2nd Announcement and Call for Abstracts

International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism

16th World Congress Biomedical Alcohol Research

9-12 September, 2012
Sapporo / Japan
www.isbra2012.org

Hosted by
Japanese Medical Society of Alcohol and Drug Studies (JMSAS)
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Welcome to Sapporo and Japan

ISBRA welcomes the global community of alcohol researchers to its “16th Alcohol World Congress”. 30 years after our first meeting in Munich we shall be coming back to Japan where two successful ISBRA conferences have already taken place (Kyoto 1988 and Yokohama 2000). This time we shall be going to Sapporo, the capital city of the most northern island of Japan. Sapporo is Japan’s fifth largest city and serves as the political, economic and cultural center of northern Japan. As you all know, Japan was recently struck by a devastating earthquake, tsunami and nuclear catastrophe. While we feel for the people who were afflicted by these disasters, it is important to mention that none of these events has directly impacted Sapporo. Most importantly, there was and is no increase in radioactivity on the northern island. So please do not hesitate to join us for the conference and show your solidarity and support for our Japanese colleagues.

Traditionally, ISBRA conferences focus on the biology of alcohol consumption and alcoholism and their biomedical consequences. However, throughout its 30 years of existence, the ISBRA leadership has always been committed to an interdisciplinary approach to fully understand the basis and the consequences of the behavior we are interested in. Therefore the ISBRA congress offers a wide range of outstanding data in scientific fields from the biomedical basis of alcoholism in animal and human experimental models to alcohol-related treatment issues, all the way to alcohol-related epidemiology and health economics.

Again, please come and join us, present your own work and take the opportunity to look beyond borders. ISBRA, with its five affiliated societies, represents alcohol research worldwide. ISBRA is the premiere organization for scientific exchange in our field. For more details please visit our website (www.isbra.com).

We look forward to welcoming you to Sapporo.

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Program at a Glance

Main Topics
- Genetics
- Brain Imaging
- Molecular
- Cell Biology
- Pharmacokinetics & Metabolism
- Pharmacology
- Physiology
- Consequence of Alcohol Consumption
- Determinants of Alcohol Consumption
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Development
- Quantitative/Computer Methods
- Animal Behavior
- Pathology: Human/Animal
- Training/Education Methods
- Alcohol Effects on Liver and other Organ Systems
- Epidemiology
- Diagnosis and Treatment
- Psychiatric Comorbidity
- Social Support and Recovery
- Health Service
- Prevention
- Sociology

Satellite Symposia
Satellite symposia will be held as pre- or post-congress events in the Tokyo and Kyoto areas. For details of the satellite symposia, please visit www.isbra2012.org.
8 September 2012, Saturday
Pre-Congress Event
Get Together Party: 18.30 pm – 20.30 pm

9 September 2012, Sunday
Opening Ceremony: 10 am - 11 am
Plenary Lectures: 11.30 am – 12.30 pm
Symposium: 14.30 pm – 17.30 pm
Poster Viewing: 12.30 pm – 14.30 pm

10 September 2012, Monday
Plenary Lectures: 8.30 am – 10.30 am
Symposium: 11 am – 17.30 pm
Poster Viewing: 12.30 pm – 14.30 pm

11 September 2012, Tuesday
Symposium: 9 am – 17.30 pm
Poster Viewing: 12.30 pm – 14.30 pm
General Assembly: 13.30pm – 14.00 pm
Award Presentations
Gala Dinner: 18.30 pm – 21pm

12 September 2012, Wednesday
Plenary Lectures: 8.30 am – 9.30 am
Symposium: 10 am – 12.30 pm
Poster Viewing: 12.30 pm – 14.30 pm
Closing Ceremony: 14 pm – 15.30 pm

Get Together Party
8 September 2012, 18.30 pm – 20.30 pm
Sapporo Convention Center
Fee is included in registration fee.

Gala Dinner
11 September 2012, 18.30 pm – 21 pm
Sapporo Convention Center
Fee is 12,000 JPY.

Language
English, no translation services will be provided
Call for Abstracts

- **On-line abstract submission will be opened on November 1st, 2011, Tuesday.**
  Please visit www.isbra2012.org.

- **Call for Symposia**
The Program Committee of ISBRA 2012 invites researchers to submit proposals for symposia. Each symposium will have 90 minutes which should allow for four to five speakers. The symposium organizers are requested to describe the details of the symposium. All submissions should be made electronically via our website at: www.isbra2012.org by **January 31, 2012**. All proposals will be reviewed by the Program Committee. For details of symposium proposal submission, please visit www.isbra2012.org.

- **Call for Poster Abstracts**
Please submit your poster abstract via www.isbra2012.org by **February 29, 2012**. Abstracts must be submitted in English and should follow instructions detailed on our website. All abstracts will be reviewed by the Program Committee. For details of abstract submission, please visit www.isbra2012.org.

  **Poster Size**
  Width 35 inch × Height 82 inch
  (Width 90 cm × Height 210 cm)
  ※The poster format is longer in height

- **Young Researchers**
Alcohol researchers of less than 40 years of age are encouraged to participate. Several special symposia offer you the chance to catch the spirit of international research.
For further information, please visit www.isbra2012.org
Registration

■ Registration Fees

Early registration (Until May 30, 2012):
ISBRA members 50,000JPY ($630),
Non members 55,000JPY ($690),
Students/Pre-docs 25,000JPY ($315)

Regular registration:
ISBRA members 55,000JPY ($690)
Non members 60,000JPY ($750)
Students/Pre-docs 27,500JPY ($345)
※All fees should be paid by Japanese yen.

■ Support for participants from World Bank Category C and D countries

Up to twenty participants from countries that belong to World Bank Category C and D may have their registration fees waived via an application process.

For further information, please visit www.isbra2012.org.
**General Information**

- **Date**: 9-12 September, 2012
- **Venue**: Sapporo Convention Center
  
  1-1-1 Higashi-Sapporo 6-jo, Shiroishi-ku, Sapporo, Japan
  
  TEL: +81-11-817-1010 / FAX: +81-11-820-4300
  
  http://www.sora-scc.jp/eng/

**Transportation to Sapporo Convention Center**

Sapporo Convention Center is located approximately 10 minutes by taxi from Sapporo city center.

The nearest subway station is T12 Higashi-Sapporo (Tozai line).

**Administration Secretariat**

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Sapporo is the prefectural capital of Hokkaido and the fifth largest city in Japan in terms of population. The city is best known as host of the 1972 Olympic Winter Games and the city’s name is synonymous with the Sapporo Beer brand.
Weather
In September, the weather in Sapporo becomes cooler. Typical temperatures are 13.6°C (low) and 22.0°C (high).

Hotels
There are approximately 130 hotels with 20,000 rooms capable of accommodating up to 33,000 people. Price per person per night is US$80-300.

Discover Sapporo Food and Culture

Sushi

Jingisukan
Jingisukan, barbecued lamb, is a local specialty in Hokkaido. At home or outdoors, this barbecue is so popular amongst Hokkaido people.

Sapporo ramen
Ramen is an extremely popular noodle dish in Japan. Among the different types of ramen, miso (fermented soy paste) ramen is originally from Sapporo, making “Sapporo miso ramen” famous all over Japan.

Old building of Hokkaido Government