

The Second European Symposium on Symptom Validity Assessment 20th - 21st May 2011 London / United Kingdom

Call for Posters

Symptom Validity Assessment (SVA) is an area of almost unparalleled growth in neuropsychology and it continues to feature prominently in new textbook and journal publications.

Following on from a successful *First European Symposium on Symptom Validity Assessment* in Germany (May, 2009), the follow-up meeting aims to provide delegates with up-to-date information and clinical guidelines on SVA. Keeping up with conceptual and research advances in a rapidly developing area can be a challenging task for all clinicians. To facilitate this process, the symposium organisers have brought together leading international experts to share their knowledge and experience. The program includes material which was not addressed in the first meeting (such as paediatric issues) and expands on areas which could only be touched on previously. The result is a unique two-day symposium that promises to be informative and cutting edge. The symposium will be of interest not only to neuropsychologists but also to professionals working in related disciplines such as neurology, neuropsychiatry and psychiatry.

This announcement is a first call for poster submissions on topics related to symptom validity assessment.

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Poster Submission:

Deadline: November 30th, 2010, email to thomas.merten@vivantes.de
Decisions will be made by January 15th, 2011.

Poster Committee: Dr. Thomas Merten (Berlin, Germany), Dr. Vicki Hacker (Birmingham, UK), Prof. Harald Merckelbach (Maastricht, NL), Prof. Ben Schmand (Amsterdam, NL).
Submit Abstract in English.

Reviewing Process:

All submissions will be peer reviewed and rated by members of the poster committee. The author(s) will receive a summary feedback.

Datablitz Session:

On May 21st, a datablitz session will be held in which five selected poster authors will have the opportunity to orally present their data to the audience. Each data blitz presentation is limited to a time limit of 5 minutes and a maximum of 3 slides. ***Please indicate in your poster submission if you wish to be considered for one of these brief presentations.***

Publication:

The organisers are considering publishing the abstracts in a suitable journal. Upon submission, you will agree to a possible publication of the abstract and the copyright transference to the publisher.

Schedule and Location:

Posters will be displayed at a suitable location within the conference venue for the duration of the event.

Specifications:

1. Use lightweight materials (not cardboard).
2. Posters should contain information about the author and institution he/she represents, and title of the poster. Title lettering should be about 5 cm high (2 inches).
3. Posters need to be LANDSCAPE and measure a ***maximum*** of 1500mm wide x 1000mm high. They should be legible from a distance of 3-4 metres (10 feet-12 feet).
4. Materials for fixing posters to the boards will be provided at the conference.

General Advice:

1. Poster content should be appropriate to the conference topic of symptom validity assessment. Posters which address the broader issue of forensic / medicolegal assessment from related perspectives may also be submitted for consideration.
2. Your poster should contain information about your research. Explain your research question and key conclusions.
3. Creative use of graphic detail, such as drawings, charts and tables, is recommended.
Remember: A picture is worth a thousand words. Text bodies should be limited.
4. Use different font sizes to your advantage to allow important information to be seen at a glance.
5. Make sure others can identify you. Put the logo of your organization on your poster and add this logo to your name badge (e.g. university pin, sticker, etc.). You may add a picture of yourself to your poster, so that delegates can find you, even when you are not around your poster. Contact information should be given on the poster.
6. Produce a brief handout which summarizes your poster and provides your contact details and distribute to interested delegates.

After the Conference:

Please remove your posted materials on the last day of the conference. Any materials left on the poster board afterwards will be removed and discarded. The organizers are not responsible for any materials left behind at the completion of the conference.

Questions?

Please email thomas.merten@vivantes.de