

# First Announcement and Call for Papers



## Welcome

to the 8th  
International  
Congress  
Autism – Europe

Aug. 31 – Sept. 2, 2007  
Oslo, Norway

### Autism Europe invites you

to share your knowledge with us at its 8th International Congress and open up a “*A World of Possibilities*” in the lives of persons with ASD. Please make a note of the dates and consider submitting a presentation or poster to promote the Congress theme.

The scientific programme will focus on the practical outcomes, values and implications of research in terms of its contribution to the quality of life and development of persons with ASD. As well as keynote symposia leading into general discussions, poster presentations will be linked in with the topics of the main sessions. We see posters as a special opportunity for new generation researchers and operators in the field of Autism to present their work.

The Congress is also an opportunity to visit Oslo, the Viking capital and home of the Nobel Peace Prize, experience Scandinavian culture and the charming scenery of the fjords.

Autism Europe and the Congress hosts, Autism Society Norway, look forward to welcoming you to the 8th International Congress.

## A world of possibilities



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<http://www.autismeforeningen.no>



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### Important Dates

Abstract Submission Deadline Thursday, 30 November 2006

Abstract Notification Deadline Tuesday, 20 February 2007

Submission Final Papers/Posters Wednesday, 30 May 2007



## Norway Congress Centre Oslo, Norway

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### Keynote Speakers include:

- **Jan K. Buitelaar**, Professor in Adult Psychiatry and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, UMC Sint Radboud, Nijmegen, the Netherlands
- **Eric Fombonne**, Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, Montreal Children's Hospital, Montreal, Canada
- **Uta Frith**, Professor, Developmental Psychology, Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience and Dept. Psychology, University College, London, UK
- **Francesca Happé**, Reader in Cognitive Neuroscience, SGDP Research Centre, Institute of Psychiatry, King's College, London, UK
- **Ami Klin**, Harris Associate Professor of Child Psychology and Psychiatry, Yale Child Study Center, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, USA
- **Catherine Lord**, Director, Autism and Communicative Disorders Center (UMACC), University of Michigan, USA
- **Michael Rutter**, Professor of Developmental Psychopathology, Institute of Psychiatry, London, UK
- **Hermann van Engeland**, Head of Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, UMC Utrecht, the Netherlands
- **Fred Volkmar**, Yale University Child Study Center, New Haven, USA
- **Michele Zappella**, Director Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, University Hospital of Siena, Italy

### Congress Programme

Our theme "A World of Possibilities" will explore the practical outcomes, values and implications of research in terms of its contribution to the quality of life and development of persons with ASD.

The 8<sup>th</sup> International Congress Autism Europe will again bring together the perspectives of professionals and researchers, operators, parents and carers, and persons with autism themselves.

State-of-the art research, presented by keynote speakers, will be followed by general discussion in order to explore the "World of Possibilities" available to persons with ASD.

We see posters as a special opportunity for new generation researchers and operators in the field of autism to present their work. Posters will therefore be organised to link in with the main sessions and participants will have the opportunity to highlight the features of their posters.

With its long tradition of inclusion and integration, the Scandinavian model of education and support services will be a special feature of the Scientific Programme.

The 8<sup>th</sup> International Congress is applying for European Accreditation for Continuous Medical Education.

### Call for Papers

#### Abstracts are now invited for oral and poster presentations

The Congress will consist of an integrated programme of symposia and poster sessions. All presented papers and posters will be published in the proceedings and/or on CD.

The aim of the Congress is to clarify the practical outcomes, values and implications of research in terms of its contribution to the quality of life and development of persons with ASD. All oral and poster presentations should reflect this aim.

On submission, you will be asked to choose the key word which best reflects the category of your abstract. Abstracts will then be linked to the Congress topics which embrace:

- Diagnosis and assessment
- Intervention, treatment and education,
- Politics and ethics of autism
- Quality service models

Abstracts should be submitted in English. They must be a maximum of 2000 characters in length and be accompanied by a brief CV.

**Submission of an abstract confirms your commitment, if accepted, to present, register and pay for your attendance at the Congress.**

### Abstract Submission

On-line submission is the only method of receipt of abstracts.

Please visit the Congress website at [www.autismcongressoslo.org](http://www.autismcongressoslo.org) for information regarding the length and format of abstracts.

If you experience difficulties with on-line submission, please e-mail your query to the Scientific Programme Coordinator on [president@autismeurope.org](mailto:president@autismeurope.org)

Please submit your abstracts on-line no later than :  
**Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2006.**

### Confirmation of Receipt of Abstracts

Immediately following submission, you will receive an e-mail confirming receipt of your abstract.

To ensure that the selection procedure is as unbiased as possible, all abstract submissions received will be reviewed in complete anonymity.

### Presentation Format

The Scientific Committee reserves the right to decide the format of presentation on the basis of time and space available.

### Scientific Programme Committee

Myron Belfer, Ernesto Caffo, Roberto Canitano, Joaquin Fuentes, Patricia Howlin, Harald Martinsen, Richard Nielsen, Synnve Schjølberg, Kari Steindal, Rutger Jan van der Gaag, Donata Vivanti Pagetti

### OSLO – the Viking Capital, home to the Nobel Peace Prize

Oslo is Edvard Munch, Gustav Vigeland, Henrik Ibsen, Thor Heyerdahl, Vikings, and Philharmonic music. Oslo offers a small town atmosphere with the pulsating life of an international metropolis. The proximity of the Oslofjord with charming islands, hills and surrounding forests adds a scenic experience and multiple recreational opportunities all year round. The Norway Congress Centre is located within quick and easy reach of the city centre and airport.

### 4<sup>th</sup> International Art Exhibition of Persons with Autism

#### "Dialogues in Colour"

organised by Autismo Burgos, is another special feature of the 8<sup>th</sup> International Congress Autism Europe

### Local Organising Committee

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### Scientific Programme Coordinator

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