First Announcement

15th International Neuroscience and Biological Psychiatry Regional (Asia) ISBS Conference

"STRESS AND BEHAVIOR: YAMAGUCHI-2018"

September 9-10, 2018
Yamaguchi, Japan

In conjunction with the WFSBP 2018 Conference on Biological Psychiatry (Kobe, September 7-9, 2018)
CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Main topics:

- 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

Focus: The symposium will exchange and share the developing knowledgebase of the molecular and genetic link between biological psychiatry and behavior/neurobiology, with the particular focus on stress caused by natural and social disasters, abuse, social withdrawal, and the related stress-evoked neuropsychiatric disorders in general. Anyone interested in stress-related human or animal behaviors, neurobehavioral disorders and their mechanisms are welcome to join the symposium.

Language: Conference working language is English

YAMAGUCHI

Yamaguchi prefecture is a prefecture of Japan in the Chūgoku region of the main island of Honshu. The capital is the city of Yamaguchi, in the center of the prefecture. The largest city, however, is Shimonoseki. Ube has an airport and Tokiwa park with zoo and arboretum.
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Conference Co-Chairs:
Prof. Allan V. Kalueff, PhD (New Orleans, USA), ISBS President
Prof. Mamiko Koshiba, PhD (Yamaguchi/Saitama, Japan), LOC Chair

International Program Committee:
Prof. Mamiko Koshiba, PhD (Yamaguchi/Saitama, Japan)
Prof. Shun Nakamura, PhD (Tokyo, Japan), Co-Chair
Prof. Allan V. Kalueff, PhD (New Orleans, USA), Co-Chair
Prof. Mitsuhiro Yoshioka, PhD (Hokkaido, Japan)
Prof. Elliot A. Beaton, PhD (New Orleans, USA)
Prof. Viktor M. Klimenko, PhD, MD (St. Petersburg, Russia)

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Prof. Ichiro Sora, MD, PhD (Kobe, Japan)

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

In Partnership with:
ZENEREI Institute (Slidell, USA)
The International Stress and Behavior Society (ISBS)

SELECTED INVITED SPEAKERS

- Allan Kalueff (ZENEREI Institute, USA)
- Mamiko Koshiba (Yamaguchi University/Saitama Medical School, Japan)
- Shun Nakamura (Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, Japan)
- Ichiro Sora (Kobe University, Japan)
- Mitsuhiro Yoshioka (Hokkaido University, Japan)
- Elliott Beaton (University of New Orleans, USA)
- Viktor Klimenko (State Research Institute of Experimental Medicine, Russia)
- Hirohiko Kuratsune (Kansai University of Welfare Science, Japan)
- Masaharu Tsubokura (University of Tokyo, Japan)
- Hideo Yamanouchi (Saitama Medical School, Japan)
PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Day 1 (September 9, 2018)
• Opening
• Plenary lecture 1. TBN
• Symposium 1. Biological psychiatry. Chairs: S Nakamura, M Yoshioka
• Plenary lecture 2. TBN
• Symposium 2. Translational neuroscience. Chair: A Kalueff
• Symposium 3. Stress and PTSD. Chair: M Koshiba

Day 2 (September 10, 2018)
• Plenary lecture 3. Dr. Masaharu Tsubokura
• Symposium 4. Natural and social disasters
• Plenary lecture 4. TBN
• Conference Closing Ceremony

CONFERENCE VENUE

Yamaguchi University, Tokiwa campus (Hall D-11). The access to YU Tokiwa campus is only 10 min by taxi from Ube airport. Alternatively, use Railway to YU from Tokyo, Kobe or other major cities.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

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

Important notes:

• After we confirm pre-registration, Conference 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 July 31, 2018: abstract submission closes after this date.
REGISTRATION FEES

Following the ISBS Conference’s traditions, the registration fees for our events are kept as low as possible:

**Individual registration:**
- Early registration (before June 15, 2018): 150.00 USD
- Late registration (after June 15, 2018): 170.00 USD

**Reduced individual registration for scientists from countries with current economic difficulties (C.I.S. and selected African countries):**
- Early registration (before June 15, 2018): 80.00 USD
- Late registration (after June 15, 2018): 120.00 USD

**Students (under- and graduate):**
- Early registration (before June 15, 2018): 90.00 USD
- Late registration (after June 15, 2018): 150.00 USD

**Accompanying persons:**
- Early registration (before June 15, 2018): 50.00 USD
- Late registration (after June 15, 2018): 70.00 USD

**ISBS Members:** Regular ISBS membership benefits include a $ 50.00 discount for registration for any of the ISBS Conferences, symposia, workshops and summer schools, including the 2018 Yamaguchi Conference. Student members will benefit from a $ 25.00 discount for registration for any of the ISBS Conferences, symposia, workshops and summer schools, including the 2018 ISBS Yamaguchi Conference.

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

**Corporate sponsorship:** We welcome corporate sponsorships of our events, and have collaborated with many companies in the past. The standard exhibitor’s package is 300.00 USD (plus VAT) before June 15, 2018, and 400.00 USD (plus VAT) after June 15, 2018, and 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 conference final program and proceedings.

**Cancellation policy:** Registration fees are non-refundable
REGISTRATION FORM

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

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Institute/Company:
Name, Family name:
Position/Title:
Category: please select one
Early/Late full, student, ISBS Member OR reduced (selected countries)
Address (affiliation):
City:
Postal code:
Country:
Phone, Fax:
E-mail:
Accompanying person(s):
Do you need a visa to Japan? Yes/no *

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* IF ‘YES’ - PLEASE ADD A 50.00 USD VISA HANDLING AND POSTAGE FEE (PER PERSON) TO YOUR REGISTRATION PAYMENT – PLEASE SEE THE VISA INFORMATION FURTHER

PAYMENT

• For security reasons, we only accept direct bank transfers, checks (Japan only) or PayPal payments.
• Delegates from Japan will be able to pay fees in Japanese Yen to the LOC directly. Credit cards, non-Japan checks and cash are not accepted for Conference registration.
• After we confirm your pre-registration, Conference Secretariat will send you a Conference 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.
- 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 “YAMAGUCHI-2018 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 Conference Secretariat.
- NO TABLES, FIGURES OR REFERENCES!
- Deadline for submission of abstracts is July 31, 2018. We encourage early abstract submission.
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- Authors of accepted abstracts will be notified by the Program Committee on a rolling base, first submissions first (but before August 10, 2018).
- 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 Conference Secretariat by email
- Please indicate “SYMPOSIUM PROPOSALS – YAMAGUCHI 2018” as a subject of your message
- Deadline for symposium proposals: May 15, 2018. Notification will be sent to proposing scientists around May 31, 2018

PREPARING YOUR PRESENTATIONS:

All presenting authors will be notified by the Conference Program Committee about the acceptance of their abstracts, and the mode of presentation. Pre-final conference program will be released around August 10, 2018, and Final program – by August 20, 2018. 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 sessions – during morning registration
  2. speakers of afternoon sessions – during lunch break

SOCIAL/CULTURAL PROGRAM AND CONFERENCE TRADITIONAL SUSHI DINNER:

- Will be announced later. Please contact Conference Secretariat for details.
ACCOMMODATION:

- Will be announced later – there are multiple options. Please contact Conference Secretariat for details.
- Only requests from REGISTERED delegates will be accepted. Please register before sending your accommodation reservation requests.

Yamaguchi offers a variety of other accommodation options to satisfy your budget. Our LOC will assist you with all accommodation arrangements, if necessary.

VISAS TO JAPAN:

- Foreign delegates may require Japan visas to enter the country. Please check this information by contacting Japanese Embassy or Consulate 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 all registered delegates with conference invitation letters, if necessary. Please contact us at info@stressandbehavior.com if our assistance is needed (requests will only be accepted from registered conference delegates)

IMPORTANT! IF YOU NEED A VISA TO JAPAN, THIS WILL REQUIRE A SPECIAL VISA INVITATION LETTER FROM THE LOC CHAIR. IN MOST CASES, THE LETTER NEEDS TO BE AN ORIGINAL COPY TO BE SUBMITTED TO JAPANESE EMBASSY/CONSULATE AT THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES BY THE APPLICANT. PLEASE ADD 50.00 USD VISA HANDLING AND POSTAGE FEE (PER PERSON) TO YOUR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE PAYMENT, TO COVER THE COSTS OF ISSUING AND SENDING SUCH A LETTER TO YOU.

CONFERENCE CONTACTING INFORMATION:

ISBS HQ Secretariat (USA):

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ISBS is the international society of experts working with a wide range of topics in the field of translational neuroscience, neurobehavioral sciences, biopsychology and biopsychiatry, with a particular focus on stress, stress-related neurobehavioral phenotypes, their neural, molecular and genetic mechanisms, as well as stress-evoked neuropsychiatric disorders.

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 USD $100.00 regular member or $60.00 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 $100.00 for the period of three years, or $60.00 for the period of one year. Student (undergraduate and graduate) membership dues are $60.00 for the period of three years. Membership period starts January 1 of each year.

Regular membership benefits include a $50.00 discount for registration for any of the ISBS Conferences, symposia, workshops and summer schools. Student members will benefit from a $25.00 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 ($100.00)
- Regular member, 1-year term ($60.00)
- Student member, 3-year term ($60.00)

Address (affiliation):
City:
Postal code:
Country:
Phone, Fax:
E-mail address:
www:
THE INTERNATIONAL STRESS AND BEHAVIOR SOCIETY (ISBS)

Please join our 2018-2019 ISBS Conferences:

13th International Neuroscience and Biological Psychiatry ISBS Regional (S. America) Conference "NEUROSCIENCE OF STRESS" December 1-3, 2017, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

5th Caribbean Biomedical Research Days CBRD-2018 January 16-18, 2018, Rodney Bay, St. Lucia

25th International Neuroscience and Biological Psychiatry Conference "STRESS AND BEHAVIOR" May 16-19, 2018, St. Petersburg, Russia

14th International Regional Neuroscience and Biological Psychiatry Conference "STRESS AND BEHAVIOR" (North America) June 22-23, 2018, Miami Beach, FL, USA

26th International Neuroscience and Biological Psychiatry Conference "STRESS AND BEHAVIOR" May 16-19, 2019, St. Petersburg, Russia

16th International Regional Neuroscience and Biological Psychiatry Conference "STRESS AND BEHAVIOR" (North America) June 22-23, 2019, Miami Beach, FL, USA

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