEHAVIOR” SOCIETY (ISBS)

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Anyone with an interest in stress-related human or animal behaviors, neurobehavioral disorders and their mechanisms, wishing to join the International Stress and Behavior Society can do so by paying dues of 90.00 EUR regular member or 50.00 EUR student member for a three-year term. Payment can be made following sending the e-mail form and payment request to the ISBS Secretariat at info@stressandbehavior.com. Once the form and the payment have been received, you will receive a membership confirmation.

Membership:

Regular membership dues are 90.00 EUR for the period of three years, or 50.00 EUR for the period of one year. Student (undergraduate and graduate) membership dues are 50.00 EUR for the period of three years. Membership period starts January 1 of each year.

Regular membership benefits include a 45.00 EUR discount for registration for any of the ISBS Conferences, symposia, workshops and summer schools. Student members will benefit from a 20.00 EUR discount for registration for any of the ISBS Conferences, symposia, workshops and summer schools.

ISBS Membership application form (please fill in and send by e-mail to the ISBS Secretariat at info@stressandbehavior.com, with the subject 'ISBS Membership request')

Name, Family name:

Position/Title:

Institute/Company:

Category: please select one:

- Regular member, 3-year term (90.00 EUR)
- Regular member, 1-year term (50.00 EUR)
- Student member, 3-year term (50.00 EUR)

Address (affiliation):

City:

Postal code:

Country:

Phone, Fax:

E-mail address:

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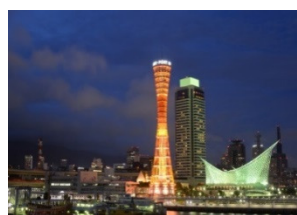
27th International Neuroscience and Biological Psychiatry Conference "STRESS AND BEHAVIOR"
May 16-19, 2020, St. Petersburg, Russia



4th International Neuroscience and Biological Psychiatry ISBS Symposium "TRANSLATIONAL NEUROSCIENCE OF STRESS"
May 23-24, 2020, Kyiv, Ukraine



17th International Regional Neuroscience and Biological Psychiatry Conference "STRESS AND BEHAVIOR" (North America)
June 22-23, 2020, Miami Beach, FL, USA



18th International Regional Neuroscience and Biological Psychiatry Conference "Stress and Behavior" (Asia)
September 2020, Yokohama, Japan



19th International Regional Neuroscience and Biological Psychiatry Conference "STRESS AND BEHAVIOR"
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