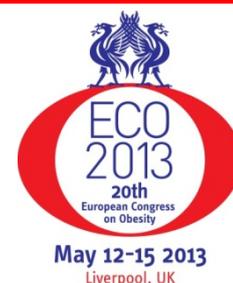


One month to submit your abstract - Submission Deadline 9th December 2012

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 ECO2013 scientific programme and [submit your abstract](#).

You can also now register for ECO2013 [via the congress website](#).



Why is the ECO Important?

The aim of EASO is to support excellence in obesity science across Europe and to facilitate the exchange of ideas, methodological innovations, and new advances across the obesity field. At the centre of this is interdisciplinary collaboration built on the platform of European Framework funding. The congress will encourage discussion and debate, to help delegates think in innovative ways about how to work together to develop effective interventions; and to encourage researchers in all aspects of obesity to collaborate on research ideas, particularly in relation to the next EU Framework grant scheme, Horizon 2020.

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: EU Research Workshops

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:



Delivering innovation from research - impact and delivery

Where is the delivery point for your work? How policy and business is impacting nutrition and health research. This workshop looks at the policy and business drivers that innovators and researchers should know in planning their long term work and partnerships. Social changes, global nutrition targets, finance and policy targets will impact early stage innovations as well as funding available for research. We will hear from big industry and policy makers about factors that include their decisions.

Scientific Programme Highlights: EU Project Workshops

In addition to practical European funding 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.



EU Funding Surgeries

The [European Biotechnology Network](#) (EBN) is a cross sectorial network with the mission to facilitate partnerships. It does this in a practical and achievable way through its Biotechnology Funding Hub, which tracks international R&D funding opportunities for collaboration. Including FP7, the Innovative Medicines Initiative, EuroTransBio and others in Europe, as well as US funding streams to build transatlantic partnerships.



Working in partnership with ECO2013, EBN is very pleased to host a series of funding surgeries throughout the conference. These surgeries will:



- Enable conference attendees to understand where their research fits into international funding programmes
- Understand how you manage research towards its destination, through partnership and long term planning
- Look at the practicalities of different funding programmes - do they suit you and what should you expect to commit for success?

20 minute meeting slots will be available for any conference attendee, on a first come, first served basis - with registration launched in January 2013. We look forward to assisting the development of partnerships across sectors and organisation types, to deliver research to the patient and market.

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 (note that the Wassermann Award requires National Association nomination). The deadline for receipt of applications is 9th December 2012.

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

Calling All Students

In addition to formal EASO Travel Grants, ECO2013 will offer 3 full student registrations via a YouTube clip competition. There will also be 10 gala party tickets as runner up prizes.

All you need to do is submit your clip (max length of 1 minute) to eco2013@easo.org (subject heading: student clip competition) outlining why you should receive a free registration and how attendance at ECO2013 will benefit you. We encourage you to submit light-hearted entries.



The deadline for receipt of entries is Tuesday 31 January 2013. This competition is only open to students (proof of status will be required for all winners).

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. During ECO2013 we highlight:

- [Southport Jazz festival](#)
- [New exhibition at Tate Liverpool called GLAM: celebrating 1971-1973](#)

Liverpool is an excellent congress destination, with easy access via Manchester International Airport and Liverpool John Lennon Airport. The city offers a wide range of accommodation options with exclusive rates and rooms held for delegates - 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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