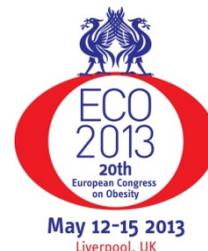


## ECO2013 Newsletter

Abstract submission is now open. EASO encourages all colleagues with an interest in obesity to submit an abstract and participate in what promises to be an innovative and diverse scientific programme. The deadline for receipt of abstracts is 9th December 2012 - be a part of the ECO2012 scientific programme and submit your abstract [here](#).

To underline the importance of abstract presentations at ECO2012, the top ranked and most relevant abstracts will be incorporated into Review Sessions - with additional presentation opportunities in oral and poster sessions. You can also now register for ECO2013 [via the congress website](#).



## Why is the ECO Important?

Europe faces its greatest social and economic challenge in 70 years. Economic conditions will impact on the health of European citizens, particularly the most vulnerable including children and the elderly. It is therefore critical that we continue to celebrate excellence in obesity research across scientific disciplines. The next European Congress of Obesity will seek to demonstrate the necessity of translating research into practice for the health, social and economic benefits for Europe and its citizens.

Participating in ECO2013 will enhance your knowledge and give you the opportunity to learn from and network with leading European and global experts in our field. The ECO2013 scientific programme features invited presentations in the form of Plenary Lectures, Review Sessions and Expert Workshops.

Visit the [ECO2013 website](#) for regular programme updates.

## Scientific Programme Highlights

The programme will place obesity research at the centre of National and European policy agendas for the next decade. The scientific committee has constructed a programme more inclusive than ever before bringing together basic science with clinical management, and behavioural and nutritional expertise with policy and intervention.

The programme will be augmented by specially developed workshops on European issues. In this edition of the ECO2013 Newsletter we highlight:

**International collaborative funding - to the Horizon and beyond**

The world is a small place and success comes through international collaboration. There are a multitude of international collaborative funding programmes that you should consider and this workshop addresses programmes including Horizon 2020, EuroTransBio and the Innovative Medicines Initiative, as well as non-European sources including NIH, US Department of Defense and the many charitable foundations that fund research. These programmes are not just a source of funding, they are a source of partnership and you should be using them.

**Building and managing international consortia - working beyond your sector**

The main challenge for collaborative research is working with partners beyond your comfort zone; academia, the clinic, biotech companies and large multi-nationals - they all have the challenge of finding the right partners and building a successful partnership. This workshop focuses on how to work outside your sector, with case studies from all sides - share your own experience and learn for the next international partnership!

In addition to these exciting workshops, we will also organise two EU project workshops - focussing on childhood obesity related projects and on adult obesity related projects. If you are an EU FW7 obesity related project co-ordinator and would like to participate in either of these workshops, please contact [satin@liv.ac.uk](mailto:satin@liv.ac.uk).

## EASO Awards for Scientific Excellence

EASO will present the following Awards for Scientific Excellence at ECO2013

- EASO Friedrich Wassermann Award
- Young Investigator Award (x 3 - Basic Science, Clinical Research and Public Health)
- Young Investigators United Best Thesis Award
- EASO Travel Grants



All scientists, and especially Young Investigators, are encouraged to apply for these awards. The deadline for receipt of applications is 9th December 2012.

Apply now via the [EASO website](#).

## Liverpool: A Welcoming City

Liverpool is looking forward to welcoming you to ECO 2013. Voted the UK's friendliest city for the second year running by Conde Nast Traveler Magazine, Liverpool oozes culture and heritage. The city has a glorious past as a mercantile hub and gateway to the New World, but today it is also a key destination for art lovers, fans of the theatre and museumgoers.

- Easy access via Manchester International Airport and Liverpool John Lennon Airport
- Wide range of accommodation options with exclusive rates and rooms held for delegates
- International branded hotels, boutique hotels and apartments for multi-share options
- Bedroom rates start from £74 (US \$115, €92) per room per night inc breakfast and all taxes

You can book accommodation and airport transfers via the [ECO2013 website](#). Come and enjoy Liverpool's famous maritime, soccer and Beatles heritage! Visit the [Liverpool City website](#) for regular updates and offers.

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